Dear friends,

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to what 2021 will bring us and are eager to share with you some of our new and exciting virtual programming we have lined up for this year, starting this month!

Our NEW WPC Research Spotlight series of interviews with researchers launches this month when WPC Vice President, Professor Roger Barker, interviews Professor Miquel Vila in Barcelona to learn more about his exciting research on pigmentation, or neuromelanin, in the brain. Learn more below about how to register and join us!

We’ll also be hearing directly from our friends at the Parkinson’s UK who will be discussing their new Parkinson’s Connect program designed to support people with PD from the day of diagnosis.

See below for details and registration links. Choose what works best for your schedule and what inspires you!
WPC Research Spotlight – NEW!
Tuesday, January 26, 2021
11 – 12 PM ET/ 4 – 5 PM GMT
ABOUT: Professor Roger Barker, WPC Vice President, will interview Professor Miquel Vila about his work on neuromelanin in the brain and why he and his team are so excited about what they are learning. Read about their work in the WPC Blog article, and then join us to hear directly from the research team themselves.
REGISTER today

WPC Partner Highlight
Thursday, January 14, 2021
2 – 3 PM ET/ 7 – 8 PM GMT
ABOUT: Hear directly from the leadership and researchers at Parkinson’s UK about Parkinson’s Connect, which will offer personalized support, information and advice and will recognize the different ways people want to access help, whether online or in person.
REGISTER today

WPC Dual Language Webinar Series
Thursday, January 21, 2021
1 - 2 PM ET – Deep Brain Stimulation – Part 2 (listen in English)
2:30 - 3:30 PM ET – Estimulación cerebral profunda - Parte 2 (listen in Spanish)
ABOUT: This webinar set will be offered in English first followed by Spanish and will look at Deep Brain Stimulation. Viewers will learn about who on the healthcare team will be part of the decision on when to consider DBS and how the role of the counselor can help navigate the big decision with both the person with Parkinson’s and family members.
REGISTER Today

January Parkinson Sing-A-Long
Tuesday, January 12, 2021
8 PM – 9 PM ET
Wednesday, January 13, 2021
10 AM - 11 AM in Japan
Join WPC Choir Director, Judi Spencer, and hundreds of others singers for a lively session. This month's co-host is Yayoi Hoso and we will be singing three songs from Japan.
REGISTER Today

Stay safe, wear a mask, and keep moving! There is a light at the end of the pandemic tunnel.

Looking forward to seeing you in one of our online programs this year and in person in 2022. Start planning for Barcelona now!
Best regards

Elizabeth "Eli" Pollard

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Share your photos of Parky the Raccoon→
Can We Treat Parkinson's Disease by Suppressing the Immune System
by Caroline Williams-Gray MRCP, PhD

For the majority of people who are diagnosed with Parkinson’s, we recommend treatment with a dopamine-based medication. Similar recommendations have been made by doctors for over 50 years, and with good reason – drugs which replace or mimic dopamine represent a highly effective treatment for alleviating many of the core symptoms of Parkinson’s. However, a major limitation of dopamine therapies is that they do not prevent the degeneration of brain cells, and so progression to disabling complications such as balance problems, falls and dementia continues relentlessly in spite of treatment. The need for new therapies which can slow down the disease is long overdue.

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