Dear WPC friends,

The WPC has just opened both the Abstract Submission and Video Competition pages. These two aspects of the WPC offer some of the most exciting parts of the WPC experience. We invite you to get involved and share the news that we are now accepting submission in both of these areas.

Abstracts are welcome in more than 30 categories that cover Parkinson’s disease across the spectrum, including topics of interest in the basic sciences, clinical sciences, comprehensive care and even in the non-scientific area of area of Living with PD. We offer one of the most unique experiences in the Parkinson’s space for sharing work, particularly because of the diverse nature of the participants. There is no other meeting where one can display their Parkinson's work and have a mix of neuroscientists, clinicians, rehab specialists, people with Parkinson’s and others review it and ask about it. It’s an incredibly unique opportunity to share research and get immediate feedback and questions from stakeholders that represent the community. Visit our website to view the full list of categories of abstract topics and
subm**ission guidelines.** We look forward to getting your submission.

WPC Video competition launched first in 2010 and has quickly become one of the most exciting parts of the WPC. The winner of the Grand Prize will be announced at the opening ceremony along with the winner of the People’s Choice Award. If you are new to the WPC community or just missed past video submissions, I encourage you to view past video submissions on our **YouTube page.**

Warm regards,

Elizabeth "Eli" Pollard
Executive Director

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**WPC Blog Highlight**

**Why Have We Failed In Our Attempts To Develop A Neuroprotective Therapy For Parkinson's? How Can We Improve This Situation?**

by A. Jon Stoessl CM, MD FRCPC

We are living in an exciting time. Never before have we been so close to the realistic chance that it may be possible to slow the progression of Parkinson’s, rather than just treat the symptoms. Therapies under investigation include existing treatments developed for other conditions such as diabetes and either
active (vaccine) or passive (monoclonal antibody) treatments designed to specifically target the abnormal deposition of α-synuclein in the brain. Additionally, treatments designed to either replace glucocerebrosidase (GBA) or prevent the accumulation of its substrate glycosylceramide may help reduce α-synuclein accumulation even in people with Parkinson’s who do not have GBA mutations. Clinical trials of these therapies are already underway, with more to come in the next few months. Although potential problems remain, the rational basis for these approaches is obvious.

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The video competition is starting this month and your company has the opportunity to support this amazing event. With over 250 past video submissions and a combined 250,000 YouTube Views, the WPC 2019 Video Competition is going to be a fantastic show! Watch the winning video from WPC 2016 to get a sense of the competition.

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The Wellness Way provides a robust program for delegates and an oasis from the hustle and bustle of the congress. This is your company’s chance to support everything from the exercise programs hosted in the Renewal Room to the support group hosted in the Care Partner Lounge. The Wellness Way is many delegate’s favorite part of the congress. Don’t miss your chance to be a part of it.
Call for Abstracts

Through November 23, 2018, we will welcome the submission of abstracts for poster display during the 5th World Parkinson Congress. We will accept abstracts in the categories of:

- Basic Sciences
- Clinical Sciences
- Complementary Care & Quality of Life
- Living with Parkinson's

All abstracts selected for poster display must be presented by the original author(s) at WPC 2019. All submissions must be original research. Previously published papers may not be submitted. Abstracts that have been presented at other meetings may be submitted if they have not been published and if the meeting name and date are cited accordingly. By submitting an abstract, you affirm that it is your own work individually, or of the group.

Read more about the WPC 2019 Call for Abstracts here.

WPC 2019 Video Competition

Video is a great way to capture and share the power of science, hope, humor,
and inspiration. It's also a great way to encourage discourse about a disease that is often misunderstood. We launched the first video competition for the WPC 2010 and were overwhelmed by its success. The competition has grown significantly and draws a great number of submissions as well as YouTube views.

**View past submissions on our YouTube Channel.**

The WPC 2019 invites ALL members of the global Parkinson's disease community to make a video for the WPC 2019 Video Competition about their experiences living with, treating, researching or caring for people with Parkinson's. Submission for the competition is now open.

**Read more about the WPC 2019 Video Competition here.**