Dear friends,

The invitations are out for the main program at the WPC 2023 and we think you will be excited to see who has accepted our invitation to be on the stage in Barcelona. I hope you are making plans to join us next summer for what will surely be the best World Parkinson Congress yet from July 4 - 7, 2023 at the Barcelona International Convention Center.

Registration and hotel details will open on October 3, so mark the date on your calendar and be sure to come back in October to secure your seat and preferred hotel room.

Are you interested in meeting the global Parkinson's community leaders face-to-face? The WPC 2023 Exhibit & Sponsor prospectus is now available. Secure your preferred items before they are gone so you can connect with the world's leading scientists, clinicians, and advocates all together under one roof.

Interested in FREE registration for WPC 2023? Participate in the Parkinson Tulip Project and have your name added to the raffle. See if you are one of the lucky winners over the summer on our monthly Facebook Live drawings. Get your photo in now for our next drawing. Supported by Supernus, photos will come to life in
the Parkinson’s Tulip Garden at the WPC 2023. Stay tuned for more details.

**Tulip Project raffle prizes for multiple people:**
- Parky Raccoons (a $25 value)
- Free registration to WPC 2023 (a $650 value)
- Travel grants to attend WPC 2023 (travel, hotel, registration) (a $2,000 value)

ENTER the [Parkinson Tulip Project RAFFLE today!](#)
ENTER the [I AM Poem RAFFLE today!](#)

**IMPORTANT Dates in 2022:**
- Renewal Room [Applications open NOW](#)
- Book Nook [Application is open NOW](#)
- Song Competition [Submission is open NOW](#)
- Video Competition open - August 1
- Volunteer Application open - August 1
- Abstracts open - August 15
- WPC Award Nominations open - August 15
- Registration & Housing open - October 3
- Buddies Program Application open - October 3

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**Virtual Programs Coming up at the WPC**

**WPC Research Spotlight**
Tuesday, July 12
11 AM â€“ 12PM ET/ 4PM â€“ 5PM GMT

**TOPIC:** *Modeling Parkinson's disease in animal models: Is it worthwhile?*

Prof. Kelvin Luk will share his thoughts and work on modeling Parkinson's in animals, a perfect follow up to the Spotlight in May on Stem Cells. [Read his blog on the topic.](#)

[REGISTER today](#)

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**WPC Sing Along**
Wednesday, August 10
10AM PT/ 1PM ET/ 6PM BST

[Register today](#)
We appreciate your support of our work and look forward to "seeing" you on our virtual programs.

The WPC team

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Join us for an hour of singing and fun!

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**DISCUSSION WITH DR. KELVIN LUK**

**Topic:** Modeling Parkinson's disease in animal models: Is it worthwhile?

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Come and visit our booth!
Many walking abnormalities in people with Parkinson’s disease may be characterized by a shift in locomotor control from healthy automaticity by basal ganglia to compensatory executive control by the cerebral cortex (1). This shift to less automaticity is potentially detrimental to walking performance as executive control strategies are not optimized for locomotor control, place excessive demands on a limited cognitive reserve, and continuously require attention. Traditionally, when gait slows or becomes more variable because of performing another task while walking (dual-task), control of gait is assumed to be less automatic. However, direct physiological biomarkers of gait automaticity have been limited. Recent development of wireless, functional near infrared spectroscopy (fNIRS) provides more direct, physiological measures of automaticity via mobile imaging of cortical blood flow reflecting neural activity....
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