June 2013 eNews

Dear Friend:

The 3rd World Parkinson Congress is just a summer away, 117 days to be exact! This year's groundbreaking Congress is set to be an informative, fun and life changing experience you will not want to miss.

The program offers innovative and novel talks given by distinguished members of the global Parkinson’s community. We are especially excited about the three Pre-congress sessions on Tuesday, October 1, 2013. Session I, Fundamentals of PD is for people with Parkinson’s, caregivers and other non-clinicians who want to understand fundamental research into the cause, symptoms and therapies for Parkinson’s Disease. This session will end with a wrap-up talk by WPC President, Stanley Fahn and WPC Ambassador, Bob Kuhn, on how you can get the most out the WPC. Session II, Interdisciplinary Care and Parkinson’s Disease, will highlight the importance of providing comprehensive and continuous care in treating PD by a full team of professionals.

Session III is our Science and Advocacy session that will include CME sessions sponsored by Teva, Michael J. Fox Foundation, Medtronic, GE Healthcare and Parkinson’s Disease Foundation.

This day long course will focus on the clinical research and advocacy programs taking place today by the international Parkinson’s community. The Pre-congress courses will provide a fantastic groundwork for the rest of the Congress. Learn more about the Pre-congress sessions on our website.

Have you received data on your Parkinson’s research after the abstract submission date? Then the late-breaking abstracts submission window is for you! Learn more about late-breaking abstracts in the section below and visit our website for more information on abstract submission guidelines.

Early bird registration closes on July 2nd! Take advantage of these discounted prices before the registration fee goes up. Learn more and register here!

See you in Montréal!

Abstract & Travel Grant Notifications
If you submitted an abstract and/or applied for a travel grant for the WPC 2013, you should have received a notice on the final decision from the WPC leadership. If not, please contact the WPC Secretariat at secretariat@worldpdcongress.org.

If your abstract was accepted, you will need to register by by **Monday, June 17** to ensure your abstract is included in the journal supplement for the Congress.

### Late-Breaking Abstracts

Submission for late-breaking abstracts will open Monday, July 1st and close on Monday, July 15th. This is for abstracts that received new data after the initial April 22nd submission deadline.

We will accept abstracts in both the Scientific and Living with Parkinson's categories. All abstracts will be published in an online scientific journal supplement of *Journal of Parkinson's Disease* and given out on a CD for each delegate in October.

*Visit the WPC website for details on submission and guidelines.*

### Faculty Highlight: Dr. Edward Fon

Dr. Edward Fon is an Associate Professor in the Department of Neurology & Neurosurgery at McGill University and he also happens to be a member of the WPC 2013 Program Committee.

His research focuses on the molecular events leading to the degeneration of dopamine neurons in Parkinson's disease. He recently engaged in some collaborative research with Dr. Kalle Gehring, also from McGill University, which made headlines for their discovery of the 3D structure of the protein Parkin!

*Read more about this research here.*

We are honored to have Dr. Fon speak at the WPC 2013 along with many other world renowned basic and clinical researchers. Dr. Fon will chair the parallel session on Mitochondrial quality control mechanisms and will present in the French Track on Day 2 of the Congress.

"I am very pleased to be part of the WPC 2013 faculty and personally look forward to hearing some outstanding presenters talk about their ongoing research. The WPC gives great hope to seeing more progress in Parkinson's science." - Dr. Fon

### Upcoming Meetings
WPC 2013 Bronze level sponsor The Movement Disorder Society is hosting the 17th International Congress of Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorders from June 16-20 and the 9th Asian Pacific Parkinson’s Association Meeting from June 15-16th in Sydney, Australia.

Visit Executive Director Eli Pollard and Ambassadors Sharon Daborn and Margarita Makoutonina at their WPC 2013 information tables at both events!