WPC eNews

The 4th World Parkinson Congress is just a summer away, 105 days to be exact! This year's ground breaking 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 courses on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. **Course I, Fundamentals of PD: The Journey** is targeted to people with Parkinson's, care partners and non-clinicians to highlight the positive things happening with Parkinson's research, treatment options and care. **Course II, Interdisciplinary Care and Patient-Centered Care for Parkinson's Disease**, is a forum for discussion on why interdisciplinary teams are the ideal model of care for people living with Parkinson's. **Course III, Science and Advocacy**, will take a closer look at research being done to advance understanding of Parkinson's disease and what's available today, or just on the horizon, for better treatment and improved quality of life. Be sure to join us for one of these amazing Pre-Congress Courses on Tuesday, September 20th. Space is limited, so get your free ticket by indicating you want to attend during the registration process. Learn more about the Pre-Congress Program here.

June is full of notifications. The Travel Grant notifications will be sent out to all applicants by
Friday, June 10th. Accepted abstract presenters received their letters yesterday and Video Competition submitters and artists who submitted feature films for consideration in our WPC Film Night, will also hear from our judges soon. It's an exciting time at the WPC!

**WPC 2016 Late Breaking Abstracts**
The WPC will accept late breaking abstracts for the 4th World Parkinson Congress from Wednesday, June 29 to Wednesday, July 13, 2016. Be sure to mark your calendars! Remember, late breaking means truly late breaking.

**Continuing Education Credits at the WPC 2016**
Health professionals! Don't forget that the Congress has been approved by Oregon Health and Science University School of Medicine for a maximum of 30.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Learn about continuing education credits at the WPC 2016 on our website.

**WPC 2016 Tool Kit**
The Advocates for Parkinson Committee is proud to present the WPC 2016 Tool Kit. The Tool Kit was designed to assist all WPC 2016 delegates as they plan for the journey to Portland for the Congress, however it is specifically has elements for those participants who are living with Parkinson's disease. The Tool Kit will help you prepare, plan and participate so that your Congress experience will be meaningful and memorable. View the Tool Kit here.

**WPC welcomes New Partners!**
Welcome to three new WPC Organizational Partners, Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson's Canterbury, Indiana Parkinson Foundation, and People with Parkinson's Inc. See all 185 Organizational Partners.

**Raising Parkinson's Awareness at the White House!**
WPC Executive Director Eli Pollard and WPC 2016 Ambassador Sara Riggare were invited by The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and StanfordMedicine X to participate in a workshop on engaging participants as partners in research, a core principle of the President's Precision Medicine Initiative. The WPC plays a role in building partnerships in research by hosting the World Parkinson Congresses, one of the few places in the Parkinson's community where researchers get to meet people with Parkinson's and build relationships in a space where everyone has a seat at the table as equal contributors to the discourse.
What causes Parkinson's?

In this month's Portland Countdown podcast, co-hosts Dave Iverson and Jon Palfreman interview Jeffrey Bronstein, MD, PhD, Director of the Movement Disorders Program at UCLA.

It's been nearly 200 years since James Parkinson first published his landmark essay about the disease that now bears his name. Yet we still don't fully understand its cause. This podcast reviews our changing understanding of what causes Parkinson's and how that may help us find a way to stop disease progression.

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WPC Events & Activities

During the week of the WPC, there will be many events and activities happening along with the WPC 2016 program. A few events are highlighted below but click here to view the full list and be sure to pencil these into your WPC schedule!

There is still time to support the Congress! Download the WPC 2016 Support & Exhibition Prospectus
Saturday, Sept. 17th
Sole Support Portland! - presented by Parkinson's Resources of Oregon
Location: Rose Quarter, Portland

Sunday, Sept. 18th
Brain Institute OHSU pre-Congress CME event for allied health professionals
Location: OHSU campus

Monday, Sept. 19th
Parkinson's Inside Out: A Think Tank of Healthcare Professionals and Neuroscientists with Parkinson's
Location: Double Tree Hotel

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Where is Parky?
Parky has found homes all over the world including New Zealand, Finland, and Nigeria! Parky was designed to not only raise awareness about Parkinson's disease but also to connect people touched by Parkinson's around the world. Bring Parky into your home by purchasing him here! If Parky is already comfortable in your home, send us a picture so we can add him, and you!, to the WhereisParky.org website.