Dear WPC friends,

With one year to go before the 5th World Parkinson Congress launches, we are finalizing the program and speaker details. We are thrilled to announce that Nobel Prize winner, Professor Shinya Yamanaka, has agreed to address the WPC delegates in Kyoto. Professor Yamanaka shared the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine in 2012 for his discovery that mature cells could be reprogrammed into pluripotent cells. We are thrilled to host Professor Yamanaka at the WPC 2019.

As with every WPC, we balance the science and clinical talks with creativity and music. For our music lovers out there, don't miss our WPC Song Competition. We are looking for talented musicians to draft the winning song to be performed at the WPC opening ceremony by the WPC Choir. Learn more on our website. Deadline to submit is Saturday, June 30, 2018.

For our researchers out there, start thinking about your abstract submission, which opens on July 9, 2018. Top abstracts are selected for poster tours, and the top 12 abstract authors are invited to give a Hot Topics talk. The very best abstract submitted by a young investigator gets the honor of the Stanley Fahn Young
Investigator Award and a monetary prize. Abstract topics can be viewed on our website. We look forward to your submissions.

Warm regards,

Elizabeth "Eli" Pollard
Executive Director

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WPC Blog Highlight

When PD Starts: Can We Diagnose Parkinson Disease Before the Onset of Motor Symptoms

by Eduardo Tolosa, MD

A 53-year-old man, C.D., came to my clinic recently complaining of intermittent tremor of the right hand for the last six months. He had felt more tired than usual and was moving slowly during the previous year. His hand writing was getting small. When asked, he admitted that he had lost his sense of smell, and had constipation for at least a decade. He had experienced several episodes of violent nightmares during which he shouted and moved around and on one occasion hit his wife presumably thinking she was attacking him. Episodes like this had occurred frequently for more than 15 years. On examination, unilateral rest tremor was obvious and I diagnosed him with Parkinson’s disease. (PD)
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Thank you to our newest sponsor, the Parkinson’s Foundation!

If your company is looking for ways to connect with the Parkinson's community and to meet some of most dynamic and passionate researchers, patient advocates, clinicians and nonprofit staff who are leading the community, consider advertising on the WPC Blog or this monthly eNews!

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For two evenings during the WPC 2019, delegates will be able to participate in guided Poster Tours. Hosted by leaders in the field, tours will be broken down into narrow topics and offer participants a chance to hear directly from a select few poster authors.

It's a great networking event and an inspiring experience for participants!

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WPC Travel Grants Program

The WPC Travel Grants program has made it possible over the last four WPCs to help more than 500 people attend the Congresses. This program ensures that we are continuing to bring junior clinicians and researchers along with patient advocates to the Congress. We need these grant recipients at the WPC because they are the future of the community. They will continue the great work that's going on and will push us into near areas of research. Support this program. Make sure these young researchers stay in the Parkinson’s space. **100% of monies you donate to the WPC Travel Grants program will go to grantees. We will not take one cent for administration. It will all go to a deserving recipient.**

Here are several ways to support the travel grants program:

**Facebook Fundraisers**

Fundraise for the World Parkinson Congress through your Facebook page! Go to [www.facebook.com/fundraisers](http://www.facebook.com/fundraisers). On the left hand side of the fundraisers page click the green bar that reads **Raise Money**. Click **Get Started**. A window will pop up asking “Who are you raising money for?” Click **Raise Money for a Nonprofit Organization**. Type in or select **World Parkinson Congress**. The default settings on Facebook will have you raise 200 USD over the course of two weeks and use the World Parkinson Congress page to supply a description of the organization and a photo. All you have to do is hit **Next**. After you create your fundraiser it will be public on your Facebook for the duration of your fundraiser and we will receive whatever money you’ve raised regardless of whether or not you hit your goal.

**Donate directly on our website**

If you prefer a simpler way to support the program, visit our website donation page and just donate straight to this program. Make a difference by educating a junior researcher/clinician or person with Parkinson's. [Support a student or person with Parkinson’s to attend the WPC.](#)

**Fight PD Bracelets & Dopamine Necklaces**

Sara Riggare, former WPC Ambassador and Parkinson's Advocate, has once again created a beautiful assortment of necklaces and bracelets to help us raise funds for
the Travel Grant program. Each bracelet is made to easily slide over your hand and necklaces are long enough to easily fit over your head.

Changes to our Privacy Policy
In keeping with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), we have updated our privacy policy. We strongly recommend that you view the complete policy here, but we wanted to provide you with a quick summary.

- We collect two types of information through our web sites: The first is you directly providing us your information. We use the data that you provide to give you the information and services you requested. We will never sell trade or rent your personal information. The second is web server traffic information that allows us to track the number of visitors to our sites, the length of stay, and sources of traffic. This data is collected in aggregate and does not identify individuals.
- Your information is only accessible by appropriately trained staff and contractors. We do comprehensive checks on these companies before we work with them.
- You have the right to know what we know about you, make changes or ask us to stop using your data. To make a request, please e-mail us at info@worldpdcoalition.org.
You can manage which correspondence you receive from us and unsubscribe at any time by using this form.

If you have questions about these changes, please email us at info@worldpdcoalition.org.

WPC 2019 Songwriting Competition

We are looking for an original musical composition or new lyrics to an existing song to be performed by the WPC Choir during the Opening Ceremony of the 5th World Parkinson Congress in Kyoto, Japan.

There are two categories:

1. Original Song with lyrics
2. Lyric Writing to a current song tune*

Entries must be submitted by June 30, 2018.

Read the FULL Contest Rules and Guidelines here

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