Dear Friends,

We are only weeks away from the 6th World Parkinson Congress! Registration is still Open and you can get a sneak peak of the Final Program HERE so you can start planning your days well in advance.

REGISTER NOW

One Day Registration is open and Standard Registration closes on June 15. After June 15 rates will increase so we encourage you to save money for a glass or two of sangria while in Barcelona and register now to take advantage of the best rate before the Congress opens.

Travel to Barcelona

The WPC website is full of information about traveling to Barcelona and resources to help plan your trip. If you are looking to explore the beautiful city of Barcelona while attending WPC 2023, take a look at these tours being offered before and after the WPC. These tour guides will all go through our Parkinson Ready program so they
Parkinson Ready Program

Did you know? In April the WPC launched its Parkinson’s Ready Program in Barcelona, Spain. This is the legacy that the WPC leaves behind at every city where the Congress is held. We are committed to leave the city better off than when we arrived, so they are armed with knowledge of Parkinson’s and more aware of the unique needs of our community members.

The "WPC Parkinson’s Ready Barcelona" trainers educate city officials, including airport security, hotel staff, police officers, fire fighters, taxi drivers and others. This program is being offered in collaboration with the Catalan Parkinson Association and sponsored by Abbvie.

Read about it in the news here.
Digital Toolkit

The Digital Toolkit is available to view now and is full of important information and details on the WPC 2023. Please take a moment to read through the toolkit so you can best prepare for Barcelona.

Hot Topics

Twelve Hot Topics were announced recently, all chosen from the more than 900 posters submitted to the WPC. Each morning, at 8AM, just before the Plenary, four of these presenters will share they work. Please join us in supporting them.

The 12 Hot Topics presentations will look at:

- Genetic findings of the Rostock International Parkinson's Disease (ROPAD) Study by Ana Westenberger (Germany)
- A missing piece of the Parkinson’s puzzle: The critical role of the dietitian in the care of people living with Parkinson’s disease (PD) by Richelle Flanagan (Ireland)
- Understanding the mechanisms of a-syn spreading and degradation: Role of tunneling nanotubes and lysosomes by Chiara Zurzolo (France)
- Characterizing the frequency of clinically reportable variants in major genes established in Parkinson’s disease (PD) in a large American cohort by Roy Alcalay (Israel)
- Genome-wide association identifies novel etiological insights associated with Parkinson’s disease in African and African admixed populations by Oluwadamilola Ojo (Nigeria)
- Approach to the management of sexual and intimacy problems in people with motor and non-motor manifestations of Parkinson’s disease by Gila Bronner (Israel) & Tanya Gurevich (Israel)
- Exploring the role of the lysosomal lipid flippase ATP10B in the nigrostriatal dopaminergic pathway of rats by María Sanchiz Calvo (Belgium)
- Assessing the biomarker potential of LRRK2 and GCase in Parkinson’s disease monocytes by Laura Hughes (Australia)
- Uncovering the interaction between gut microbial factors and GBA1 mutations in the pathogenesis of Parkinson's disease by Christin Weissleder (France)
- Comprehensive survey data set of women with Parkinson’s by women with Parkinson’s by Soania Mathur (Canada)
- O Modelling human brain-wide pigmentation induces Parkinson-like pathology and transcriptomic alterations in vivo by Nuria Peñuelas (Spain)
- NLX-112 has favorable safety, tolerability and efficacy against
levodopa-induced dyskinesia (LID) in a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, proof-of-concept Ph2A study by Adrian Newman-Tancredi (France)

Pre-Congress Courses

There is still time to register for the Pre-Congress Courses which offer a plethora of information and resources from top-notch presenters prior to the start of WPC 2023.

There is a nominal fee to attend courses I-VI. Course VI, the WPC Working Groups course where each group will present the work they have been covering over the last three years, is available at no additional fee to WPC participants. We do ask that you register in advance by checking your WPC registration confirmation email and following the steps there.

If you register for Pre-Congress Courses 1-5 you will have access to all six of the Pre-Congress Courses, including lunch and coffee. Pre-congress course 6 is free to attend, but does not include lunch, unless registration was paid for #1-#5.

- Course I: Advances in Research, Science & Treatment Fundamentals of PD
- Course II: Interprofessional Care and Parkinson's
- Course III: Fundamentals of PD
- Course IV: Advocacy & Activism in PD (AM only)
- Course V: Young Onset Parkinson’s (PM only)
- Course VI: WPC Working Groups

Tour de Parkinson ~ Bike to Barcelona

More than 50 cyclists, both living with and caring for people with PD, will cycle from various European locations to Barcelona in time to attend the WPC 2023 from July 4-7, 2023.

The Bike to Barcelona program will culminate in a PD Awareness event and celebration in front of the International Convention Center of Barcelona at Plaça de Willy Brandt, 11-14, 08019 Barcelona. Hosted by the Associació Catalana per al Parkinson (Catalan Parkinson Association), the awareness-raising event will open at 1200h CET, Cyclists will arrive at 1700h and the event will close 1900h. WPC attendees who are in Barcelona on June 2 are all invited to come and welcome the cyclists to the city after their long journeys.
We look forward to seeing you soon at the Barcelona International Convention Center for the 6th World Parkinson Congress.

Thank you for supporting our work and thank you to all of the WPC Sponsors and International Partners for making the World Parkinson Congress possible.

The WPC team

MEET THE WPC 2023 AMBASSADORS

PARKINSON AMBASSADORS

The WPC Parkinson Ambassadors are experts on living with Parkinson’s. They

SCIENCE AMBASSADORS

The WPC Science Ambassadors are researchers with more than 96 years of work in the field of Parkinson's and
have all attended at least one past WPC and are leading advocates in their countries, in fact, many started their advocacy careers after attending the WPC. Stop by the WPC booth in the exhibit hall to meet and talk with these advocates.

**SEE MORE**

**WPC BLOG HIGHLIGHT**

**Good News About Bad Seeds**

by David G. Standaert, MD, PhD

There has been a lot of talk recently about “seeds” and “seeding assays” in Parkinson disease. What does this mean, and how important are seeds in PD? Much of the interest in seeds has been driven by the recent publication from the Michael J. Fox Foundation Parkinson Progression Marker Initiative (PPMI) study. This is an effort that has been going on for more than 10 years and has involved more than 2000 research participants. The goal of PPMI has been to find “biomarkers” tests that could detect the presence of PD and perhaps even measure how the disease is progressing. A lot of different types of tests have been looked at “blood tests, urine tests, spinal fluid tests, and various brain scans.

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