March 2013 eNews

Dear Friend:

The WPC 2013 will launch in just under seven months, have you made your plans to join us?

We’ve heard from Parkinson Society Canada that across Canada members of the Parkinson’s community are booking buses to get to Montreal in October and our friends in Australia have told us they are mobilizing to bring the largest group of delegates yet to a WPC. We’ve even heard that our friends at Parkinson’s UK are inviting volunteers to join their delegation in exchange for travel support to attend.

Abstract Submission.
If you haven’t submitted your abstract yet, please note the deadline of Monday, April 15, 2013. We encourage all members of the community to consider submitting an abstract. [Click here for details on the topics and guidelines.]

Volunteer at the WPC.
To execute one of the hottest meetings of the year, the WPC needs many hands to help out. We are seeking about 100 friendly, responsible and reliable individuals to volunteer at the Congress this year. Accepted volunteers receive a fee waiver for the WPC 2013 registration fees as well as the chance to mingle with the broadest possible Parkinson’s community. [Apply today to be a Volunteer. Deadline to apply is Sunday, March 31, 2013.]

Toshiko Atoda and Tamami Nose
from Japan

Colleen Henderson- Heywood
from UK

Find a Buddy.
The WPC teamed up with Parkinson Society Canada to create the [Parkinson's Buddies Program. International WPC registrants get the chance to be matched with a WPC registrant from]
Monday, April 15 -
Abstract Submission

Thursday, April 18 -
Travel Grant Deadline

Wednesday, May 8 -
Video Competition Deadline

Canada. We already have successful matches! Register for the WPC 2013 and become a Parkinson's Buddy today. Learn more about the Buddies program.

Bonnie and John Varian with their YOPD support group from Ontario, California will be in Montreal!

We are happy to welcome our newest supporter on board, Tourisme Québec. They are eager to welcome all our delegates who are visiting Quebec for the first time. If you plan to come early, or stay after the Congress, be sure to visit their website to plan your activities.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm.

See you in Montréal!

Abstract Submission Closes April 15th!

The 3rd World Parkinson Congress is the opportunity for you to present an original abstract to the global Parkinson's community. Not only will accepted abstracts be displayed as posters at the WPC 2013, but they will also be published in the Journal of Parkinson's Disease as an online scientific supplement and on a CD given out at the Congress. The online supplement will be open to the world to read and will remain up until the end of time. Don't miss this chance to showcase your work to the world.

This window of opportunity will end at midnight on Monday, April 15th, so don't delay!

We will accept abstract submission on all relevant scientific topics and abstracts on the topic of living with Parkinson's disease. If you have applied for a travel grant, submission and acceptance of your abstract will increase your chances of receiving a travel stipend.

To learn more please visit our website. The authors of accepted abstracts will be notified of their acceptance by June 3, 2013.

Travel Grant Scholarship Program

Can't make it to the WPC this year, but would still like to be involved in some way? Why not sponsor a person with Parkinson's or junior clinician or researcher to attend the WPC 2013.

We invite you to support WPC delegates to attend the Congress. Your gift will go directly to support the attendance of a Person with Parkinson's, Junior Researcher or Clinician.

Donate via the WPC 2013 Ambassador's Crowdrise fundraising page or on our website. If you plan to attend the WPC, you will have a chance to support this program via the registration process.

Thanks for supporting the WPC 2013!

Ambassador Highlight:
Fulvio Capitanio

Fulvio Capitanio was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2007. Since then he has worked hard as a PD advocate by starting an online organization called Unidos contra el Parkinson (Together against Parkinson's disease) in 2008. In April 2010, Fulvio went on to start the worldwide project Run4PD, which involves people from all over the world running and walking miles to raise awareness on PD.

The WPC is a perfect venue for Fulvio to connect with the global Parkinson's community and highlight his dedication to help people diagnosed with Early-Onset Parkinson's. He looks forward to meeting you in Montréal. Sign up for the Roundtable he will co-host on Day 2 of the Congress on how to ensure your nonprofit organization is fundraising in a manner that will make it not only survive, but flourish as well.

Learn more about all the WPC Ambassadors. Invite Fulvio to meet with your group or Skype with your group about the WPC. Connect with Fulvio at fulvio@worldpdcongress.org.

Upcoming Meetings

27th Annual PSG Symposium on Etiology, Pathogenesis, and Treatment of Parkinson Disease and Other Movement Disorders

Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montréal, Canada
Tuesday, October 1, 2013, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

NO REGISTRATION FEE REQUIRED.

Abstracts of platform and poster presentations will be published in the September issue of Movement Disorders. Deadline for submission of regular abstracts is Monday, May 20, 2013 and late-breaking abstracts on Monday, July 1, 2013. Visit the PSG website for more information.