

World
Parkinson
Coalition

*Bringing the Parkinson's
Community Together*



WPC eNews

Since the launch of the first World Parkinson Congress in 2006, the World Parkinson Coalition has been a trail blazer in the patient-centric movement. Other organizations in the health field look to the WPC to learn how we've successfully included the patient voice in each Congress and how we continue to evolve every three years to make the WPC experience more inclusive and meaningful to all attendees. One delegate wrote, "I have had numerous opportunities to attend other PD conferences with a mix of persons, but the magnitude of the WPC was rather awe inspiring..."

Each WPC opens the door to all members of the Parkinson's community, including family members and care partners. [Watch WPC 2013 delegate JB Smith](#) (father to **WPC 2016 Ambassador** Allison Smith!) tell you why care partners and family members should attend the WPC 2016. JB will be in Portland, will he see you there?

WPC 2016 Ambassador Andrew Curran shares his WPC experience, [hear him tell his story about why he'll be in Portland.](#) Andrew is looking forward to welcoming you to the 4th World Parkinson Congress from September 20-23, 2016 in Portland, Oregon.

Registration will open January 11, 2016, until then, we have a number of educational opportunities to keep you connected and learning, including the **NEW** Portland Countdown

podcast series. This 15-part podcast series starting June 2015, will educate the community and encourage people to attend the Congress. Learn more about this program below.

WPC Spotlight On

This month's Spotlight is on Todd Sherer, CEO at The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. Todd and the MJFF's support of the WPC since its inception has been essential to our success.

[Learn more about how MJFF has supported the WPC over the years.](#)

WPC 2016 Abstract Submission

The abstract submission window for the WPC 2016 will open on Monday, December 7, 2015. We will once again accept poster abstracts from both health professionals engaged in Parkinson's research and from people with Parkinson's and other non-medical contributors involved in activities and programs that are creating change for the PD community.

Accepted abstracts will be displayed in the Exhibit Hall at the 4th World Parkinson Congress from September 20-23, 2016. Leading submissions will be invited to be a part of our lively Poster Tours one evening and the authors of the top 12 submitted abstracts will be invited to give oral talks on their work as part of our Hot Topics program.

This is a great opportunity to share your work with the international Parkinson's community. Start planning now for submission!

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Upcoming Events

2nd Taiwan International Congress of
Parkinson's Disease & Movement
Disorders

March 27, 2015
Taipei, Taiwan

67th American Academy of Neurology
Meeting*

April 18-25, 2015
Washington, DC USA

21st Parkinson Unity Walk*

April 25, 2015
Central Park, NY USA

** Visit the WPC booth to meet Executive Director
Eli Pollard & Outreach Coordinator Christiana
Thurton. WPC 2016 Ambassadors Fulvio
Capitanio & Ryan Tripp will also be at the Unity
Walk!*

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This exciting podcast series hosted by journalists Dave Iverson and Jon Palfreman and supported by the Parkinson Resources of Oregon will educate the community and highlight the upcoming WPC 2016. Starting June 2015, neuroscientists, neurologists and people with Parkinson's will be interviewed. The series will serve as a primer on the biomedical research currently underway.

[Click here to sign up to be notified when this FREE podcast series is launched!](#)

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