



Dear friends,

WPC 2019 is just around the corner. We are still accepting [late-breaking abstract](#) submissions through March 10, so spread the word and get something to us in the next five days. Thanks to the International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society we are able to offer a limited number of travel grants to junior investigators whose late-breaking abstracts are accepted. If you qualify, submit your abstract and a travel grants application by March 10 and tell a friend!

The WPC has teamed up with Curiouscast network's podcast, "When Life Gives You Parkinson's" hosted by Larry Gifford out of BC, Canada. Larry will be attending the WPC so you can meet him in Kyoto. In the meantime, you can listen to his podcasts on Parkinson's and the WPC 2019 at [wpc2019.org/podcast2019](http://wpc2019.org/podcast2019)

Preparing for the WPC can be challenging. The best tips we get from past delegates are the review the [provisional program](#) well ahead of time to

identify what sessions, [Renewal Room](#) classes, Exhibit Hall events you want to be sure to see and participate in. At the end of this email you'll see a breakdown of a few of the non-scientific items that we offer at the WPC. Be sure to add these items to your schedule as well. They can make the WPC experience that much better.

Kind regards,



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Executive Director

## Announcing the WPC 2019 Podcast



We are pleased to announce that we are partnering with Curiouscast's *When Life Gives You Parkinson's*, hosted by Larry Gifford to launch a special series of podcasts leading up to the 5th World Parkinson Congress. Each episode will highlight topics and speakers from the congress and mini lessons Japanese culture.

Curiouscast's *When Life Gives You Parkinson's* was recently listed on Apple Canada's Top Podcasts of 2018 and has been nominated for two Canadian Podcasting Awards. Produced in partnership with Parkinson Canada, each episode features hosts Larry Gifford examining the impact that a Parkinson's diagnosis has on a person, a family, a friendship, a colleague, a company, and a community. Gifford shares his personal journey into what it is like to live and work with Parkinson's disease as a 47-year-old husband and father with an active career.

"The World Parkinson Congress and our podcast have similar missions; we both want to reach everyone touched by Parkinson's including patients, researchers, family members, clinicians, nurses, and specialists," said Gifford. "Combining our expertise in a WPC podcast series allows us both to share stories and research, discuss issues and provide access to the congress even if they can't travel to Kyoto."

[Click here to listen to the first episode](#) or subscribe to *When Life Gives You Parkinson's* on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), or wherever podcasts are found.

## Sponsor the 5th World Parkinson Congress!

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## Countdown to WPC 2019

We are only a few months away from the World Parkinson Congress and things are happening fast! Here is a break down of what's new and what you can do.



### Late Breaking Abstracts

We will be accepting late breaking abstract submissions for poster display from February 25 - March 10, 2019. [Learn more here.](#)

### Renewal Room

The Renewal Room will feature an extensive program full of interactive sessions such as yoga, dance, singing, drumming and other musical activities. [Learn more about the courses being offered here.](#)



### WPC Choir

The WPC Choir is open to all congress attendees. The choir will perform the two winning songs from the song competition at the opening ceremony, Tuesday, June 4. [Learn more here.](#)

### Crane Dance

As part of the Soaring with Hope for PD art display, members of the Parkinson's community are invited create a dance or movement piece inspired by the origami cranes in the art installation. Your dance will add to the celebration of hope as symbolized by the crane. All video



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