Dear friends,

The WPC has strong history of bringing the community together, and part of that mandate is to ensure that everyone in the community understands what the other stakeholders are doing to advance progress on Parkinson’s. WPC’s new Twitter Take over series is designed to do just that, help us connect our community, ensure we understand the important roles we each play in moving the dial on Parkinson’s research and care. Next week on Monday, March 8, Professor Bas Bloem will take over our Twitter pages to showcase a day in the life of a clinical researcher. For those of you who are not clinical researchers, do you really know when the day in the life of clinical research looks like? Connect to us on TWITTER and take a peek. .

Last month we opened the triennial WPC Song Competition! Deadline for submission of a song is September 30, 2021. Our two winning songs will be performed by the WPC choir at the opening ceremony in Barcelona, on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, led by WPC Choir Director, Judi Spencer. Learn more.

See below for details and registration links to our virtual programs for March.
WPC 2nd Care Partner Talk Series – This week!
Thursday, March 4, 2021
3 - 4 PM ET/ 8 – 9 PM GMT
Panel topic: Care Partners and Self Care throughout the journey
ABOUT: Hear directly from a panel of experts on what self-care is and what it can look like, why it is important and how to practice it as a care partner from diagnosis and throughout the PD experience.
REGISTER today for Thursday’s talk

WPC Research Spotlight - COVID and Parkinson’s
Tuesday, March 23, 2021
4 – 5 PM ET/ 8 – 9PM GMT
(4 hour time difference between US and UK due to Daylight savings)
ABOUT: Professor Roger Barker, WPC Vice President, will interview Professors David Finkelstein and Kevin J. Barham, and Dr. Leah Beauchamp who will discuss their research on COVID-19 and implications for Parkinson's which they wrote about in their recent blog post The Covid Pandemic Doesn't Smell Right and published about in the Journal of Parkinson's Disease in 2020. Hear directly from the research team themselves and get your questions answered.
REGISTER today

WPC Virtual Congress – Save the date
Monday, May 17 – Friday, May 21, 2021
ABOUT: This exciting virtual Congress is a first for the WPC. Registration opens April 1, 2021, but the program is ready for review today and cements the WPC’s commitment of bringing the community together to advance our knowledge of Parkinson’s. Made possible with support from Premier Sponsors: Amneal Pharmaceuticals and Medtronic

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March Parkinson Sing-A-Long
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
11 AM – 12 PM ET
Join WPC Choir Director, Judi Spencer, for a lively session of song.

REGISTER today

Before signing off I want to bring a little smile to your day with a ‘mid-winter’ moment of creativity thanks to William Tell’s overture mixed with some joy, brought to you by Pamela Quinn, dance choreographer from the WPC 2019 Opening Ceremony, with her virtual dancers. WATCH LINK to video.

Looking forward to seeing you in 2022 in Barcelona.

Best regards
UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS

TWITTER TAKE OVER
Dr. Bas Bloem takes over our Twitter account on a date to be announced in February!
Follow us on Twitter!

SING-A-LONG
Sing-A-Long
1 PM EST Wednesday, February 10th
REGISTER

CARE PARTNER VIRTUAL PANEL
Care Partners and Self Care throughout the journey
Thursday March 4, 3 PM - 4 PM
LEARN MORE

SONG COMPETITION
WPC 2022 Song Competition Now Open!
Closes September 30, 2021
LEARN MORE

RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT
Research Spotlight
Tues. March 23
4 PM - 5PM ET
The Covid Pandemic Doesn’t Smell Right
REGISTER

PARKY THE RACCOON
Share your favorite picture of Parky the Raccoon with us! See the map of Parky’s photos.
SHARE YOUR PHOTO

WPC BLOG HIGHLIGHT

INFUSION THERAPIES AND OTHER NOVEL DRUG DELIVERY FOR PARKINSON’S DISEASE: NEW AVENUES FOR OLD DRUGS
by Werner Poewe, MD

After more than 50 years since its introduction as a treatment for Parkinson’s disease levodopa still stands out as the most effective of all available drugs when it comes to improving motor symptoms, restoring activities of daily living and maintaining quality of life of people affected by the disease. Although levodopa remains unchallenged as the ‘gold standard’ of symptomatic efficacy, in many people with Parkinson’s its long-term use is associated with the development of undesirable and often distressing changes in the effect of the drug. These are termed motor complications and include two types of problems: fluctuations in motor response and drug-induced involuntary movements called dyskinesias.

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