Dear Friends,

We are officially four months away from the 6th World Parkinson Congress! Registration is Open and you can view the NEW 4th edition of the Provisional Program HERE.

REGISTER NOW

If you haven't registered for the WPC 2023, now is the time to do it! Early Registration ends on March 24. That is the last day to take advantage of the Earlybird rate. The WPC website is full of information about traveling to Barcelona and resources to help plan your trip.

We are thrilled to share that we had a record number of abstracts submitted to the WPC 2023!
Truly late-breaking abstracts will be accepted from March 20 to April 2, 2023. This is for data that wasn't available in time for the regular abstract deadline.

The World Parkinson Coalition is excited to announce the first ever cycling event to the World Parkinson Congress, designed by Parkinson's Advocates.

Biking to Barcelona is an intense event that will include multiple teams of cyclists who will depart from various locations across Europe to begin their journey.

Three different international teams of cyclists (many whom have Parkinson's) representing Norway, Scotland, England, USA, Canada, Germany, Spain and Australia will launch their tours respectively from England, Germany and Valencia. The teams from England and Germany will spend 14 - 18 grueling days cycling 60 to 100km a day to ensure their arrival in Barcelona before the start of the WPC 2023. A smaller team of cyclists will launch from Valencia, Spain to arrive in Barcelona to meet up with the larger teams. Learn more about Biking to Barcelona [here](#).

**Key Dates & Deadlines in 2023**

Late Breaking Abstracts - Deadline April 2, 2023
Submission for truly late breaking data will be opened from March 20 to April 2, 2023.

**Early Registration - Closes March 24, 2023**
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**Activities coming up!**

**WPC Sing-a-long** with WPC Choir Director, Judi Spencer and Special Co-host, Jerome Maume.

Wednesday, March 8th 4:00PM GMT / 5:00PM GMT+1 / 11:00AM EST / 8:00AM PST / 1:00AM March 9th, Japan / 3:00AM March 9th Melbourne, Australia

Come join the March Leprechauns on Wednesday, March 8th, for an hour of Irish tunes! The cohost country is Ireland, the Emerald Isle, with Jerome Maume as our song leader. Wear green if you can!

Learn more and sign up [here](#).

**WPC CHOIR Rehearsal - Join the WPC CHOIR!**

The WPC 2023 Choir will unite as one global Parkinson’s community connecting through music. The winning song from the WPC 2023 Song Competition, "The Road", by Janet Shipton, will open the congress. It will be wonderful to have YOUR voice in the choir.

All choir rehearsals will take place virtually on the first Monday of each month. You can join the choir at the WPC 2023 opening ceremony live in Barcelona or virtually. The next rehearsal will take place Monday, April 3. Learn More [here](#).

**Interested in childcare at the WPC?**

The WPC is considering offering childcare at WPC 2023. We are currently collecting data to determine the level of interest from WPC Congress attendees. Please complete this survey [here](#) to let us know your level of interest.
IMPORTANT WPC Dates:

- Registration and Hotels - Now Open
- Buddies Program Application - Now Open (Deadline March 17)
- Late Breaking Abstracts - Opens March 20 (Deadline April 2, 2023)
- WPC Choir - Now Open

We hope you can join us this summer at the Barcelona International Convention Center for the 6th World Parkinson Congress.

Thank you for supporting our work.

The WPC team

WPC BUDDIES PROGRAM

An initiative to strengthen the global Parkinson's community by introducing, or matching, WPC registrants who have signed up to attend the WPC 2023 in Barcelona

**Deadline:** March 17, 2023

**Next Rehearsal:** April 3, 2023

WPC 2023 CHOIR

WPC 2023 Opening Ceremonies will begin with song. Join the WPC Choir!

**WPC BLOG HIGHLIGHT**

Covid-19 and Parkinson's disease

by Alfonso Fasano, MD, PhD, FAAN

The rapidity with which coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has swept across the globe has favored the proliferation of studies
usually lacking scientific rigor and the literature on Parkinson’s disease (PD) has not been immune. As a result, studies focusing on the relationship between severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), COVID-19 and PD have provided conflicting results.
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