WPC eNews

It's hard to believe the WPC 2016 is just four and a half months away. Before you know it we will be making our way to Portland, Oregon to once again bring together the global Parkinson's community under one roof for the 4th World Parkinson Congress!

Before that happens, we still have some serious work to do! On our side, we are reviewing Abstracts, Travel Grant and Renewal Room applications, and soon we'll be judging videos from the Video Competition. It's busy over here! Did you hear the interview with WPC Executive Director, Elizabeth "Eli" Pollard on Radio Parkies? Visit this link to Listen to the interview and to hear what's in store for you at the WPC 2016.

WPC is thrilled to announce a collaboration with Radio Parkies to have a team of their DJs join us at the WPC to interview delegates and capture stories leading up to, during, and possibly after the Congress. The WPC is excited to be teaming up with Radio Parkies, and their talented DJs who span the globe generating stories on and about Parkinson's. Learn more about Radio Parkies and their DJs.

Making Portland "Parkinson Ready"
The Local Organizing Committee in Portland is aiming to make Portland "Parkinson Ready" with preparations for training programs on Parkinson's for front of house staff at the airport,
hotels, on transportation options around town, and at the Convention Center. They are also connecting with the Portland Police and Fire Departments!

The tea kettle is about to make Portland "Parkinson Ready". Thanks to Parkinson's Resources of Oregon for supporting this initiative!

**NEW Hotels Added to WPC Room Block**
How are your WPC 2016 preparations going? If you were having trouble securing a room in our hotel block, don't fret. We have added **FOUR new hotels to our block**. [View housing options on our website and register TODAY.](#) Hotels are filling up. If you haven't booked yet, we suggest you reserve one of these new rooms as soon as possible!

**WPC 2016 Travel Grants - WOW!**
We received over 320 applications for travel grants from young investigators/researchers and people with Parkinson's. We will notify recipients by June 6, 2016.

**Abstract deadline EXTENDED to May 5.**
Due to overwhelming demand, we extended the abstract deadline to **Thursday, May 5** at 11:59:59 PM ET. [Submit your abstract TODAY.](#)

**Join the WPC Choir**
The WPC Choir, led by Marimba Artist Judith Spencer, is open to all delegates! No singing experience and no cost is required. All choir members will have access to monthly Internet video/podcast choir rehearsal sessions and must attend the Pre-Congress Choir/Voice/Rhythm Rehearsal on Tuesday, September 20 in Portland. [Sign up here.](#)

**NEW Portland Countdown podcast available for stream & download**
This month's podcast discusses a common symptom among people living with Parkinson's disease...trouble sleeping. Co-hosts Dave Iverson & Jon Palfreman interview Dr. Samuel Frank, Neurologist as Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center on what sleep can tell us
about Parkinson's and what we can do to make sleeplessness less a burden for those living with PD. **Listen here and share with your community!**

- **WPC 2016 Volunteer Program CLOSING soon!**
  There are only 12 volunteer spots left for the WPC 2016 Volunteer Program. In exchange for free registration, volunteer your time and expertise to help make the WPC 2016 the best Congress yet. **Apply today!**

- **View the WPC 2016 Video Competition Submissions**
  WPC 2016 Video Competition submissions came from all over the world! We will announce the Grand Prize Winner at the WPC Opening Ceremony in Portland on Tuesday, September 20. View all the videos, from this time around and even our past videos from 2013 and 2010 on our [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com). In July, we will open voting to the community to choose from our top videos for the **WPC People's Choice Award**. Stay tuned.

- **WPC Art Walk**
  New to the Congress, the WPC will have its own Art Walk, showcasing three spectacular art exhibits by members of the Parkinson's community. We invite all delegates to make time during the Congress to view the art, meet the artists, and in one case, to contribute to the art project while at the WPC. **Learn more about each project on our website.**

- **WPC Welcomes New Partners!**
  Welcome to the newest WPC Organizational Partners, The Barbados Parkinson's Trust & Support Group and Caregiver Action Network. **See all 184 Organizational Partners.**

- **WPC rings the New York Stock Exchange Closing Bell**
  On April 28th, WPC leadership, staff, and friends had the pleasure of ringing the closing bell of the New York Stock Exchange. We were thrilled to raise Parkinson's awareness on a global stage.
Nominations open for the WPC Award!

Nominate a leader today. Nominations are open to everyone in the community, including neuroscientists, doctors, nurses, rehab specialists, advocates and people with Parkinson's. We are looking for spectacular people who are serving the community in a meaningful way, whether that's with scientific research for a cure, better care options, or just getting people to move and stay healthy. Who would you like to nominate?

Upcoming Events

Partners in Parkinson's Bay Area*
May 14, 2016 in Oakland, California

There is still time to support the Congress!
Download the WPC 2016 Support & Exhibition Prospectus
Meet WPC 2016 Ambassador, Kevin Krejci at this event!

Parkinson Wellness Recovery 6th Annual Retreat 2016
May 20-26, 2016 & May 27-June 2, 2016
Scottsdale, AZ USA

Radio Parkies at the WPC 2016
DJ Peter Northrop interviewed WPC Executive Director, Elizabeth "Eli" Pollard about the WPC 2016. Listen to the interview.

We are looking forward to teaming up with Radio Parkies at the WPC 2016.

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