Dear friends,

The first ever WPC Virtual Congress is just 13 days away, have you registered yet? Sessions will cover a wide range of topics, from basic science, clinical science, treatment options and living well with Parkinson’s. Nearly 50 hours of talks and live Q&A sessions will be delivered by 81 presenters from nearly 30 countries. Register today so you are ready to binge watch sessions on May 17! View program and register.

The Parkinson’s Tulip Project is now accepting photos. To be a part of this project, submit photos of yourself with a tulip, any kind of tulip, whether hand drawn, painted, real, knitted... creativity is encouraged. This project, supported by Supernus Pharmaceuticals, will run through April 2022 and will culminate in a beautiful Parkinson Tulip Garden at the WPC 2022 in Barcelona. Submit photos today and be entered into WPC monthly raffles for prizes!

The WPC Song Competition deadline is Thursday, September 30. The two winning songs will be performed by the WPC choir at the opening ceremony in Barcelona in 2022. Learn more.
See below for details and registration links to our virtual programs May.

**WPC Virtual Congress**
Monday, May 17 – Friday, May 21, 2021
12PM ET Sessions released daily
**View Program & Register today!**

**WPC Research Spotlight** – Alpha Synuclein in PD
Thursday, May 6, 2021
11 – 12 AM ET/ 4 – 5PM BST/ 5 – 6 PM CET
ABOUT: Professor Erwan Bezard, Dr. Benjamin Dehay and Dr. Marie-Laure Arotcarena will discuss their new research on α-synuclein.
**REGISTER today**

**WPC Dual Language Webinar Series**
Thursday, May 20, 2021
1 – 2 PM ET – Myths and Facts of Levodopa (listen in English)
2:30 – 3:30 PM ET – Mitos y realidades de la levodopa (escuchar en español)
**REGISTER today**

**May Parkinson Sing-A-Long**
Wednesday, May 12, 2021
11 – 12 AM ET/ 4 – 5PM BST/ 5 – 6 PM CET
Join WPC Choir Director, Judi Spencer, for a lively session of song.
**REGISTER today**

Looking forward to seeing you in June 2022 in Barcelona, Spain next year!

Best regards

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PS. The winner of the April raffle for the The Parkinson Tulip Project is Andree Jannette from the United States (pictured above).
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**WPC BLOG HIGHLIGHT**

**WHY PARTICIPATE IN CLINICAL TRIALS?**
by Soania Mathur MD, CCFP

We are over 200 years since Parkinson’s disease was first described and nearly 55 years since the discovery of levodopa, a medication that helps control the motor symptoms of PD and is still considered the gold standard.
treatment for this debilitating, progressive, neurodegenerative illness. However, as the disease progresses, response to treatment becomes unpredictable and less effective.

There is a clear need for better therapeutics. But to get a new neurologic treatment from the lab to the pharmacy shelf and into the hands of patients, it can take well over a billion dollars and 15 to 30 years. About half of drug development time is spent in clinical trials. Unfortunately, close to 85% of all clinical trials are delayed because of recruitment problems and shockingly up to 30% never make it off the ground because they fail to recruit any subjects. This represents a significant waste of time and resources.

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