As Fall turns to Winter we begin to look back on the 2023 year and the lasting impact of the 6th World Parkinson Congress.

Last month we reflected on WPC 2023 by sharing educational videos from the WPC Masterclasses and Hot Topics. We continue to add videos to the WPC Youtube page that highlight some of the best moments of WPC 2023, including videos from the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, as well as videos from the WPC Award Ceremonies.

WPC 2023 Awards

The World Parkinson Coalition Awards honor people in the Parkinson’s community whose work has had major impact on the lives of people with PD, whether in the scientific, clinical, care, or advocacy spaces.

Two separate awards, honoring different aspects of serving the
community are given. The **Robin A. Elliott Award for Outstanding Community Service** honors incredible service to the community and the **Distinguished Collaborative Research Award** honors collaborative work in the research and clinical space that advances our understanding and/or treatment of Parkinson’s.

Learn more about the six honorees who were recognized this year for their incredible work in the Parkinson's space. Click on the links below to watch the award ceremony at WPC 2023.

**Honoree**: Vincent "Enzo" Simone, posthumous award presented by Fulvio Capitanio

**Honoree**: Ignacio "Nacho" Mata, award presented by Malú Gámez Tansey

**Honoree**: Marina Noordegraaf, posthumous award presented by Bastiaan Bloem

**Honoree**: Kabugo Hannington, award presented by Omotola Thomas

**Honoree**: Richelle Flanagan, award presented by Malú Gámez Tansey

**Honoree**: Lizzie Graham, award presented by Eli Pollard
Event: World Drum Circle & Panel discussion on Drumming for Wellness

Date: Wednesday, November 15, "World Drumming Day"

Time: 11AM - Seattle / 2PM - New York / 8PM - Barcelona / 3AM November 16th - Kyoto

Led by:
- Judi Spencer, WPC Music Director
- Pau Gimeno, Drum Circle Facilitator at the WPC 2023 Barcelona, Spain
- Tomoko Tomtom Yokota Facilitator at the WPC 2019 Kyoto, Japan
- Jim Boneau, Drum Circle facilitator at the WPC 2016 Portland, Oregon

Join the WPC global community as we beat the rhythm of life together! No drum required - just your enthusiasm and creativity. What can you find that can be a drum? A bowl, a box, a table, a bucket? Come, grab your drum and let’s go!

Register [here](#)
Save the Date! Giving Tuesday is November 28.

This entire year has felt like Giving Tuesday with so many people giving their time and support by attending and volunteering at the World Parkinson Congress. We are grateful for the amazing individuals and organizations who banded together to bring the World Parkinson Congress to Barcelona, Spain this year in what was an unforgettable experience.

We want to know what Giving Tuesday means to you and how you give to the Parkinson's community. Share a story on your Instagram or Facebook page and tag @worldpdcongress with hashtag #GivingTuesdayWPC. We will pick a few of these stories to highlight and share.

If you would like to support the work of the WPC this Giving Season, and on Giving Tuesday, you can do so by clicking here. You can help keep the momentum of The World Parkinson Congress alive by making a tax deductible donation today.

WPC Film Showing

On October 31 the WPC held a virtual Film Showing of Shaking Hands with the Devil, along with a panel discussion with producers of the film.
This powerful 13-minute documentary follows wildlife photographer and person with Parkinson’s, David Plummer, as he travels through Kenya to meet those who have been marginalized, stigmatized, and persecuted for having Parkinson’s disease. The power of the film stays with the viewer long after the screen goes dark.

First shown at the 6th World Parkinson Congress in Barcelona, to a packed room, this film quickly became the talk of the WPC. Powerful, moving, and concerning, it highlights the challenges of Parkinson’s for those living in Kenya, but resonates with our global community where stigma can be a major barrier to care and support.

Watch the Facebook/Zoom livestream here.

PD GENEration: Creating the Largest PD Genetics Registry Study in North America?

by Kamalini Ghosh Galvelis, MS
There is something special about walking into an auditorium filled with people who are all there for the same reason: to better the lives of those living with Parkinson’s disease (PD). There is something awe inspiring about looking at the row of panelists about to give presentations on their cutting-edge work and seeing all women. There is something surreal about the moment when your name is called, and you come to reality that you have been given the opportunity of a lifetime to present your team’s work at an international conference. It was a moment unlike any other.

Read more

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