The seasons are changing and it's a good time to reflect on the past Summer and all of the connections made, ideas shared, and information learned at the 6th World Parkinson Congress in Barcelona, Spain.

Last month we reflected on WPC 2023 by sharing 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.

**WPC Film Showing**

WPC is pleased to invite you to join us for a virtual showing of *Shaking Hands with the Devil* on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at 1PM.
This powerful 13-minute documentary follows wildlife photography 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.

Join us for this free viewing and live panel discussion after the film with those responsible for creating this powerful film.

**When:** October 31, 2023  
**Time:** 12PM CT/ 1PM ET/ 6PM UK/ 7PM CET  
**Where:** Zoom (Register [HERE](#))

Join this virtual showing, here from the team directly and learn more about what's being done to address these challenges.

**Panel:**  
David Plummer, Producer and Person with PD  
Tash Fothergill-Misbah, PhD, Producer and Researcher  
Olz McCoy, Director, Cinematographer, Editor

Watch the film on your own! If you want to watch the film now, or prefer to watch it on your own before the virtual showing, you can find it at [www.shakinghandsfilm.com](http://www.shakinghandsfilm.com) where there is also a link to BBC Breakfast interview and a GoFundMe page to raise money for medication for the people in the film.

**Parkinson Ready Program**
As part of our commitment to making a lasting impact beyond the congress, we are excited to share some valuable news with you. The World Parkinson Coalition, in collaboration with Barcelona Turisme Convention Bureau and #MEET4IMPACT, aims to measure the real-world effects and implications of the Parkinson's Ready program.

**What is the Parkinson Ready program?**

The Parkinson Ready program, initiated by the World Parkinson Coalition (WPC), in partnership with the Associació Catalana per al Parkinson, and supported by Barcelona Turisme Convention Bureau and AbbVie, was designed to ensure that the city of Barcelona was, and remains, well-prepared to welcome and support members of the Parkinson's community.

**Why Your Input Matters:**

We believe that your perspective and experiences are invaluable in assessing the impact of this program. Your insights can help us understand the effectiveness of the Parkinson Ready program and identify areas for improvement.

**How You Can Help:**

We kindly request a few moments of your time to complete a brief survey. Your responses will be completely anonymous and will provide us with critical feedback that will shape future initiatives and improve the experience for all attendees.

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Deadline to complete survey: **22nd October**
Could Changes in Gut Bacteria Contribute to the Development of Parkinson’s Disease in Those with Genetic Risk?

by Christin Weissleder, PhD

Mutations in the GBA1 gene are one of the most common genetic risk factors associated with Parkinson's disease (PD). However, it's important to note that not all people with GBA1 mutations will necessarily develop PD. Furthermore, if they do, the onset may occur at different ages and with different clinical presentations. This variability highlights the critical need to identify additional factors, both environmental and genetic, that may influence the likelihood of developing PD in individuals with GBA1 mutations.

Read more

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