WPC eNews

The 4th World Parkinson Congress is just over one year away! As we approach the one year mark until the 4th World Parkinson Congress, there are many preparations taking place behind the scenes. The Portland Countdown podcast series continues to inform the community on the latest scientific advances and the WPC Scientific Update 2015 webcast program on October 6, 7, and 8, will offer another opportunity for the community to stay updated on the most recent scientific advances in Parkinson's research. Tuning into these programs gives you a glimpse of the kind of sessions, and the caliber of speakers, you can expect at the WPC 2016.

We want to take a minute here to say goodbye to Joyce Oberdorf, who recently stepped down as the President and CEO of the National Parkinson Foundation. Joyce was a supporter of the WPC and was co-chairing the WPC 2016 Organizations Committee with some very exciting ideas for the upcoming Congress when she stepped down. We are grateful for the time we had with Joyce who volunteered as a Committee member and wish her great success in her future endeavors.

There is so much going on with the WPC. Starting tomorrow, on September 3rd, we are launching a series of "Ask the Ambassador" conference calls where you can dial in to meet some of our WPC Ambassadors who live with Parkinson's to ask them questions about the
WPC including why it's worth your time to attend or what you can get out of it. See below for details.

We look forward to seeing you in Portland, Oregon next year.

**WPC welcomes new Organizations Committee Co-chair, Dr. Maria Barretto from Mumbai, India**

Please join us in welcoming our new Organizations Committee Co-Chair, Dr. Maria Barretto. Dr. Barretto, CEO of Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorder Society of India, has been a long time supporter of the WPC as a delegate, poster presenter and committee member. She is stepping into the role of co-chair of the Organizations Committee where she will team up with Steve Ford, Chief Executive of Parkinson's UK. Together they and their committee members will work to bring the leaders of the global Parkinson's community together just prior to the WPC 2016, to meet face to face before the WPC to learn about capacity building, sharing resources and coming together on a common message for all PD organizations. [Learn more about Dr. Maria Barretto.](#)

**Portland Countdown**

The next podcast in the Portland Countdown series is available NOW! Hosts Jon Palfreman and Dave Iverson interview Dr. Daniel Weintraub in this month's podcast [Losing our minds: Cognition and PD](#). Take 30 minutes to hear about the latest research on cognition and Parkinson's disease.

[Click here to listen to all of these FREE informational podcasts!](#)

**REGISTER NOW: WPC Scientific Update 2015**

Registration is open for the WPC Scientific Update 2015 webcast program. This FREE webcast program is an opportunity for the global Parkinson's community to learn about the latest scientific updates made over the last year. All six talks will be delivered online via live webcast from Tuesday, October 6 to Thursday, October 8, 2015 and will be archived for viewing at a later date if you are unable to join us for the live talks.

Continuing education credits will be offered to health professionals who watch the LIVE talks. CME is not offered for the archives, only the LIVE talks. [Click to view the full program and to register.](#)
The WPC remembers Dr. Oliver Sacks

The World Parkinson Coalition mourns the passing of world renowned neurologist and acclaimed author, Dr. Oliver Sacks, who passed away at the age of 82 on August 30th. Dr. Sacks was an early supporter of the Coalition and was the Keynote Speaker at the Opening Ceremony of the 1st World Parkinson Congress in 2006 (pictured).

He also served on the creativity committee for the first Creativity & Parkinson’s Exhibit at the WPC 2006. In his Opening Ceremony speech, Dr. Sacks explained "In ways that are very mysterious, I think art of all sorts, and this includes acting, can liberate one or bypass the Parkinsonism for a while...Parkinson's isn't a death sentence and it's not necessarily a sentence which will constrict life too much. Think of Hobbs writing erotic poetry 40 years after he was diagnosed."

Upcoming Events

2nd World Congress on NeuroTherapeutics (DDDN)
September 3-6, 2015
Prague, Czech Republic

2015 HOPE Conference
September 26, 2015
Bellevue, WA

Interested in supporting the Congress? Download the WPC 2016 Support & Exhibit Prospectus
Meet the WPC 2016 Ambassadors - Get your questions answered!

"Ask the Ambassadors" calls will be taking place this Thursday, September 3rd!

>CALL#1: will be hosted by Samuel Ng (Malaysia) & Dilys Parker (New Zealand) at 8:30 AM MYT/ 12:30 PM NZST. This time is friendly for our friends in the Asia-Pacific region of the world.

>CALL#2: will be hosted by Fulvio Capitanio & Ryan Tripp at 12 PM ET/ 6 PM CEST, which is a friendly time for our listeners in North and South America as well as Europe.

These information calls will be hosted by the WPC 2016 Ambassadors every month until the Congress in September 2016. These calls are for YOU and your questions. It is an opportunity for the public to ask any questions about the Congress and events surrounding the WPC 2016.

Join us tomorrow, Thursday, September 3 on the call that best first your time zone.

Click here for the full schedule and how to access the conference calls.