In only TWO weeks the international Parkinson community will gather together in Portland, Oregon for the WPC 2016! This month's Congress is set to be our biggest and best one yet and Portland is ready for our arrival.

**WPC 2016 Opening Ceremony Speaker May May Ali featured in People Magazine!**
We are so happy to have Maryum "May May" Ali as one of the WPC 2016 Opening Ceremony speakers. On August 25th, May May shared memories of her dad, Muhammad Ali, and her hopes for the Parkinson's community in a People magazine exclusive. Read the story here.

**Upcoming Webinar: Transportation and Travel with PD - September 13th**
As you prepare for your journey to Portland, you will not want to miss Parkinson's Foundation, PDF Division's upcoming free webinar on traveling with Parkinson's disease. WPC 2016 Ambassador Sara Riggare and Dr. Rebecca Gilbert will share travel tips in this one-hour seminar. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 13 at 1:00 PM ET/ 10 AM PT! Learn more and register here.

**Making the Most of Your WPC Experience Webinar**
WPC 2016 Advocates for Parkinson Committee co-chairs Jean Burns (USA) and Alice Templin (Canada) hosted an informational webinar on how best to prepare for WPC 2016. This webinar was graciously brought to the community by WPC Organizational Partners Parkinson's Resources of Oregon and the Northwest Parkinson's Foundation. **Watch the archived version here!**

**Signing Up for Roundtable Sessions**
Many of you have asked when and how to sign up for roundtable sessions? Finally we have an answer for you! Sign ups for roundtable sessions will be available each morning outside Exhibit Hall C starting at 7:45 AM. Each day you will be able to sign up for the day's two sessions of roundtables. If you don't get a guaranteed spot, you may wait at the Roundtable room before the sessions begin each afternoon. If there are any open seats five minutes before start time, we'll fill the seats with anyone waiting for that table.

**Portland is Parkinson's Ready!**
The city of Portland is working around the clock as it prepares for the WPC 2016. WPC 2016 local host organization Parkinson's Resources Oregon has been leading "Parkinson's Ready" training sessions for Legacy Health Systems, the Portland Police Department, the Portland International Airport and hotels in the WPC housing block. Portland Mayor Charlie Hales has proclaimed the week of September 19th Parkinson's Awareness Week! Mayor Hales will also provide remarks at the Opening Ceremony on September 20. [Read more about how Portland is ready to host to international Parkinson community.](#)

**WPC Founder Dr. Fahn to be honored at Grand Challenges in Parkinson's Disease**
At this year's Grand Challenges in Parkinson's Disease, Dr. Stanley Fahn will receive the Jay Van Andel Award for Outstanding Achievement in Parkinson's Disease Research. The award is given to scientists who have made outstanding contributions to Parkinson's disease research and who have positively impacted human health. Grand Challenges will take place at the Van Andel Institute in Grand Rapids, Michigan from September 26 - 27, 2016. [View the full program and register here.](#)

**WPC welcomes New Partners**
We are happy to welcome the Brain Support Network and San Antonio Area Movement Disorders Foundation (SA MOVES) as WPC Organizational Partners. [See all 195 Partners here.](#)
We are proud to announce the three recipients of the first ever World Parkinson Coalition Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Parkinson Community as David Leventhal (USA), Julie Carter (USA) and Tom Isaacs (UK). “They truly exemplify how to break down barriers, knock down the silo walls around research, and work collaboratively to reach the common goal of better care and treatment for people with Parkinson’s disease,” states Elizabeth "Eli" Pollard, WPC Executive Director. Awards will be given to David, Julie, and Tom, one a day, at 9 AM on September 21, 22, and 23 just before the Plenary begins.

Upcoming Events

Educational & social events taking place outside of the WPC 2016 schedule:
Click to learn more about each event.

**September 16, 2016**
LSVT Training and Certification Courses - *presented by LSVT Global, Inc.*
Oregon Convention Center
9 AM - 5 PM

**September 18, 2016**
Impact on Cognition on Rehab - *presented by OHSU Team PD*
OHSU campus
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

**Quantified Self for Parkinson's Disease**
Double Tree by Hilton Hotel
3 PM - 5 PM
Dance for PD® Advanced Training Workshop
Reedwood Friends Church
4 PM - 5 PM

Wine Tasting Event at Seven Bridges Winery
Seven Bridges Winery
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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12 Hot Topics in Research
Out of the 600 abstracts accepted for poster display at the WPC 2016, 12 cutting-edge abstracts were selected for Hot Topics presentations. These presentations will take place each morning just before the opening plenary to allow for the authors to share their research with the broader audience. You can view the full Hot Topics schedule by clicking below.