



Dear WPC friends,

The wait is finally over! Registration for the WPC 2019 is [now open](#), along with housing options and other details. Along with registration, our volunteer application is open. We have a limited number of volunteer spots and we are looking for 50% of our volunteers to be Japanese and 50% to be from outside Japan. If you are

interested in volunteering, which allows you to have your registration fee waived, be sure to [complete the application as soon](#) as possible.

This month is also the launch of our Soaring with Hope for Parkinson's travel grants raffle. We are teaming up with the Soaring with Hope project to bring this beautiful display to Kyoto. If you cannot join us in Japan, you can still be a part of this art project by submitting your message of hope to be included in the project. Learn more below in this eNews and take note that TWO lucky raffle winners will each receive \$2,500 in Travel Grant support thanks to US World Meds.

Abstract submission is in full swing. [Learn more about our abstract submission](#) process and be sure to get your submission in before the November 23rd deadline.

So many things happening and so little time! Our WPC Song Competition received over 40 submissions of amazing music from around the world. Our judges are listening and reviewing. Soon, we'll have a winner selected and our WPC Choir will be able to start learning the music and lyrics in order to prepare for the opening ceremony. If these things interest you, stay tuned for more details and watch our social media pages for updates!

Thank you to all of you out there who are doing your thing, whether it's running a support group, volunteering for clinical trials, running a clinical trial, treating people with Parkinson's, or raising money for better care - everything you do matters! Keep it up and know that you matter to the community, even if we don't always say thank you.

Thank you!



Elizabeth "Eli" Pollard  
Executive Director

## WPC Blog Highlight



### **Why I Am Excited and Optimistic About the Prospects of Finding Neuroprotective Therapies in Parkinson's Disease**

by Tanya Simuni, MD

Parkinson's disease (PD) is a chronic neurodegenerative disease that affects 7-10 million people worldwide. While the cause of the disease remains unknown, tremendous progress has been made in developing therapeutic options for management of PD motor disability. The major area of unmet need remains finding therapeutics to slow or halt disease progression and ultimately to

reverse its cause. Such therapies are called: “disease modifying” or “neuroprotective”.

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## Sponsor the 5th World Parkinson Congress!

### Music, Movement, and PD Lounge



The Music, Movement, and PD Lounge features live performances by members of the community and will showcase the power and joy of music in impacting those living with Parkinson's. Support some of the most uplifting and exciting performances of the week. More details on page 26 of the Prospectus.

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## Registration is open!

The first World Parkinson Congress was held in 2006 with the mission of bringing all of the stakeholders in the Parkinson's community together to discuss how to improve treatment and advance research. Over a decade later the World Parkinson Congress is still the place where professional, social, and geographic boundaries are crossed in the pursuit of a future without Parkinson's

We are pleased to announce that registration for the 5th World Parkinson Congress is now open. We hope that you will take the time to join us in Kyoto in June 2019 to add your knowledge and enthusiasm to the global Parkinson's dialogue.

### [Register for the 5th World Parkinson Congress](#)

Our program committee spent months debating, planning, and revising our provisional program which showcases the most relevant, up-to-date, and inspiring research and treatment options in the Parkinson's field today.

### [Download the WPC 2019 Provisional Program to see what is in store.](#)

#### Call for Abstracts

Through Friday, November 23, 2018, we will welcome the submission of

#### Video Competition

The WPC invites ALL members of the global Parkinson's community to make

abstracts for the 5th World Parkinson Congress in the categories of:

- Basic Sciences
- Clinical Sciences
- Complementary Care & Quality of Life
- Living with Parkinson's

[Read more about the WPC 2019 Call for Abstracts here.](#)

a video for the WPC 2019 Video Competition about their experiences living with, treating, researching, or caring for people with Parkinson's. Submission for the competition is NOW OPEN.

[View the videos already submitted on our YouTube Channel.](#)

[Read more about the WPC 2019 Video Competition here.](#)



### **The Raffle**

Two lucky participants will receive a travel grant of \$2,500 USD to attend the WPC 2019. This raffle is made possible by US WorldMeds. Each



### **The Project**

The WPC is proud to present Soaring with Hope for PD, an Art Exhibit that will be on display during the WPC 2019. This project was made possible with support from US WorldMeds and Britannia Pharmaceuticals. 10,000 hand folded paper cranes each inscribed with a message of hope will be displayed throughout the exhibit halls and will serve as a powerful reminder of

participant has two opportunities to win.

- For your first chance to win, submit at least ONE message of hope to be displayed on a paper crane at WPC 2019.
- For your second chance to win, submit a photo of yourself holding a paper crane OR your message of hope to be shared on the WPC social media accounts.

The competition will run through November 30, 2018. The winners will be announced in December 2018.

**[Enter the raffle.](#)**

the hope we all have for a future  
without Parkinson's disease.

Learn more about the project at:  
[soaringwithhope4pd.org](http://soaringwithhope4pd.org)

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