Message from the Leadership

September 2019

Dear MDS Partners,

Thank you for your support of the International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society (MDS) as an Industry Partner. Your support enables the Society to continue to meet its goals of disseminating knowledge, as well as promoting research into causes, preventions and treatments to favorably affect the care of patients with Movement Disorders.

This document is designed to help you navigate and more easily access useful information regarding MDS and its activities. In addition to this document, please visit the MDS website frequently to receive updates on specific Course and Congress information.

We appreciate your support and the important contributions you make to advance the field of Movement Disorders.

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MDS President, 2019-2021

Christopher Goetz, MD  
MDS President, 2017-2019

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MDS Purpose and Mission

Purpose
The objective and mission of the Society shall be to advance the neurological sciences pertaining to Movement Disorders; to improve the diagnosis and treatment of patients; to operate exclusively for scientific, scholarly and educational purposes; to encourage research; to provide forums, such as medical journals, scientific symposia and International Congresses, for sharing ideas and for advancing the related clinical and scientific disciplines; and to encourage interest and participation in the activities of the Society among healthcare and allied professionals and scientists; and to collaborate with other related professional and lay organizations.

Mission
The International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society is a professional society of clinicians, scientists, and other healthcare professionals who are interested in Parkinson’s disease, related neurodegenerative and neurodevelopmental disorders, hyperkinetic Movement Disorders and abnormalities in muscle tone and motor control.

Strategic Priorities (2019-2021)

1. Increase Engagement with Members, Non-members, Leadership Bodies and the General Public
   a. Provide an enriched membership experience
   b. Dialog with the broader Movement Disorder community to establish MDS as the expert in the field

2. Enhance MDS’ Scientific Profile
   a. Broaden the impact of MDS publications
   b. Establish MDS as the catalyst for scientific endeavors

3. Be the Premier Educational Source on Movement Disorders
   a. Engage a larger and more diverse audience at MDS Congresses
   b. Provide a personalized and wide-ranging educational experiences for our members

4. Professionalization of the Society
   a. Enhance the Society’s governance structure through leadership development
   b. Engage more members through providing volunteer opportunities within the Society
   c. Ensure the strong financial foundation of MDS
   d. Provide increased Section autonomy but recognizing the distinct advantages of cross fertilization as well as centralization

MDS Membership
(Numbers as of June 30, 2019)

8591 Members across 144 countries

Member Distribution
35.7% Pan-American Section (PAS)
29.9% Asian and Oceania Section (AOS)
26.3% European Section (ES)
8.1% Africa
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MDS Congresses

The International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society (MDS) gathers thousands of the field's clinicians, researchers, trainees and allied health professionals with an interest in the current research and approaches for the diagnosis and treatment of movement disorders on an annual basis at its International Congress of Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders®.

The purpose of the MDS International Congress is to share ideas, encourage interest among all those involved in the care and research of movement disorders, to participate in the activities of MDS, and to advance the related clinical and scientific discipline.

Scientific Program

The Scientific Program incorporates Teaching Courses, Therapeutic Plenary Sessions, Plenary and Parallel Sessions, Skills Workshops, Video Sessions, Poster Sessions, Blue Ribbon Highlights and Guided Poster Tours. Each International Congress has a theme which is showcased throughout the Scientific Program.

Sessions focus on the latest developments in:
- Movement Disorder topics, including, but not limited to, ataxia, chorea, dystonia, myoclonus, Parkinson's disease, restless legs syndrome, spasticity, stereotypies, tics and tremors
- Basic Science Issues, including, but not limited to, genetics, neuroimaging, neuropharmacology, surgical therapy and transplantation
- Other less common clinical conditions

Target Audience

The target audience includes clinicians, researchers, post-doctoral fellows, medical residents, medical students and other non-physician health professionals with an interest in the current research and approaches for the diagnosis and treatment of movement disorders.

Upcoming International Congresses

- September 13-17, 2020 – Philadelphia, PA, USA
- September 19-23, 2021 – Copenhagen, Denmark
- October 16-20, 2022 – Seoul, Korea

Past International Congress Attendance

- 2018 Hong Kong 3,900
- 2017 Vancouver, BC, Canada 4,300
- 2016 Berlin, Germany 5,500
- 2015 San Diego, CA, USA 3,700
- 2014 Stockholm, Sweden 4,500

Sponsorship Opportunities

The International Congress provides many opportunities to increase your global visibility and showcase your company’s important message while supporting Congress activities. Opportunities at the International Congress include:
- Advertisements
- Continuing Medical Education (CME) Support
- Corporate Therapeutic Sessions
- Exhibits
- Sponsorships

Visit www.mdscongress.org for additional Congress information and deadlines.
MDS Regional Congresses and Summits

The purpose of the MDS Regional Congresses and Summits is consistent with the objectives of MDS, which include:

- Facilitate communication between clinicians and researchers in the regions
- Disseminate update knowledge about movement disorders
- Improve quality of life and independence of movement disorders patients and careers
- Promote research and facilitate research collaborations in movement disorders
- Expose clinicians, researchers and healthcare professionals in the region to movement disorders initiatives and in so doing, encourage their membership in the regional sections

AOPMC

The Asian and Oceanian Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorders Congress (AOPMC) occurs every two odd-numbered years as a forum to further develop the field of Movement Disorders in the region.

Previous AOPMCs have been held in the following countries:

- 2007 Singapore
- 2009 India
- 2011 Taiwan
- 2014 Thailand
- 2016 Philippines
- 2019 China

The 7th Asian and Oceanian Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorders Congress will take place in Japan in Spring of 2021. More information regarding upcoming AOPMCs can be found at www.aopmc.org

MDS-ES Summit

The International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society’s European Section (MDS-ES) Summit will occur every two even-numbered years as a forum to further develop the field of Movement Disorders in the region. The first MDS-ES Summit: Therapeutic Milestones in Parkinson’s Disease will be held on March 18-20, 2020 in Venice, Italy. Information regarding the first MDS-ES Summit can be found at www.essummit.org

PAS Congress

The Pan American Parkinson and Movement Disorders Congress (PAS) occurs every two even-numbered years as a forum to further develop the field of Movement Disorders in the region. The 3rd MDS-PAS Congress will be held on February 14-16, 2020 in Miami, FL, USA. Information regarding the MDS-PAS Congress can be found at www.pascongress.org

Sponsorship Opportunities

The Regional Congresses and Summits provides opportunities to increase your visibility within a specific MDS Region. Opportunities at the Regional Congress and Summits include:

- Advertisements
- Continuing Medical Education (CME) Support
- Corporate Therapeutic Sessions
- Exhibits
- Sponsorships
**MDS Regional Education Courses**

The MDS Regional Education Courses provide an opportunity for MDS Members and non-Members to receive focused information on movement disorder topics. Courses are designed using several educational methods. Students attend large lectures and panel discussions with question and answer sessions, are involved in group presentations and case discussions, and typically have the opportunity to learn directly from movement disorders patients.

Course attendance ranges from 20 – 200 participants, providing a collegial setting for scientific exchange and dialogue. In 2019, MDS Courses will education more than 1,600 participants in 19 countries.

**2019 Courses included:**

- Schools for Young Neurologists
- School for Neurology Residents
- Overview of Movement Disorders for Physicians & the Healthcare Team
- School for Nurses
- Atypical Parkinsonian Syndromes
- Prodromal Parkinson’s Disease
- Evidence Based Medicine – Treatment of Parkinson’s Disease
- Speech and Swallowing in PD
- Basic and Clinical Science School
- Treatment for Advanced Parkinson’s Disease
- Rare Movement Disorders
- Neuromodulation in Movement Disorders
- Physiotherapy School
- Neuroscience of Movement Disorders
- Ataxia and Related Disorders
- Neuroimaging and Neurophysiology of Movement Disorders
- Advanced DBS
- Comprehensive Review of Movement Disorders

**Sponsorship Opportunities**

Regional Courses offer companies the opportunity to have visibility to small, focused groups of specialists in an intimate setting. Courses provide the opportunity for a company to attach their name to a specific diagnosis and to support the latest education on treatment and management options.

A significant percentage of MDS courses focus on educating the young neurologist and providing opportunities for those new to the field to receive a comprehensive overview of Movement Disorders. Supporting these specific Courses will illustrate your company’s commitment to the future of the field.

Opportunities at the Regional Courses may include:

- Advertisements
- Continuing Medical Education (CME) Support
- Exhibits
- Sponsorships
- Travel Grants

To view upcoming courses, visit [www.movementdisorders.org/MDS/Education/Upcoming-Courses.htm](http://www.movementdisorders.org/MDS/Education/Upcoming-Courses.htm)
Programs and Initiatives

MDS Rating Scales
The MDS Rating Scales Program was developed to support the Society’s efforts and management of MDS-owned rating scales. All rating scale activities are managed under the MDS Rating Scales Program including scale licensing, translation, marketing, education and training, and new scale development.

Additionally, the program serves to oversee the development and standardization of scales in the field of Movement Disorders, conduct reviews of clinical rating scales through a scientific approach, and provide guidance on electronic assessment tools and electronic implementation of rating scales.

- **The International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society – Non-Motor Rating Scale (MDS-NMS)**
  The MDS-NMS is a revision of the Non-Motor Symptoms Scale (NMSS) and was developed to improve and refine assessment of the burden of non-motor symptoms in Parkinson’s disease in addition to inclusion of an expanded set of neuropsychiatric items. This rater-completed assessment measures frequency and severity over 12 non-motor domains and 52 items. It also includes a new MDS-NMS Non-Motor Fluctuations (NMF) Subscale to assess changes in non-motor symptoms in relation to the timing of anti-parkinsonian medications across 8 domains. The scale can be used for patients at all stages of PD and is expected to be useful in clinical trials as shown previously by the global use of NMSS in trials of investigational medicinal products related to PD.

LEAP Program: International Leaders Program for Young Neurologists
The LEAP Program supports the growth, development and success of young movement disorder specialists while preparing them to contribute to the goals and objectives of MDS. The Program accomplishes this by teaching the principles of leadership to twelve young movement disorder specialists across the globe and pairing them with a mentor.

New in 2020, Regional LEAP Programs will be offered to provide the opportunity for additional members to learn leadership principles through a single day program in conjunction with other MDS meetings and events.

Web-based Education
Web-based education programs enable participants to learn from leading clinicians without leaving their home or office. MDS members may take web-based modules on a variety of topics through MDS’ learning management system.

Industry Information on the MDS Website
MDS offers industry the opportunity to reach physicians, researchers or patients by placing an educational resource on the Industry Resources page of the MDS website. Examples include referral criteria and tools or clinical trial results.

Sponsorship Opportunities
MDS welcomes collaboration and support in a variety of ways for these programs and initiatives; including, but not limited to:
- Grants and Donations
- Sponsorships and Advertisements
- Support for dissemination and distribution
Industry Education Courses

MDS Industry Education Courses utilize the extensive scientific knowledge of MDS experts to provide tailored instruction, education and insight regarding topics of significance in the field of movement disorders. These courses support improved patient care and advance the neurological sciences pertaining to movement disorders.

MDS offers two types of Industry Education Courses:

**Congress Industry Course** *(The Parkinson's Disease Educational Course for Industry Professionals)*
This course is designed to familiarize pharmaceutical and medical device professionals with the diagnosis, treatment, and unmet needs of patients with Parkinson's disease. Attendees from multiple companies and organizations receive basic knowledge from a diagnostic and therapeutic perspective, empowering them to better understand the challenges of this disorder and its treatment. Courses are instructed by MDS leaders and experts in the field selected for their experience with and expertise on particular topics.

- **Availability:** This course is offered at International or Regional Congresses, or other MDS meetings where industry professionals are already gathered.
- **Advantages:**
  - Access the latest scientific information and scholarly research regarding the diagnostic and therapeutic issues facing patients and physicians
  - Learn from and engage with experienced MDS faculty with expertise in clinical and research aspects of Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorders

**Tailored Industry Courses**
In these courses, MDS works with an industry partner to develop and deliver an immersive educational program designed to educate the partner’s employees in subject areas defined by and relevant to their specific needs or interests. Requesting parties provide MDS with goals and objectives for an educational session, typically not exceeding one full day in length. Based on these identified goals and objectives, MDS develops a curriculum, selects faculty, and facilitates the program.

- **Availability:** Tailored Industry Courses take place at a venue selected by the requesting industry partner, who is responsible for all costs including venue, audio-visual, and food & beverage. MDS covers costs for its staff and course faculty.
- **Advantages:**
  - Experience education relevant to the disease(s) of interest including differential diagnosis, pathophysiology, and treatment as well as discussion related to your drug, product, device, clinical trial or other priority as agreed upon.
  - Hear patient and caregiver perspectives (where available)
  - Learn from and engage with experienced MDS faculty with expertise in clinical and research settings

Partners engaging MDS to implement an Industry Education Course will execute an agreement with the Society stipulating the roles and responsibilities of each party, including fees to be paid for services.

For more information, contact the MDS International Secretariat:
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**Expert Panels**

The MDS Expert Panels leverage the knowledge and stature of MDS leaders to provide expert review, critical insight and brainstorming regarding topics of significance in the field of movement disorders. The Panels aim to support improved patient care and advance the neurological sciences pertaining to movement disorders.

**Overview**

In the MDS Expert Panels, the Society convenes panels of subject matter experts to discuss and generate ideas about topics chosen by industry, foundation or government partners. Requesting parties provide MDS with goals and objectives for a 90-minute panel session. Based on these identified goals and objectives, MDS generates a list of recommended experts from which the requesting party may select the panel participants.

Expert Panels may be offered at International or Regional Congresses, or other MDS meetings where panel members are already gathered. Other venues may be considered, but additional fees for expert travel and lodging would apply. Partners engaging MDS to plan and implement an Expert Panel will execute an agreement with the Society stipulating the roles and responsibilities of each party, including fees to be paid for expert panel services.

**Advantages**

Several factors set MDS Expert Panels apart:

- Panelists removed from your company or organization provide straightforward, impartial insights
- Expert Panels are a useful secondary sounding board, complementing advisory board efforts
- MDS has access to the most highly respected and sought-after experts on a host of topics related to Parkinson’s and movement disorders
- The MDS Secretariat plans and facilitates Panels where experts are already convened

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Save the Date

**3rd Pan American Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorders Congress**

**FEBRUARY 14-16, 2020**

**MIAMI, FLORIDA, USA**

Learn more at [www.pascongress.org](http://www.pascongress.org)

**Congress Industry Course:** February 13, 2020

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**ES Summit: Therapeutic Milestones in Parkinson’s Disease**

**MARCH 18-20, 2020**

**VENICE, ITALY**

Learn more at [www.essummit.org](http://www.essummit.org)

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