

World Parkinson's Day 12th April 2019
King's College London Parkinson Centre of Excellence

On 12th of April a celebration for World Parkinson's Day was hosted by the Parkinson Foundation Centre of Excellence at King's and Professor K Ray Chaudhuri (TOBeATPAIN Horizon2020). The event showcased the width of translational and people-based Parkinson's research that is being carried out in the campus within King's Health Partners.

Internationally recognised scientists were invited to give inspiring talks about the non-motor symptoms of Parkinson's disease. Among those distinguished speakers were Prof. Peter Jenner, Prof. Dag Aarsland, Dr Sarah Salvage and the organizer Prof. K Ray Chaudhuri. All of them are known worldwide for their expertise in translating basic and pre-clinical biomedical research into clinical findings that benefit patients. They showed us different ways of approaching important aspects of non-motor symptoms of Parkinson's disease, including pain. It was very exciting to meet all of them and be aware of their important findings and research.

Furthermore, it is worthy of note that the event included patients with Parkinson Disease. They gave talks and described the experience of living with the disease. It was very touching to listen their stories. They motivated us to continue our research and try to understand the mechanisms underlying the non-motor symptoms of the disease and to investigate novel treatments.

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