Greetings colleagues!

It has certainly been a busy year for PSG, thanks to you all. We would like to share some updates and our best wishes for the New Year. We hope you and your colleagues will join us in May for our rescheduled PSG Annual Meeting and Symposium (“Immunotherapy for Disease Modification in Parkinson Disease”) and our PSG-Cleveland Clinic CME symposium on PD Controversies in September.

News for the New Year!

- New trials: **NILO-PD** and **SPARK**
- New study: **RAD-PD, DBS Registry initiated by the PSG Functional Neurosurg Working Group.**
- New collaboration: Telemedicine study on Prevention of Hip Fracture in Patients with PD
- New Mentorship Visiting Program funded by Sunovion. Details out soon!
- New PSG tax exempt status achieved, please see website to donate!

PSG Trials update:

**SYNAPSE**: “SYN120 a Dual 5-HT6/5-HT2A Antagonist Proof of Concept Study to Evaluate Its Safety, Tolerability and Efficacy in Parkinson's Disease Dementia”— currently in close out.

**STEADY-PD III**: “Phase 3 Double-blind Placebo-controlled Parallel Group Study of Isradipine as a Disease Modifying Agent in Subjects with Early Parkinson Disease” — Enrollment is complete.

**NIC-PD**: “A Randomized, Placebo-controlled, Double-blind, Multi-centre Trial to Assess the Disease-modifying Potential of Transdermal NICotine in Early Parkinson’s Disease in Germany and the USA” – manuscript being prepared.

**SURE-PD3**: “A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Trial of Urate-elevating Inosine Treatment to Slow Clinical Decline in Early PD” has completed enrollment! Two sub-studies have started: Smart4SURE to explore how smartphone measurements compare to standard clinical outcomes in a de novo PD trial cohort, and a serial DAT scan study.

Early investigator training/funding opportunities:
PSG has received 7 excellent applications for the **Mentored Clinical Research Award** supported by the Parkinson’s Foundation (PF). Reviews are under way and applicants to be notified in March.

PSG AAN Mentoring Session hosted by the PSG Mentoring Committee, April. Date and time to be determined.

PSG NIH U13 training at PSG annual meeting and symposium. Junior investigators selected last year will return in May to participate in 3 main activities: 1) Junior Investigators Workshop on new tools and approaches in clinical research; 2) Research Advocacy Workshop with PF PAIR advocates; and 3) the Symposium.

**Request for Proposals:**

- PSG SRC next review cycle – deadline to submit proposals is 4/2/18.
- PSG DATATOP biospecimens research: For projects requiring access to the DATATOP biospecimen repository a separate proposal review and funding mechanism is available in collaboration with MJFF and the NINDS PD Biomarkers Program (PDBP). SURE-PD and other PSG study biospecimens and databases are also expected to be available soon through these mechanisms.

To you and yours best wishes for a wonderful new year!

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