



## Monthly Newsletter From the International Clearinghouse

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### We had a GREAT World Birth Defects Day Thanks to the 12 promoting organizations and to all the supporters

The total number of unique **Twitter** users that received Tweets with the **#worldbdday** hashtag is 6,165,146, and 544 Accounts (organizations and individuals) joined the **Thunderclap** Campaign via Twitter, Facebook or Tumblr. Together these accounts had a social media reach of over 1.1 Million. At least 34 countries were represented.

Several **ICBDSR members** supported the “Day” through website posts, symposia and meetings, contacts with media, distribution of materials and in many other ways. A full report of the activities is under construction and will be posted on the ICBDSR website. We encourage you to inform us ([centre@icbdsr.org](mailto:centre@icbdsr.org)) about the activities in your country, if not yet done.



### What's Going on Regarding Birth Defects

The CDC Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Team at National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities shared two new resources on alcohol use during pregnancy from the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM):

- A web page as part of ACNM's "Our Moment of Truth" pages – this resource has information that can be shared with patients, including risks of drinking alcohol during pregnancy, a chart showing when birth defects are most likely to occur during pregnancy, and tips on how to avoid alcohol use. <http://www.midwife.org/Alcohol-and-Pregnancy>
- A "Share With Women" fact sheet published in ACNM's Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health: Fact sheet available in English: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/enhanced/doi/10.1111/jmwh.12286/> and Spanish: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/enhanced/doi/10.1111/jmwh.12284/>.

Full reference: Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health, Jan/Feb 2015, Volume 60, Issue 1.

In addition, ACNM would like to share a new video they have created to educate the public about midwives and the care they provide: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLVwdmIZU\\_8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLVwdmIZU_8)

### News from the Headquarters and Executive Committee

- The Clearinghouse **Executive Committee** had its meeting in Rome on March 16-18. The meeting agenda included both past issues and new prospects.
- The Clearinghouse is on **Twitter**! We recommend to create a Twitter account (personal or institutional) and to follow the account **@ICBDSR**. It has proven to be an effective way of dissemination of key info.
- The "**Call for Abstracts**" for the **2015 Annual Meeting (Spoleto, Italy, Sep 10-13)** has been distributed among members and interested partners. It is available on the ICBDSR website [www.icbdsr.org](http://www.icbdsr.org) (42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting section). A limited number of non-members can also register for the meeting.

### Upcoming Deadlines

- **April 30:** nominations for the "Alessandra Lisi Award". See instructions at [www.icbdsr.org](http://www.icbdsr.org)
- **May 15:** submission of abstracts for the ICBDSR Annual Meeting.
- **May 31:** nominations for the "ICBDSR Distinguished Service Award". Nomination procedures at [www.icbdsr.org](http://www.icbdsr.org)