



Monthly Newsletter From the International Clearinghouse

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What's Going on Regarding Birth Defects

July 30th is International **Gastroschisis Awareness Day**, promoted by Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation. Details on Awareness Day's events at <http://averysangels.org/event/gastroschisis-awareness-day-2015/>

The **7th International Conference on the Prevention of Birth Defects and Disabilities in the Developing World (ICBD7: Birth Defects in the Post-MDG Era: Joining Hands for Prevention and Care)** will take place in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, September 21-24, 2015. Registration at <http://www.icbd2015.com/>

News from Members

A new web-based query system for birth defects in Texas is now in operation. This interactive site allows users to query the data from the Texas Birth Defects Registry and obtain statistical reports and summaries, for the years 1999-2011. The direct link to the new Texas Health Data is <http://healthdata.dshs.texas.gov/Home>, and birth defects data are under 'Birth Outcomes'.

Please send progresses or news in your program for next Newsletter to centre@icbdsr.org.

News from the Headquarters and Executive Committee

- **ICBDSR's Distinguished Service Award 2015:** Professor Carol Bower, from WARDA (Western Australian Register of Developmental Anomalies).
- **Alessandra Lisi Award 2015:** Dr. A.J. Agopian, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, USA
- The **2015 Annual Meeting (Spoleto, Italy, Sep 10-13)** is quickly approaching. The program of the meeting has been finalized, and the Annual Meeting planning committee is working on the final sessions' schedule. Authors of presentations will be notified on their presentation schedule in the near future.
- **Meeting (upon invitation) of the promoting organizations of the World Birth Defects Day (WBDD) (Spoleto, Italy, September 10):** the evaluation of the activities in WBDD 2015, and the preparation of the WBDD 2016 will be discussed.

Upcoming Deadlines

- **Late registration for the Annual Meeting:** please make your hotel reservation at info@albornozpalace.com, mentioning "ICBDSR Annual Meeting" (a block of room at preferential rate was available up to June 15, but there are still some available rooms). Please send the registration form previously distributed to centre@icbdsr.org as soon as possible (if not already done). We need the forms for organizing at the best logistics and social events. Thank you.
- **July 31:** payment of annual dues 2015
- **August 31:** Send a short **report** of half a page **on the activities of your Surveillance System during the last year**, in order to publish it on the restricted area of the website, to make it available for all ICBDSR members, for the Annual Business Meeting.
- **August 31:** data for the 3rd Quarter 2014