



## International Clearinghouse for Birth Defects Surveillance and Research Monthly Newsletter

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### What's Going on Regarding Birth Defects



#### March 3<sup>rd</sup>, World Birth Defects Day 2017

A full report of the activities of the WBDD is in preparation. The 2017 WBDD Participating Organizations are kindly requested to send at [centre@icbdsr.org](mailto:centre@icbdsr.org) information and documents about the events organized to celebrate the WBDD: announcements, press releases, posters, leaflets, photos, web links or other. You are still in time.

#### Digital Press Kit from CDC - Zika Virus: Protecting Pregnant Women and Babies

About 1 in 10 U.S. pregnant women with confirmed Zika had a fetus or baby with birth defects in 2016. Nearly 1,300 pregnant women with evidence of possible Zika infection were reported in 44 US states in 2016. Of these, almost 1,000 pregnancies were completed by the end of the year and more than 50 of those babies had Zika-related birth defects, according to a new **Vital Signs report** from the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**. Full information available at <https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/>

A recent paper published on **JAMA Pediatrics** by the **Global Burden of Disease Child and Adolescent Health Collaboration**, quantifies and describes levels and trends of mortality and nonfatal health outcomes among children and adolescents from 1990 to 2015 to provide a framework for policy discussion. Comprehensive and timely monitoring of disease burden in all age groups, including children and adolescents, is essential for improving population health.

Reference: Child and Adolescent Health From 1990 to 2015: Findings From the Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries, and Risk Factors 2015 Study. *JAMA Pediatr.* 2017 Apr 3. [Epub ahead of print]. Full text available at <http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/fullarticle/2613463>

### Meetings and Conferences - New Announcements



CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) will host the **66<sup>th</sup> Annual EIS Conference** from April 24-27 in **Atlanta**, GA (US). During the event, EIS officers—also known as CDC disease detectives—describe the investigations they conducted over the past year. EIS is the world's premier public health fellowship in applied epidemiology. Each year, 70-80 new EIS officers are selected from among hundreds of physicians, doctoral-level scientists, veterinarians, and other health professionals who apply to this competitive fellowship program. During their two-year fellowship, EIS officers are on the front lines of public health. For more information about the conference: <https://www.cdc.gov/EIS/Conference.html>. For more information about the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service: <https://www.cdc.gov/eis>

## Meetings and Conferences - Previous Announcements



**1<sup>st</sup> World Congress on Maternal Fetal and Neonatal Medicine – From periconception to early infancy.** London, 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Visit <http://www.mcascientificevents.eu/worldmfnm2017/> for the Scientific Program and Abstract submission



The Teratology Society's **57th Annual Meeting** is held June 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Denver, Colorado. The theme for this year's meeting is "**World Spotlight: Elevating Birth Defects Research.**" The program offers an [exciting variety of scientific and professional development sessions](#)



The **45<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the European Teratology Society** will be held in **Budapest** on **4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September 2017**. The Key sessions for ETS 2017 will include:

Education Course: *Hormones and Brain Development, Pre-term births, Safety Assessment of Herbal Drugs in Pregnancy, Transplacental Exposure to Tumorigenic Agents, IATA - Integrated Approaches to Testing and Assessment.* Satellite Workshop: *Best Practices in interpreting developmental toxicity data*

Full information at <https://www.etsoc.com/annual-meeting>



**8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Birth Defects and Disabilities in the Developing World (ICBD)**, Colombia, 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> November 2017. For general information about the conference, please contact [icbd2017@javeriana.edu](mailto:icbd2017@javeriana.edu). Check <http://icbd.marchofdimes.org/> for information on sponsorship, program, abstract submission and registration



**44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Clearinghouse for Birth Defects Surveillance and Research**, Austin, Texas, November 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (venue: Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol). Please, **[SAVE THE DATE](#)**. Information on program, abstract submission, registration, and logistics will be disseminated at a later time at [www.icbdsr.org](http://www.icbdsr.org).

## News from the ICBDSR Centre and Executive Committee



The new **ICBDSR's website** is online! Look at [www.icbdsr.org](http://www.icbdsr.org) for new design and updated contents. Additional renewal of contents will follow. Please, send your comments or suggestions to [centre@icbdsr.org](mailto:centre@icbdsr.org)

**Alessandra Lisi Award:** ICBDSR's Executive Committee and Centre Staff already announced the Award some days ago. The eligibility requirements include an active contribution to the epidemiology or surveillance of birth defects, preferably with an ICBDSR program, and evidence of a promising research career and ongoing commitment to the field, among others. The deadline for submitting the applications is June 30, 2017. Visit ICBDSR website for more information.



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