



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

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### What's Going on Regarding Birth Defects



#### March 3, World Birth Defects Day

Many thanks to the Participating Organizations (a total of 77) in the 2017 Edition of the WBDD and to all those who joined us in celebrating the Day.

The goal of the 2017 Campaign on Thunderclap was met and we exceeded our expectations:

### World Birth Defects Day 2017

by March of Dimes category: Health

"Birth defects affect 3-6% of infants worldwide. It's a major cause of death/disability. Lend your voice!  
#WorldBDDay <http://thndr.me/yc3yL0>"

**SUPPORTERS**  
**861** of **500**  
172% of goal supported

**SOCIAL REACH**  
**2,814,538**  
People

**TIME LEFT**  
**Complete**  
Ends Mar 03, 10:00 AM EST

March of Dimes EMBED

The graphic is a blue rectangular banner with white text. It includes a quote about birth defects, a hashtag, and a URL. To the right of the banner, there are statistics for supporters and social reach. At the bottom left of the banner is the March of Dimes logo and the text "March of Dimes EMBED".

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. Thank you.



**Down Syndrome Surveillance in Canada 2005-2013:** fact sheet was released on March 3. Full text available at <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/healthy-living/down-syndrome-surveillance-2005-2013.html>

## Meetings and Conferences - New Announcements



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** (venue: Courtyard by Marriott Hotel).

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>

## 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](#)



**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/> in March 2017 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 other practical arrangements will be disseminated at a later time at [www.icbdsr.org](http://www.icbdsr.org).

## News from the ICBDSDR Centre and Executive Committee



**ICBDSR is on Facebook!** Follow the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ICBDSR>. We have included news about ICBDSDR and the World Birth Defects Day, and photos from previous Annual Meetings.



The new **ICBDSR's website** is under construction, after moving to a new provider. Only a limited amount of information is actually available at [www.icbdsr.org](http://www.icbdsr.org). We apologize for the inconvenience.

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