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44th Annual Meeting of the International Clearinghouse for Birth Defects Surveillance and Research, Austin, Texas, November 13th to 15th, 2017 (venue: Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol). Information on meeting's program, registration, and logistics at www.icbdsr.org. The Annual Meeting Planning Committee reviewed the submitted abstracts, and authors have been notified about acceptance and presentation format (25 oral presentations and 25 posters). Annual Meeting attendees are kindly requested to complete the registration form available at <http://www.icbdsr.org/44th-annual-meeting-of-the-clearinghouse/>. This will help us to organize logistics and social events. Thank you.

Hotel reservations by a customized website: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/ICBDSRAnnualMeeting> or by the Group Reservation Center at +1-888-627-8349. The "cut-off date" for reserving rooms in the room block is **October 13, 2017 (5 pm local time)**. Please note that the room block is from 12th to 15th November. Additional nights can be booked by emailing Anthony Gemenes agemenes@sheratonaustinhotel.com. Please use the subject line "Additional night request during ICBDSR"

What's Going on Regarding Birth Defects

Authors of a paper recently published in Birth Defects Research evaluated selected birth defects over a 9-year period to assess prevalence trends by selected maternal and infant factors. Data were pooled from 11 population-based birth defects surveillance programs in the United States for children born between 1999 and 2007.

Prevalence trends of selected major birth defects: A multi-state population-based retrospective study, United States, 1999 to 2007. Birth Defects Res. 2017 Sep 14. doi: 10.1002/bdr2.1113. [Epub ahead of print]. Abstract available at <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28905502>

Meetings and Conferences



2nd Congress of joint European Neonatal Societies (jENS), Venice, Italy, October 31st – November 4th, 2017. Full information at <http://www.mcascientificevents.eu/jens-2017/>



8th International Conference on Birth Defects and Disabilities in the Developing World (ICBD), Bogotá, Colombia, 8th-11th November 2017. Visit <http://icbd.marchofdimes.org/> for information on the Conference.



ICBDSR and CDC-National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities are organizing a **Workshop on Birth Defects and Zika-related malformations Surveillance**, on November 7th, 2017, in Bogotá, Colombia (the day prior to the 8th International Conference on Birth Defects and Disabilities in the Developing World).

The primary aim of the workshop is to inform participants about the importance of birth defects surveillance and how selected birth defects are captured by surveillance systems. Participants will also have the opportunity to learn more about

congenital Zika syndrome and how surveillance systems in Central and South America have been capturing Zika-related malformations. Online pre-workshop session will start four weeks before the Workshop.



III International Congress of Community Genetics, organized by the Cuban Society of Human Genetics, held in Havana, Cuba, November 14th-17th, 2017. Under the slogan "Community Genetics in the Age of Genomics Medicine: Prevention is the Challenge", the scientific meeting plans to share experiences, show the progress of human and medical genetics in Cuba and other countries, and reflect on the application of results from the revolution of genomics new technologies in primary health care, for prevention. Registration are open at <http://geneticacomunitaria2017.sld.cu>

News from the ICBDSR Centre, Executive Committee, and ICBDSR Members

A new **Web Platform** for the management of data from Surveillance Systems members of the ICBDSR is being set up and will be made available for members shortly.



Becoming a member of ICBDSR: Organizations can become an ICBDSR member if they systematically collect and analyze data from a birth defect surveillance system and are interested in undertaking collaborative research studies. More info: <http://www.icbdsr.org/become-a-member/>

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