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What's Going on Regarding Birth Defects

It is our pleasure to announce the 2nd Latin American Course on Surveillance of Birth Defects and Prematurity - Taller sobre Vigilancia de Anomalías Congénitas y Partos Prematuros, that will take place in Colombia from November 28 to December 2, 2016. The on-line pre-course will start on September 19. Further information at

http://www.paho.org/clap/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=404:nuevo-pre-curso-on-line-y-taller-sobre-vigilancia-de-anomalias-congenitas-y-partos-prematuros&catid=387&Itemid=354&lang=en

The CDC Foundation and partners launch the Zika Contraception Action Network (Z-CAN) for women in Puerto Rico. As Zika virus continues its rapid spread throughout Puerto Rico and with mosquito season underway, the CDC Foundation just announced that the Zika Contraception Access Network (Z-CAN) (www.ZCANpr.org) is now operational. The Network is providing women in Puerto Rico with a full range of contraceptive options free of charge, on the same day of their healthcare service. Z-CAN was established by the CDC Foundation to address an urgent need to improve contraception access in Puerto Rico during the Zika outbreak. The program gives women who want to delay or avoid pregnancy several effective means to do so, and the option to prevent the devastating, life-long consequences of severe birth defects Zika virus can cause.



Registrations are open for the 27th International Conference on Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus – Turning Points 2016, to be held in Ghent (Belgium) on October 28-30, 2016. The Turning Points conference is organized by the International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (IF), in close cooperation with the Flemish Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (VSH), Ghent University, and the Spina Bifida team of Ghent University Hospital. Full information at <http://www.ifglobal.org/en/37-temp-news/4797-registrations-are-open-for-the-27th-international-conference-on-spina-bifida-and-hydrocephalus>



The 10th World Cleft lip & Palate Congress of the International Cleft Lip and Palate Foundation, will be held at Chennai, India, from October 24th to 28th, 2016. This global event serves to be a confluence of expertise in cleft care imbibing the latest technologies and showcasing break through researches in the management of cleft lip & palate and craniofacial deformities. Veteran surgeons, researchers, academicians, care providers, charitable institutes, parent groups and experts from world over will collaborate to advance cleft care. Full information at <http://www.cleft2016icpf.com/>

News from the ICBDSR Centre and Executive Committee

43rd ICBDSR Annual Meeting and Gastroschisis Workshop: to be held in Magdeburg, Germany, from 18 to 21 September 2016. Final program available in the Annual Meeting section of the ICBDSR website www.icbdsr.org.

World Birth Defects Day-Meeting of Charter Organizations: Before the ICBDSR Annual Meeting, on September 18, there will be also a meeting of the Charter organizations of the World Birth Defects Day (WBDD). The group will strategically plan the WBDD 2017, based on 2016's results.