



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

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### What's Going on Regarding Birth Defects

A recent paper published on JAMA, titled "Birth Defects Among Fetuses and Infants of US Women With Evidence of Possible Zika Virus Infection During Pregnancy" estimates the preliminary proportion of fetuses or infants with birth defects after maternal Zika virus infection by trimester of infection and maternal symptoms. Full text at <http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2593702>



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. Scientific Program and Abstract submission at <http://www.mcascientificevents.eu/worldmfnm2017/>

### News from the ICBDSR Centre and Executive Committee

- ✓ **World Birth Defects Day – 2017 Edition:** Most of the participant Organizations in the last year's Edition have confirmed their willingness to be one of the WBDD Participating Organizations for the 2017 Edition of the WBDD. The application form for new interested participating organization has been disseminated. Please, contact [centre@icbdsr.org](mailto:centre@icbdsr.org) for further information on how to become a Participating Organization.
- ✓ The in person part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Latin American Course on Surveillance of Birth Defects and Prematurity - Taller sobre Vigilancia de Anomalías Congénitas y Partos Prematuros** was held from November 28<sup>th</sup> until December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 in Bogotá (Colombia). It was focused on small groups work with a case study. There were lectures on the ICBDSR activities, quality of data, data analysis, exercise on codification and classification, dissemination of information and congenital Zika syndrome. The faculty members of the in person course were from Argentina, Colombia, and Costa Rica. The organizers were RENAC (Red Nacional de Anomalías Congénitas de Argentina), CREC (Centro de Registro de Malformaciones Congénitas, Costa Rica), BCMSP (Bogota Congenital Malformations Surveillance Programme, Colombia), CBDSP (Cali Birth Defects Surveillance Program, Colombia), CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, US), PAHO (Pan American Health Organization), CLAP (Centro Latinoamericano de Perinatología), and ICBDSR (International Clearinghouse for Birth Defects Surveillance and Research). Here you can find some selected photos of the course: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1hfdj9bcfr0p659/AADM-xYDC-7EK5O-ZWDbCkZCa?dl=0> The online pre-course in Spanish, hosted in the ICBDSR training platform, took place in the previous 2 months.
- ✓ The new **ICBDSR's website** is under construction, after moving to a new provider. It will not be accessible for a short time (only a limited amount of information will be available).



*from the Executive Committee of the Clearinghouse  
and ICBDSR Centre Staff*