What’s Going on Regarding Birth Defects

March 3, World Birth Defects Day – 2017 Edition: Everyone can join the initiative supporting the WBBD on Thunderclap at http://po.st/WBDD17. The goal of the 2017 Campaign is to reach 500 supporters, otherwise no message will be launched on March 3. Please, disseminate the link to Thunderclap as much as possible. Further information on the WBDD 2017 activities and events can be found in the WBDD section at www.icbdsr.org.

Another kind of Zika public health emergency
A recent article on The Lancet redirects attention to other emergent issues: health agencies, public health researchers, and policy makers must not forget the individuals affected. Full text available at http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(17)30325-2/fulltext

Meetings and Conferences


The Teratology Society’s 57th Annual Meeting is held June 24-28, 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.

8th International Conference on Birth Defects and Disabilities in the Developing World (ICBD), Colombia, 8th-11th November 2017. For general information about the conference, please contact icbd2017@javeriana.edu. Check http://icbd.marchofdimes.org/ in March 2017 for information on sponsorship, program, abstract submission and registration.
**44th Annual Meeting of the International Clearinghouse for Birth Defects Surveillance and Research**, Austin, Texas, November 13th to 15th, 2017 – 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 ICBDSR Centre and Executive Committee**

ICBDSR is on Facebook! Follow the ICBDSR Facebook page at [https://www.facebook.com/ICBDSR](https://www.facebook.com/ICBDSR). You will find there: news about ICBDSR and the World Birth Defects Day, and photos from previous Annual Meetings.

The new ICBDSR's website in 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). Sorry for the inconvenience.

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