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World Birth Defects Day, 2018 – March 3

We are receiving several applications from organizations interested in becoming “2018 WBDD Participating Organizations”. We would like to increase the number of participating organizations, so please disseminate the link to the application form: <http://www.worldbirthdefectsday.org/application-form/>. Please reach out to organizations and institutions that may be interested in becoming a “WBDD Participating Organization” - e.g. Birth Defects Professional Organization (including Birth Defects Surveillance Program), Birth Defects Parents/Supporters Organization, Governmental Institution, City Council, Healthcare Professional, Hospital, School / University, For-profit Organization. Information on the Thunderclap campaign will be sent in the coming weeks.

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What’s Going on Regarding Birth Defects

A cohort study described the prevalence, time of diagnosis, and type of delivery in children and fetuses with urinary tract (UT) anomalies after the introduction of the anomaly scan in the Netherlands in 2007. In the period after the introduction of the anomaly scan, the Authors observed an increasing prevalence of anomalies of the collecting system, but no increase in termination of pregnancies. Abstract available at <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29240244>

Bakker MK, Bergman JEH, Fleurke-Rozema H, Streefland E, Gracchi V, Bilardo CM, De Walle HEK. Prenatal diagnosis of urinary tract anomalies, a cohort study in the Northern Netherlands. PrenatDiagn. 2017 Dec 14. doi: 10.1002/pd.5200. [Epub ahead of print].

ESHRE-European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology will award 2 Research Grants in 2018. Research Grants are designed to support scientists and clinicians (investigators) by funding proposals in basic and clinical research in the field of reproductive medicine. Funding can be used for up to 3 years. Applications for the 50,000 euro Research Grant should focus on the theme “Chromosome and DNA integrity of oocytes and embryos”, applications for the 150,000 euro Research Grant on the theme “Maternal determinants of embryo developmental ability”. The call for applications is available at <https://www.eshre.eu/Data-collection-and-research/Research-grant.aspx>. Projects will be selected for funding based on scientific excellence, originality, and feasibility.

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

Online Self-paced Course on Birth Defect Surveillance and Prevention

A new online course has been developed by the International Centre on Birth Defects (ICBD – ICBDSR Centre), and supported in part by funding from the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through Agreement 2016-2017 with the Task Force for Global Health. The course is designed for clinicians, epidemiologists, public health professionals, and anyone interested in

understanding birth defects and improving their prevention and care. The course includes videos, quizzes, a discussion forum, and publications/resources. It is “self-paced”. The course is available in English and Spanish. Further information at <http://www.icbdsr.org/online-self-paced-course-on-birth-defect-surveillance-and-prevention/>, and the registration form is available at www.icbdsr.org/course-registration. You will receive your access credentials and the course will begin February 1, 2018

Meetings and Conferences

2018 National Birth Defects Prevention Network (NBDPN) Annual Meeting, March 11-14, 2018, Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel & Conference Center, Atlanta, GA, USA. Info at <https://www.nbdpn.org/2018am.php>.

2018 67th Annual EIS Conference, April 16-19, 2018, Hilton Atlanta, Atlanta, GA, USA. The EIS Conference is a primary forum for EIS officers to present their epidemiologic activities. National and international participants represent EIS officers, their mentors, EIS alumni, and public health professionals. Get more information at <https://www.cdc.gov/eis/conference.html>.

ACPA 75th Annual Meeting, April 10th-14th, 2018, Pittsburgh, PA, USA. <http://acpa-cpf.org/annual-meeting/>.

7th ICCN - International Conference on Clinical Neonatology, May 23rd - 26th 2018, Turin, Italy. Main Topics: Hypothermia in preterms: what's new?; Teamworking in the NICU; NIDCAP and family-centered care; EPO and neuroprotection: an update; Delivery of fetal CHD patients. Abstracts submission is now open at <http://www.mcascientificevents.eu/iccn2018/>.

EUROCAT Registry Leaders Meeting (RLM) and the Scientific Symposium will take place on the 13th– 15th June 2018 at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre in Ispra, Italy. Details on the program to follow.

The **58th Annual Meeting of the Teratology Society** will be held June 23rd–27th, 2018, at the Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort, in Clearwater, Florida. The theme for this year's meeting is “**Mechanisms, Models, Mothers and Babies: Bringing Birth Defects Research into Practice**”. Abstracts due by February 15th, 2018.

The **45th ICBDSR Annual Meeting** will take place in Prague, Czech Republic, from September 30th to October 4th, 2018. Additional information to follow.

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