



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

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### What's Going on Regarding Birth Defects

A study focused on differences in the prevalence of Birth Defects (BDs) based on ethnicity in a large city in Guangxi Province, China, was published in BMC Public Health. The study provided a comprehensive description of ethnic differences in the risk of BDs. The authors' conclusions suggest that these ethnic differences may be related to genetic susceptibilities, environment, cultural customs, or to potential combinations of these factors.

*Epidemiology of birth defects based on surveillance data from 2011-2015 in Guangxi, China: comparison across five major ethnic groups.* BMC Public Health. 2018 Aug 13;18(1):1008. doi: 10.1186/s12889-018-5947-y.

PDF available at [https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6090596/pdf/12889\\_2018\\_Article\\_5947.pdf](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6090596/pdf/12889_2018_Article_5947.pdf)



### World Birth Defects Day - WBDD

WBDD Organizations who have not yet filled the application form for the 2019 WBDD Partnership are kindly requested to fill out the form at <https://www.worldbirthdefectsday.org/application-form/> in order to be included among those participating in the 2019 Edition of the WBDD. All 2018 Organizations, including the Charter Organizations, should fill out the new application form that includes the possibility to join the 2019 WBDD Executive Committee and Working Groups. New applicants are also welcome. All the WBDD Charter and Participating Organizations are invited to attend the WBDD meeting planned for Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> (2:00 pm - 6:00 pm) at Hotel Olšanka in Prague, Czech Republic (the day before the ICBSR Annual Meeting). ICBSR welcomes all participants to attend the entire ICBSR Annual Meeting. Information on hotel reservation and logistics at <http://www.icbdsr.org/45th-icbdsr-annual-meeting/>

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### News from the ICBSR Centre, Executive Committee, and ICBSR Members

#### 45<sup>th</sup> ICBSR Annual Meeting

The 2018 ICBSR Annual Meeting will take place in Prague, Czech Republic, from September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup>. The agenda for the meeting, and information on registration and logistics are available at <http://www.icbdsr.org/45th-icbdsr-annual-meeting/>.

The deadline for reservations at Hotel Olšanka expired on June 30<sup>th</sup> 2018. Please ask for availability of rooms at [rezervace@hotelolsanka.cz](mailto:rezervace@hotelolsanka.cz) mentioning the "ICBSR" password. No cancellation fee will be charged in the event of cancellation of these reservation. Contact [centre@icbdsr.org](mailto:centre@icbdsr.org) in case of missing availability.

## News from Spain – ECEMC Program

4<sup>th</sup> call of the **Science by Women Program of the Women for Africa Foundation**, addressed to African researchers. The Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII, Madrid, Spain) collaborates with the MxA Foundation (Fundación Mujeres por África – Women for Africa Foundation), facilitating the reception of a researcher who wishes to develop her research project, during 6 months, in our organization. The Institute, will host 1 senior women researcher with at least 3 years of post-doctoral experience for a six-month fellowship. Applications will be subjected to a rigorous selection process, evaluating the academic merits and leadership of the applicants as well as the scientific quality and expected impact of their research projects. Additional information is available at:

<https://www.mujiresporafrica.es/en/content/science-women-2018>

## Online Self-paced Course on Birth Defect Surveillance and Prevention

The online course is still available for interested professionals. The 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. 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](http://www.icbdsr.org/course-registration). Once registered, you will receive access credentials and can begin the self-paced course at your own convenience.

## Meetings and Conferences

**The Neonate 2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium for Asia.** November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Shanghai, China. Full information at <https://www.mcascientificevents.eu/the-neonate/>

**Congenital CMV - From Pregnancy to Infancy: Let's Face It.** 21<sup>st</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019, Florence, Italy. Online registration at <https://www.mcascientificevents.eu/cmV/>

**ECPCA - European Cleft Palate Craniofacial Association.** 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Utrecht, The Netherlands. Theme of the 2019 congress is *“Future perspectives in research & therapy”*. Full information at <http://ecpca.eu/>

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