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45th ICBDSR Annual Meeting

The 2018 ICBDSR Annual Meeting took place in Prague, Czech Republic, from September 30th to October 4th, 2018. The ICBDSR would like to thank the invited speakers and all who participated in the meeting. A special thanks to the local organizers, Drs Antonin Sipek Jr and Sr.



What's Going on Regarding Birth Defects

A recent paper published in the Journal of Pediatrics assessed longitudinal estimates of inpatient costs through early childhood in patients with critical congenital heart defects (CCHDs), for whom reliable estimates are scarce, using a population-based cohort of clinically-validated CCHD cases. The authors reported that inpatient costs for CCHDs throughout childhood are high and increasing. The revised estimates will contribute to comparative effectiveness research aimed at improving the value of care at a patient and population level. Early Childhood Inpatient Costs of Critical Congenital Heart Disease. J Pediatr. 2018 Sep 26. pii: S0022-3476(18)30966-1. doi: 10.1016/j.jpeds.2018.07.060. [Epub ahead of print]. Abstract available at <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30268400>



World Birth Defects Day - WBDD

Some WBDD Charter and Participating Organizations attended the WBDD meeting on Sunday, September 30th in Prague, Czech Republic. Information on next steps will be disseminated as soon as possible.

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.

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

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 – ICBSR 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.icbsr.org/online-self-paced-course-on-birth-defect-surveillance-and-prevention/> and the registration form is available at www.icbsr.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 – 2nd International Symposium for Asia. November 23-25, 2018, Shanghai, China.
<https://www.mcascentificevents.eu/the-neonate/>

Congenital CMV - From Pregnancy to Infancy: Let's Face It. February 21-22, 2019, Florence, Italy.
<https://www.mcascentificevents.eu/cm/>

2nd International Congress on Advanced Treatments in Rare Diseases (RARE2019). March 4-5, 2019, Vienna, Austria.
<http://www.rare2019.com/>

2nd World Congress on Maternal Fetal Neonatal Medicine. April 4-6, 2019, London, United Kingdom.
<https://www.mcascentificevents.eu/worldmfnm/>

ECPCA - European Cleft Palate Craniofacial Association. June 12-15, 2019, Utrecht, The Netherlands. Theme of the 2019 congress is *"Future perspectives in research & therapy"*.
<http://ecpca.eu/>

3rd Congress of Joint European Neonatal Societies. September 17-21, 2019, Maastricht, The Netherlands.
<https://www.mcascentificevents.eu/jens/>

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