UPDATE ON 2020 ICBDSR ANNUAL MEETING
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 47th ICBDSR Annual Meeting has been postponed to October 2021. The final dates will be released as soon as possible. The meeting venue remains the Relais Bellaria Hotel & Congressi in Bologna (Italy). Updates on the annual meeting will be posted to the ICBDSR website.

NEWS AND UPDATE ON COVID-19
COVID-19 is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation:
• Get the latest public health information from CDC: https://www.coronavirus.gov.
• Get the latest research from NIH: https://www.nih.gov/coronavirus.

World Birth Defects Day – WBDD, March 3
Thanks to all the participants in the WBDD on March 3, 2020 and to the WBDD Partners who organized an event/activity to observe the Day. Please, share with us your activity by email at centre@icbdsr.org

Join the WBDD as a Partner Organization
by completing the online application form on the WBDD website https://www.worldbirthdefectsday.org/application-form/.

Follow @worldbdday on Twitter https://twitter.com/WorldBDDay and Instagram worldbdday https://www.instagram.com/worldbdday/
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Visit WBDD website https://www.worldbirthdefectsday.org/

What’s Going on Regarding Birth Defects: initiatives and announcements
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The Indian Institute of Public Health-Delhi (IIPH-D), Public Health Foundation of India is pleased to announce ‘Call for Applications’ for the following eLearning programs for the academic year 2020-2021.

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For more details and submission of online application, please click on the respective program link or visit the PHFI Centre for eLearning: [https://cdl.phfi.org/portal/courses](https://cdl.phfi.org/portal/courses) and select the program you are interested in.

**News from the ICBDSR Executive Committee**

**Becoming an affiliate member of ICBDSR**

Individuals, organizations, or institutions may apply to become affiliates. Affiliates may collaborate with Clearinghouse members, participate in projects, and attend the ICBDSR Annual Meeting. Candidates for affiliates may include people or teams who are interested in developing a surveillance and prevention program, or are beginning to do so but do not yet meet program membership criteria, as well as graduates from the Training Program in Surveillance and Prevention; professionals, advocates, and organizations with a strong interest and commitment to surveillance and prevention.

Requirements to become an affiliate member:

- A letter of recommendation sent to [centre@icbdsr.org](mailto:centre@icbdsr.org) by an ICBDSR program director (check the list of program directors).
- Submission of the affiliate member’s application form, available at [http://www.icbdsr.org/affiliate-membership-application/](http://www.icbdsr.org/affiliate-membership-application/). Please read the ICBDSR Bylaws prior to completing the form.

**Online Self-Paced Course on Birth Defect Surveillance and Prevention**

The online course remains available for interested professionals. The course has been developed by the International Centre on Birth Defects (ICBD 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 available in English and Spanish. To date, 329 trainees from 57 countries have joined the online course. Additional information is available at http://www.icbdsr.org/online-self-paced-course-on-birth-defect-surveillance-and-prevention/.
The registration form is available at www.icbdsr.org/course-registration. Once registered, you will receive an email with guidance on how to register in the course platform www.icbdsrtraining.org and how to self-enroll in the self-paced course in either English or Spanish.

What’s Going on Regarding Birth Defects: A Selection from the Recent Literature

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Meetings and Conferences

EUROCAT Registry Leader Meeting and 15th European Symposium on Congenital Anomalies Considering the development of the pandemic in Europe, after thoughtful deliberations, a decision was made to postpone the EUROCAT Scientific Symposium scheduled to take place on July 2, 2020 in Valencia, Spain. Information about a new date will be available as soon as possible. For questions, please contact: JRC-EUROCAT@ec.europa.eu
