World Birth Defects Day – WBDD, March 3rd

Thanks to all the participants in the events of March 3rd World Birth Defects Day. Let us know what you did for celebrating WBDD: Email centre@icbdsr.org so your activities can be published in the WBDD website

Join World Birth Defects Day as WBDD Partner Organization, by completing the online application form on the WBDD website https://www.worldbirthdefectsday.org/application-form/.

Follow @worldbddd on Twitter https://twitter.com/WorldBDDay and Instagram worldbddd https://www.instagram.com/worldbddd/ 
Join WBDD page on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/WBDDay/ 
Visit WBDD website https://www.worldbirthdefectsday.org/

NEWS AND UPDATE ON COVID-19

EPI-WIN: WHO Information Network for Epidemics
EPI-WIN is part of WHO’s Health Emergency Programme’s risk communication efforts and was established following the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), EPI-WIN seeks to give everyone access to timely, accurate, and easy-to-understand advice and information from trusted sources on public health events and outbreaks. News and updates at https://www.who.int/teams/risk-communication

COVAX – Working for global equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines
COVAX is co-led by CEPI, Gavi and WHO, alongside key delivery partner UNICEF. In the Americas, the PAHO Revolving Fund is the recognized procurement agent for COVAX. Click here for news and updates of the COVAX roll-out.

Get epidemiological updates from WHO:

✓ Coronavirus disease (COVID 19) pandemic
✓ EPI-WIN updates

• Get the latest public health information from CDC: https://www.coronavirus.gov.
• Get the latest research from NIH: https://www.nih.gov/coronavirus.
ICBD corner: News and comments from the International Centre on Birth Defects (ICBD)

In the past months we have shared some websites and global data repositories that provide information on birth defect occurrence, infant mortality, and risk factors for, broadly, adverse pregnancy and pediatrics outcomes.

This month we reflect on the SDG 2030, the Sustainable Development Goals for 2030, launched back in 2015. These 17 goals (and the related 169 targets) are ambitious, broad, and transformational, affirming the value of equity and human rights in economic, social, and environmental development.

We encourage each and everyone of you to spend some time on this document, reflecting on how each of us can move us closer to at least one of these targets and goals in our own backyard. One can begin with Goal 3 – Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all ages -- and expand from there (e.g., goal 5 – gender equality, and goal 10 – reduce inequality). Folic acid fortification of staple foods, for example, can go a long way toward some of these goals, especially in low resource regions – what others can you think of?

What’s Going on Regarding Birth Defects

A selection from the recent literature, and recommendations from readers

All readers are kindly invited to contribute to this section of the Newsletter, sending their suggestions to centre@icbdsr.org by the 1st Friday of the month

A Selection from the Recent Literature

Risk factors, Protective Factors


Methods and Tools


Epidemiology of occurrence and outcomes – health and health related


Recommendations from readers


News from ICBDSR Executive Committee and ICBDSR Members

UPDATE ON ICBDSR ANNUAL MEETING
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 47th ICBDSR Annual Meeting has been postponed to October 2021. Updates on the annual meeting will be posted on the ICBDSR website.

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 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, 490 trainees from 65 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.

Meetings and Conferences


World Congress of Epidemiology WCE 2020 scheduled to be held in Melbourne during September 2020, will be held as a virtual event on September 3-6, 2021. The Conference will focus on “Methodological Innovations in Epidemiology” which reflects the innovative progress in Epidemiology and Public Health. https://wce2020.org/

Website: www.icbdsr.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/ICBDSR
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/icbdsr/
Twitter:@icbdsr https://twitter.com/ICBDSR

You are receiving this Monthly Newsletter because your email address is included in the ICBDSR mailing list. To unsubscribe, kindly reply back to this email by putting in the subject UNSUBSCRIBE