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ICBDSR ANNUAL MEETING

The **48th ICBDSR Annual Meeting** will be held from **September 18th to 21st, 2022** in Bologna, Italy, at Hotel Relais Bellaria. It will be an in-person meeting with the possibility to join the scientific session by live stream. Please, fill in the [application form](#) to attend the Scientific Session by live stream.

Highlights from the [Meeting Program](#) (attached):

The ICBDSR Annual Meeting program includes Key Lectures and Updates from other Organizations, three sessions of oral presentations: 21 in person, and 5 virtual (pre-recorded), and a session on ICBDSR Collaborative Projects and ICBDSR Report 2023. The poster session will show 21 posters: 14 in person and 7 virtual.

The Congress on "*Congenital Heart Defects: From Prenatal Diagnosis to Adulthood*" is held on September 20th (Tuesday), at Emilia Romagna Region Conference Hall "Sala 20 Maggio 2012" in Bologna. Transportation from Hotel Bellaria to the Conference hall and back will be provided.

Venues of future Annual Meetings:

2023: Malta

2024: Prague (Czech Republic)

What's Going on

29th International Conference on Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus – Diverse Needs, Same Rights

The **29th International Conference on Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus - Diverse Needs, Same Rights** will take place between September 6th to 9th, with on September 5th a pre-conference workshop for youth with disabilities only. The aim of the conference is to bring together academics, researchers, healthcare professionals and SBH associations to discuss best practices of all aspects of SBH. A special highlight will be the Conference Day September 7th where we focus on Prevention including speakers from WHO, Micronutrient Forum, Food Fortification Initiative, and more. Registration links and Conference Programme are available [here](#).



International Conference on Birth Defects and Disabilities in the Developing World – ICBD 2023

“Accelerating action for birth defects and disabilities: surveillance, prevention, management and family-centered care” – March 1-4, 2023, Santiago, Chile

The abstracts submission is now open. Full information at <https://www.marchofdimes.org/icbd.aspx>

Conference Topics:

Surveillance, clinical and public health professionals, high-level policy and program personnel from ministries of health, and professional, research and non-governmental associations and organizations working in the field of maternal child health—specifically birth defects and disabilities—are invited to submit abstracts for consideration.

The conference will be organized around these topics, with the focus of each being on the presentation of successful best practices/models of surveillance, prevention, management and care of birth defects and disabilities in Latin America and around the world. Bodies of work from low- and middle-income countries are particularly encouraged.

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

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News from ICBD SR Executive Committee and ICBD SR Members

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. Additional information is available at <http://www.icbdsr.org/online-self-paced-course-on-birth-defect-surveillance-and-prevention/>. Please, register through the online [registration form](#).

Meetings and Events

A list of future Meetings & Events is available at <http://www.icbdsr.org/meetings/>.

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World Birth Defects Day – WBDD, March 3rd

A meeting on **World Birth Defects Day** is held on Sunday 18th September 2022 in the afternoon, before the ICBDSR Annual Meeting, at Hotel Relais Bellaria in Bologna (see attached program). The meeting is open to all interested participants.

Join the WBDD partners at <https://www.worldbirthdefectsday.org/application-form/>

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