



## Monthly Newsletter

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### ICBDSR 2025 Annual Meeting



The 51st Annual Meeting of the ICBDSR will be held at the **Mount Grace Resort in South Africa from November 2-5, 2025.**

Please visit the [Mount Grace Resort website](#) for details on the beautiful destination.

More details on the program, registration and abstract submissions will come in early 2025.

Please note, the International Society for Prenatal Diagnosis (ISPD) Conference <https://www.ispdhome.org/> will be in South Africa from October 30- Nov 2, 2025.

### Lisi-Hurtado Award Call for Nominations 2025

At this year's Annual Meeting in South Africa, we will be awarding the Lisi-Hurtado Award. For information on the award and eligibility, please visit the [ICBDSR website](#).

**Applications** - The application package should be sent electronically to the ICBDSR Headquarters ([centre@icbdsr.org](mailto:centre@icbdsr.org)), and should describe in detail the candidate's accomplishments, current research interests and projects, and why the nominator believes the candidate's career will promote knowledge of birth defects. Please read the full requirements and eligibility at the link above.

The winner will receive a plaque and a travel stipend to the Annual Meeting of the Clearinghouse.

**Deadline for submitting applications is June 30, 2025.**

### ICBDSR 2024 Annual Report

The 2024 Annual Report is now available. You can view the report [HERE](#).

Please note, we have paused data submission for the moment. New guidelines and directions for the 2025 report will be announced shortly.

## ICBD corner

### Cleft lip with or without cleft palate, ICBDSR Report 2024

https://www.icbdsr.org/2024/02/25/2024-icbdsr-report-cleft-lip-with-or-without-cleft-palate-icbdsr-2024/

COUNTRY	PROGRAM	REGISTRATION	BIRTHS	CLIP	CLP/PAL	TOTAL	TREND
<b>LATIN AMERICA &amp; CARIBBEAN</b>							
Mexico	IMSS-OPACHIL	Resp. Tercer	26,670	63	236	192-302	↔
South America	South America/CCLARIC	Resp. Tercer	370,330	569	172	151-507	↔
Argentina	Argentina/RINC	Resp. Tercer	1,080,000	2,201	120	114-123	↔
Costa Rica	Costa Rica/CRIC	País Tercer	405,667	299	148	82-304	↔
Chile	CHILE/RENACI	Resp. Tercer	372,224	330	89	78-88	↔
Colombia	Colombia/Col	País Tercer	95,537	66	83	47-111	↔
Colombia	Colombia/Región	País Tercer	335,530	179	74	43-86	↔
<b>EUROPE &amp; CENTRAL ASIA</b>							
Netherlands	Netherlands/Net	País Tercer	91,261	135	147	121-174	↔
Germany	Germany/Sankov A VIRT	País Tercer	103,842	120	164	122-169	↔
China	China/Renac	País Tercer	300,000	488	100	109-110	↔
Sweden	Sweden/Sankov	País Tercer	145,440	355	103	93-113	↔
Sweden	Sweden/Sankov	País Tercer	70,879	706	100	151-308	↔
France	France/Trinac	País Tercer	156,677	134	100	66-115	↔
United Kingdom	England/ICARDIS	País Tercer	2,036,067	1,092	85	71-90	↔
Ukraine	Ukraine/CRNATec	País Tercer	102,261	119	81	71-308	↔
Finland	Finland	País Tercer	29,607	220	87	76-99	↔
France	France/REMIIRA	País Tercer	321,271	287	83	76-96	↔
France	France/Paris	País Tercer	148,001	150	83	67-87	↔
Italy	Italy/Carpa/ITCICar	País Tercer	191,200	188	150	17-84	↔
Italy	Italy/Carpa/ITCICar	País Tercer	146,045	81	53	44-65	↔
Italy	Italy/Lombia/ROMA/REK	País Tercer	199,020	106	53	14-84	↔
Italy	Italy/Veneto	País Tercer	141,609	77	52	11-65	↔
Haiti	Haiti/HAIC	País Tercer	22,717	11	49	21-68	↔
Italy	Italy/Lombia/CHIRL	País Tercer	13,114	5	43	13-86	↔

Thanks to the many of you who continue to check the ICBDSR 2024 report ([HERE](#)). We have updated the report with new data from selected programs (New Zealand, Italy IMER) and revised comments from program directors.

We are preparing the list of conditions and associated codes for the 2025 data submission (coming soon) and drafting a publication on the concepts underlying the new report format.

And for those who can make it, we look forward seeing you at the pre-meeting workshop in South Africa, which we are currently planning, with a focus on data quality and data visualization

## News from the ICBDSR and the World

There are many opportunities to advocate for communities and families impacted by birth defects. Consider putting together local activities and joining our many partners: we are stronger together.

- **World Down Syndrome Day (WSD) Friday, March 21**

- World Down Syndrome Day (WSD) is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012.

The date for WSD being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome. #WorldDownSyndromeDay. <https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/>

- **World Health Day Monday, April 7**

It is celebrated annually and each year draws attention to a specific health topic of concern to people all over the world. The date of 7 April marks the anniversary of the founding of WHO in 1948. <https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day>

## Literature corner: this month's selection from the ICBD

*To find the paper online, use the provided link to PubMed. if interested but unable to get the full text of the papers, please email us and we will see what we can do to help.*

Here are a few interesting papers recently published, including a new potential viral teratogen and important birth defect surveillance work in HIV-infected women in East Africa. With the recent change in policy related to International US aid, much of this and similar critical work is likely in jeopardy.

**Orpouche virus and potential birth defects.** Karin Nielsen-Saines, Patricia Brasil. Lancet Infect Dis. 2025 Feb;25(2):136-137. PMID: 39423839. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/39423839/>

**Newborns with microcephaly in Brazil and potential vertical transmission of Oropouche virus: a case series.** das Neves Martins FE, Chiang JO, Nunes BTD, Ribeiro BFR, Martins LC, Casseb LMN, Henriques DF, de Oliveira CS, Maciel ELN, Azevedo RDS, Cravo LCC, Barreto ARF, Pessoa ALS, Filho AJM, de Sousa JR, Schuler-Faccini L, Quaresma JAS, da Costa Vasconcelos PF, da Silva Azevedo RDS. Lancet Infect Dis. 2025 Feb;25(2):155-165. doi: 10.1016/S1473-3099(24)00617-0. Epub 2024 Oct 16. PMID: 39423837. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/39423837/>

**Risk of adverse birth outcomes and birth defects among women living with HIV on antiretroviral therapy and HIV-negative women in Uganda, 2015-2021.** Serunjogi R, Mumpemwanja D, Williamson DM, Valencia D, Namale-Matovu J, Kusolo R, Moore CA, Nyombi N, Kayina V, Nansubuga F, Nampija J, Nakibuuka V, Nelson LJ, Dirlikov E, Namukanja P, Mwambi K, Williams JL, Mai CT, Qi YP, Musoke P. J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr. 2025 Jan 2. doi: 10.1097/QAI.0000000000003596. PMID: 39745766. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/39745766/>

**Emerging trends and cross-country health inequalities in congenital birth defects: insights from the GBD 2021 study.** Liu H, Chen K, Wang T, Ruan X, Wei J, Tang J, Li L, Qin J. Int J Equity Health. 2025 Feb 20;24(1):50. doi: 10.1186/s12939-025-02412-7. PMID: 39979921 <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/39979921/>

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

## **BDRP Annual Meeting – Early Bird Registration deadline March 31, 2025**

The Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention's 65th Annual Meeting will be in Denver, Colorado, on June 28-July 2, 2025. This year's meeting theme is "Reaching New Heights in Birth Defects Research: Fundamentals to Cutting-Edge Research." The Program Committee, chaired by Prägati Coder, has organized an outstanding program around this theme, and our Education Committee has developed three top-notch continuing education courses, under the leadership of chair Ronee Baracani. Scientific session and course topics.

Visit the [BDRP 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting](#) website for full details.

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