

Information

Research Resources of Center for Birth Defects Information Services Now Held by Human Developmental Anatomy Center

The Center for Birth Defects Information Services, Inc., formed as a Massachusetts-based non-profit international scientific collaborative in 1984, developed the first computerized expert medical diagnostic system (the Birth Defects Information System or **BDIS**), and published a range of print and electronic information resources including the journal *Dysmorphology and Clinical Genetics* and the multi-volume *Birth Defects Encyclopedia*. The work of the Center in defining the clinical parameters of thousands of birth defects and human anomalies formed a definitional basis upon which gene mapping and other advanced technologies would be applied in order to determine the genetic causes and potential cures for an increasing array of medical conditions.

The Center has now concluded an agreement under which its electronic and paper records have been transferred to the National Museum of Health and Medicine (NMHM). An element of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology on the Campus of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.; the NMHM operates the Human Developmental Anatomy Center (HDAC) which acquires and maintains collections pertaining to general developmental anatomy and

neuroanatomy. Collections housed at the HDAC, including the Carnegie Collection of Embryology, provide researchers a central location from which to obtain data about the development of human and common research species.

The addition of the Center for Birth Defects collection will broaden the NMHM's resources from one focused primarily upon normal development to a unique research facility covering and contrasting both normal and abnormal human developmental anatomy. HDAC maintains and archives the largest collection of human and comparative developmental material in the United States, in such a way as to make them most useful for research activities, yet preserve them for future generations of researchers.

Mary Louise Buyse, M.D., who served as the president and editor-in-chief of the Center for Birth Defects Information Services, made this donation possible; along with Carl N. Edwards, J.D., Ph.D. who chaired the Center's Board of Trustees while also serving as its managing editor and editing is behavioral section; and the Board of Trustees of the Center. Those seeking further information may contact the Human Developmental Anatomy Center at (202) 782-2682.

41st American Cytogenetics Conference

- Conference dates** : May 13-16, 2010
- Venue** : Crowne Plaza “Brock Plaza” Hotel
Falls Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada
Directly opposite to the “Rainbow Bridge”
- Reservations** : 1-800-519-9911
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- Room rates** : Traditional Rooms - Canadian \$135.00/night (US\$120
(Double occupancy)

Falls view rooms: - Canadian \$175.00/night (US\$160
(Double occupancy)

Shuttle service available on request - 24 hr prior to arrival from:
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- Abstract deadline** : February 7, 2010
Abstract submission by e-mail only
- To** : Susan Zneimer, PhD (Program Chair) & copy to Robert Best, PhD
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- Abstracts** : 250-300 words (Times New Roman). Follow ASHG abstract style

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