



*Society for*  
**Birth Defects  
Research &  
Prevention**

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TERATOLOGY SOCIETY



# Introducing BDRP

(the member formerly known as the Teratology Society)

Let's start with a [little teratological trivia](#)  
from the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2020

# A closer look at BDRP



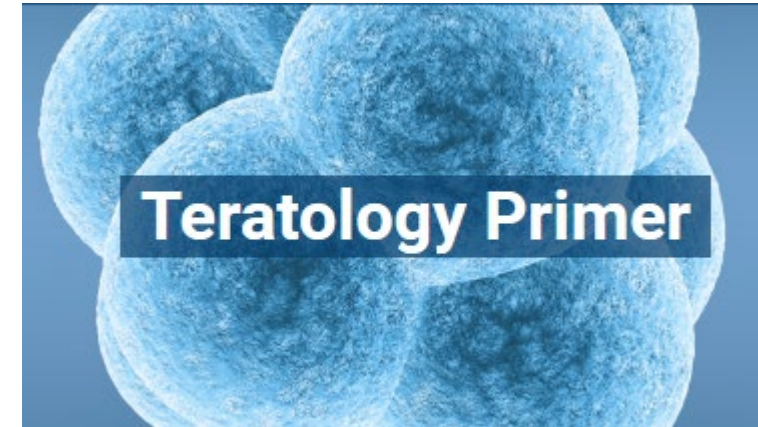
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- “From bench to bedside...” with members in government, industry and academe at all career stages
- Strong support for trainees (NICHD R13 for travel grants to all grad students and postdocs who have abstracts accepted)
- Major transition with name change and new logo in 2019



# Educational outreach

- The [Teratology Primer](#)
- Human Teratogens Course
- Practical Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology Course





# Advocacy

- PRGLAC (inclusion of pregnant and lactating women in clinical trials) working group
- Howard Garrison Fellowship to support trainee attendance at Capitol Hill Day
- Public Affairs Committee (white papers, position papers, blogs, responses to RFIs, etc.)



# Major initiatives

## Communications

- Working group → standing committee
- Part-time communications consultant
- LinkedIn society group
- <https://www.facebook.com/BirthDefectsResearch/>
- @BirthDefectsResearch
- @SocBirthDefects

## DEI working group

## Sponsorship working group



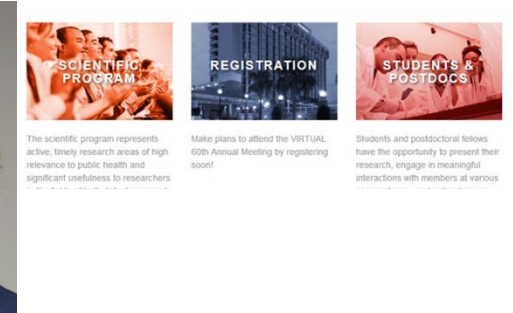
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## Virtual Annual Meeting in June 2020

- Featured keynotes by NICHD Director and past NIEHS Director
- “White glove” treatment worked exceptionally well

## BDR Journal (Wiley)

- Parts A-C merged in 2017 to increase flexibility
- New Editor (Kristin Bruk Artinger) January 2021 for Mechanisms of Birth Defects and Developmental Disorders



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## Major challenges

- Retaining trainees as full members
- Staying connected in the virtual world

## Major successes

- Excellent implementation of five-year strategic plans
- Long-term commitment and loyalty
- Volleyball!





# What BDRP needs from FASEB

- Support for URM trainees and other DEI initiatives
- Ongoing advocacy for biomedical research funding
- Networking opportunities to promote our revenue-generating activities (i.e. special courses, annual meeting, publications)