Introducing BDRP
(the member formerly known as the Teratology Society)

Let’s start with a little teratological trivia
from the 60th Anniversary Celebration in 2020
A closer look at BDRP

• “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)