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## MESSAGE

*This message serves to draw your attention to two major events which were mentioned in previous communications. The websites of these congresses are renewed and you are invited to revisit them again.*

*On 28<sup>th</sup> August representatives of the Central & East European Genetic network (CEEGN) and families from Hungary will have an auxiliary meeting.*

*You are kindly requested to make these events wider known and to promote attendance.*

*You will find attached the congress brochures.*

*Your interest in these events and your participation will be highly appreciated.*

**1st Central and Eastern European Summit on Preconception Health and Prevention of Birth Defects, 27 – 30 August 2008, Budapest, Hungary.**  
**website:** <http://www.diamond-congress.hu/birthdefects2008/>



This Summit will be hosted by the Research and Prevention for Families Foundation and the Hungarian Congenital Abnormality Registry. The aim is to provide a platform for review, analysis and discussion of the promotion of women's health before, during and beyond pregnancy, the role of preconception health and health care in the prevention of birth defects in the Central Eastern European region. For more information see:

**4th International Conference on Birth Defects and Disabilities in Developing Countries**

**4 - 7th October, 2009. New Delhi. India**

**website:** [www.icbd2009.com](http://www.icbd2009.com)

Theme: "Translating Research into Care and Prevention."

This conference will cover many aspects of birth defects such as surveillance programs and registries; major risk and preventive factors; individual and community-level prevention strategies, including micronutrient fortification and immunization programs and preconception health and healthcare; care and counseling of common birth defects and genetic disorders; rehabilitation and rights of the disabled and legal frameworks for their protection.

Plenary sessions will present the important advances and successful models of care and prevention in this field. These will be followed by symposia, workshops and free paper sessions. "Meet the Experts" sessions addressing such topics as neural tube defects, oral facial clefts, hemoglobinopathies, muscular dystrophy, hemophilia, mental retardation, cerebral palsy and autism will be organized by the interested parties and presented prior to the Conference.

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