Our Mission

- to promote research...
- to communicate information...
- to provide education and training...
- ...on the causes, mechanisms, treatment, and prevention of birth defects and developmental disorders.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting provides us with the opportunity to promote our shared vision and scientific identity as researchers focused on the causes, manifestations, intervention, and prevention of birth defects, both structural and functional. It also is an expression of our diversity, as a Society of clinicians, scientists, and science policy regulators from academic, industrial, and government sectors. Attendees can learn about the latest scientific research in teratology and networks. The Annual Meeting is held in late June each year.

Our Scientific Journal

Birth Defects Research, the official journal of the Teratology Society, publishes original research and reviews in areas related to the etiology of adverse developmental and reproductive outcomes. Members have published seminal work on topics ranging from prenatal effects of alcohol, thalidomide, anticonvulsants, antidepressants, retinoic acid, ionizing radiation, hyperthermia, maternal diabetes, obesity, infections, and microbiota. The journal is published in twenty issues per year.

Share ideas that make an impact!

By working together in a multidisciplinary way, from students to world-renowned experts, we are dedicated to advancing the science of developmental and reproductive toxicology in order to eliminate or ameliorate birth defects.

Stay informed!

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Showcase your expertise!

Members may engage in leadership and public-facing communication activities that highlight their expertise.

Grow your professional network!

Members have access to our robust members-only website and social media platform, BDR Connection, which includes a job bank, blogs, educational resources and webinars, and more.

The opportunities for networking, learning and presenting your hard work are limitless! Student members enjoy career development workshops, travel awards, mentorship, and involvement that makes a difference.

“As a postdoc and early career scientist membership has given me a head start in my career.”

~Nisha Sipes, PhD

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Who We Are

The Teratology Society was established as a multidisciplinary scientific society in 1960. Today, this international nonprofit consists of nearly 700 members specializing in a variety of disciplines, including developmental biology and toxicology, reproduction and endocrinology, epidemiology, cell and molecular biology, nutritional biochemistry, and genetics as well as the clinical disciplines of prenatal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, neonatology, medical genetics, and teratogen risk counseling. In addition, we publish the scientific journal, Birth Defects Research.

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Cutting-Edge Science Making Headlines

“Babies in the Womb Aren’t So Sterile After All”

~TIME.com

“Pregnant Mother’s Gut Microbiome Sets The Stage For Baby’s Future Health”

~MedicalDaily.com

“List of Possible Zika Birth Defects Grows Longer”

~Scientific American

“Judging By the Label: Why This Gathering Is Labeled ‘Premier’ For Your Scientific Career”

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