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*Overall Total: 829*

*Total this month: 39*

## **Collaborators' Meeting**

We are very pleased to report that our International Collaborators' Meeting on October 18 – 20, 2006 was well attended and very well received. Thank you once again to all the collaborators for joining us in Toronto.

We were very happy to meet you all! The collaborative spirit and enthusiasm of all who attended was very evident and exciting. Please see the following page for a list of collaborators who attended.

## **Congratulations on your first recruit!**

We would like to congratulate Mr Dale Ojutiku and the team at Basildon & Thurrock University in *Basildon*, UK. Great job!

## **Recruitment Excellence**

This month, we congratulate Dr Jose Luis Castaldi and the team at Hospital Penna in *Bahia Blanca*, Argentina; Dr Raquel Martin and the team at LC Lagomaggiore Hospital in *Mendoza*, Argentina; Dr Laudelino Lopes and the team at Laranjeiras Clinica Perinatal in *Rio de Janeiro*, Brazil; Dr Arthur Zaltz and the team at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in *Toronto*, Canada; Dr Fred Kirss and the team at Tartu University Clinic in *Tartu*, Estonia; Dr Marion H.B. Heres and the team at Sint Lucas Andreas Ziekenhuis in *Amsterdam*, The Netherlands; and Dr Anna Gonc e and the team at University of Barcelona - Hospital Clinic in *Barcelona*, Spain. We will be sending a gold seal to place on your Certificate of Achievement. Congratulations on reaching your TBS annual recruitment goal. Keep up the good work!

## **Additional Sites**

A suggestion was made at the Collaborators' Meeting to mention the Twin Birth Study to your colleagues at other hospitals that might be able to participate in TBS. The more sites we have, the quicker we can answer our research question. Please spread the word!

## **2 Year Follow-up**

Keep the data coming! Thank you to those sites who promptly return the follow-up data to the DCC. We like to receive the follow-up data as soon as it is completed, so that the questionnaires can be scored as soon as possible.

At sites where the 2 year follow-up is approaching, remember to contact the mothers at regular intervals to remind her of the questionnaires to be completed.

*A warm thank you once again to all who joined us at our Collaborators' Meeting. It was wonderful seeing you and hearing about all your success!*

Below is a list of Collaborators who attended the second Twin Birth Study International Collaborators' Meeting:

**ARGENTINA:** *Hospital Penna, Bahia Blanca:* Dr Marta Susana Bertin, Dr Carlos Alberto Deguer, Dr Lionel Schulman; *Hospital Sarda, Buenos Aires:* Dr Elsa Andina; *Hospital Posadas, Buenos Aires:* Dr Mario SF Palermo, Ms Dolores Montes Varela; *Hospital Ramos Mejia, Buenos Aires:* Dr Ricardo Savransky; *Hospital Angela Iglesia de Llano, Corrientes:* Dr Maria Celeste Feu, Ms Miriam Gauna; *Hospital JR Vidal, Corrientes:* Dr Jesus Daniel Aguirre; *Ramon Carrillo, Santiago del Estero:* Dr Raul Abalos Gorostiaga, Dr Miguel Curioni; *Hospital Avellaneda, Tucuman:* Dr Alicia Beatriz Roque, Dr Viviana Rosario Di P, Dr Maria Mohedano de Duhalde; **AUSTRALIA:** *Women's & Children's, Adelaide:* Dr Caroline Crowther, Ms Andrea Deussen, Dr Jodie Dodd; *Mater Mothers', Brisbane:* Ms Margie Jell, Ms Sue Jenkins-Manning; *Logan, Meadowbrook:* Dr Ashraf Hanafy, Dr Mano Haran; *Royal North Shore, St Leonards:* Ms Kate Levett; *St George, Sydney:* Ms Lynne Roberts; *Toowoomba Base Hospital, Toowoomba:* Ms Christine Duncan, Dr Edward David Gibson; *Townsville Hospital, Townsville:* Ms Lynn Heilbronn, Ms Annemarie Lawrence; **BRAZIL:** *University of Campinas, Campinas:* Dr José Guilherme Cecatti, Dr Fernanda Garanhani de Castro Surita; *Materno Infantil, Goiania:* Dr Luiza Emylce PR Schmalz; *ISCOMPA-Maternidade Mario Totta, Porto Alegre:* Dr Antonio C Ayub, Ms Simone G Moreira; *Hospital das Clinicas da UFPE, Recife:* Dr Elias Ferreira de Melo Junior, Dr Salvio Freire; *University of Pernambuco, Recife:* Dr Olimpio Barbosa de Moraes Filho, Dr Simone Angelica Leite Silva; *Laranjeiras Clinica Perinatal, Rio de Janeiro:* Dr Laudelino Lopes, Dr Renato Augusto Moreira de Sa; **CANADA:** *Calgary Health Region - Foothills Hospital, Calgary:* Ms Cheryl Swaby; *IWK Health Centre, Halifax:* Ms Cora Fanning, Dr Lynne McLeod; *McMaster, Hamilton:* Ms Elaine Moore; *Royal Columbian, New Westminster:* Dr Duncan Farquharson; *Regina General, Regina:* Ms Suzanne Williams; *Royal University, Saskatoon:* Dr Femi Olatunbosun, Ms Kathleen Pierson; *Eastern Health, St John's:* Dr Joan Crane; *Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto:* Ms Karen McLean, Dr Arthur Zaltz; *Toronto East General, Toronto:* Ms Jennifer Bordin; *Children's & Women's Health Centre of BC, Vancouver:* Dr Alain Gagnon; **CHILE:** *Sotero del Rio, Puente Alto:* Dr Ricardo Gómez; *Gustavo Fricke, Vina del Mar:* Dr Luis Leighton, Ms Erika Madariaga Leiva, Mr Juan Guillermo Romo Carrera; **EGYPT:** *Assiut University Hospital, Assiut:* Dr Ahmed Fayek Amin, Dr Ahmad Makhlof; **ESTONIA:** *Tartu University Clinic, Tartu:* Dr Fred Kirss, Dr Kristiina Rull, Dr Pille Vaas; **GERMANY:** *Charité Virchow-Klinikum, Berlin:* Dr Silke Michaelis; *Ludwig Maximilians Univ, Munich:* Dr Maria Delius, Dr Charlotte Deppe; **GREECE:** *Alexandra Maternity, Athens:* Dr Peter Drakakis; **HUNGARY:** *University of Debrecen, Debrecen:* Dr Zoárd Krasznai, Dr Tamás Major; **ISRAEL:** *Haemek, Afula:* Dr Gimburg Genady; *Ma'ayney Hayeshua Medical Center, Bnei Brak:* Dr Benny Chayen, Dr Linda Harel; *Hillel Yaffe, Hadera:* Dr Mordechai Hallak; *Bnai Zion, Haifa:* Ms Leslie Wolff; *Edith Wolfson, Holon:* Ms Anat Elyassi, Dr Oscar Sadan; *Poriya Government, Tiberias:* Dr Samuel Pansky; **JORDAN:** *Islamic Hospital, Amman:* Dr Mazen Y El-Zibdeh; **POLAND:** *Medical University of Gdansk, Gdansk:* Dr Krzysztof Preis, Dr Malgorzata Swiatkowska-Freund; *Polish Mothers Memorial Hospital, Lodz:* Dr Marcin Kesiak, Dr Michal Krekora, Prof Jan Wilczynski; *University School of Medical Sciences, Poznan:* PrDr Grzegorz H Breborowicz, Dr Anna Dera, Ms Agnieszka Gielniak, Prof Marta Szymankiewicz; **ROMANIA:** *Pharmacy and Medicine University, Cluj-Napoca:* Dr Gabriela Caracostea, Dr Florin Stamatian; **SPAIN:** *University of Barcelona - Hospital Clinic, Barcelona:* Dr Anna Goncé, Ms Marta Massanés; **THE NETHERLANDS:** *Sint Lucas Andreas Ziekenhuis, Amsterdam:* Ms Susanne A Demenint; *Atrium Medical Center, Heerlen:* Ms Hanny HM Ploum, Dr Frans JME Roumen; *Academisch Ziekenhuis, Maastricht:* Dr F.A. Ten Cate; *Maaslandziekenhuis, Sittard:* Dr Sjaak Alleman, Ms Simone Gordijn van Zandvoort; **UK:** *Aberdeen Maternity, Aberdeen:* Dr Ashalatha Shetty; *Basildon & Thurrock University, Basildon:* Mr Dale Ojutiku; *Bradford Royal Infirmary, Bradford:* Ms Diane Farrar, Ms Dagmar Waiblinger; *Nottingham City, Nottingham:* Dr Hesham Elsayed Ghoneimy Mohamed, Dr Mohammed R Houda; *Derriford, Plymouth:* Ms Heidi Hollands, Mr C Ross Welch; **USA:** *University of Buffalo, Buffalo:* Dr Kofi Amankwah; *University of South Carolina, Columbia:* Dr Anthony Gregg; *University of Iowa, Iowa City:* Ms Diedre K Fleener; *East Bay Perinatal Medical Associates, Oakland:* Ms Mary Diogo, Dr Michael Singer; *Temple University Children's Medical Center, Philadelphia:* Dr Yaron Harel; *Maricopa, Phoenix:* Dr Dean V Coonrod, Dr Lora Nordstrom;

**Guest Speaker:** Prof Gordon CS Smith (Cambridge, UK); **Steering Committee:** Dr B Anthony Armson, Dr Elizabeth V Asztalos, Dr Jon Barrett, Prof Amiram Gafni, Dr Mary E Hannah, Ms Sheila A Hewson, Dr Eileen Hutton, Dr KS Joseph, Ms Dalah Mason, Dr Susan Ross, Ms Isabelle Schmid, Ms Christine Tassopoulos, Dr Andrew R Willan; **Invited Guests:** Dr Jennifer Blake (Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto), Dr Alan Bocking (University of Toronto, Toronto), Dr Sophie Grigoriadis (Women's College Hospital, Toronto), Dr Robert Liston (BC Women's Hospital, Vancouver), Dr Kellie Murphy (Mt Sinai Hospital, Toronto), Dr David Young (IWK Health Centre, Halifax)

**Twin Birth Study**



**Recruitment**  
(Projected sample size of 2800)

as of October 31, 2006

COUNTRY	Annual Goal	Dec 2003	Jan - Dec 2004	Jan - Jun 2005	Jul - Dec 2005	Jan - Jun 2006	Jul 2006	Aug 2006	Sept 2006	Oct 2006	Grand Total
ARGENTINA	51		60	36	29	41	7	8	11	9	201
CANADA	79	3	25	18	35	24	6	4	2	6	123
BRAZIL	42		2	10	34	40	8	1	6	8	109
ISRAEL	34		21	11	16	9			1	3	61
EGYPT	20		19	7	7	9			3	1	46
POLAND	15		4	15	13	6	1	2	1	1	43
THE NETHERLANDS	9		7	5	4	12	1	1		1	31
CHILE	16		8	4	7	9	1				29
AUSTRALIA	26		2	10	5	4		4	1	1	27
USA	24		4	6	7	7			1	1	26
ESTONIA	3		5	6	6	4	1		1	1	24
HUNGARY	4		5	4	7	5			1		22
UK	28		2	1	1	5	2	1	2	3	17
SPAIN	5		2	3	3	3	1			3	15
BELGIUM	3		5	6	1	1			2		15
JORDAN	9		5	2	3	3	1				14
ROMANIA	3		2	3	2	1		1			9
CROATIA	4		4	1	2				1	1	9
GERMANY	4			2	1	3	1				7
GREECE	6								1		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>829</b>

**CENTRES BY COUNTRY**

(Shaded area is prior to start-up)

**ARGENTINA**

LC Lagomaggiore, Mendoza	12		31	17	15	15		1	2	4	85
Posadas, Buenos Aires	6		22	19	9	6		2	5	1	64
Ramon Carrillo, Santiago del Estero	10				2	7	3	1			13
Hospital Avellaneda, Tucuman	6				2	5	2		1	1	11
Hospital Ramos Mejia, Buenos Aires	4		7		1	2					10
Hospital Penna, Bahia Blanca	4					5	1			3	9
Hospital Angela Iglesia de Llano, Corrientes	3					1		3	1		5
Hospital JR Vidal, Corrientes	6						1	1	2		4

**CANADA**

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto	5	3	14	5	6	8	3			2	41
McMaster, Hamilton	5			3	7	2	2	1		1	16
Regina General Hospital, Regina	5			1	4	5				1	11
IWK Health Centre, Halifax	7		1	1	3	1		3		1	10
Trillium Health Centre, Mississauga	6			1	5	3			1		10
Mount Sinai, Toronto	11		5	2		2			1		10
Calgary Health Region - Foothills Hospital, Calgary	18		1		5	1					7
Lion's Gate, Vancouver	3			4	2	1					7
Royal Columbian, New Westminster	5		3	1	2						6
Royal University, Saskatoon	6					1	1			1	3
York Central, Richmond Hill	4		1								1
Eastern Health, St John's	4				1						1

**BRAZIL**

University of Campinas, Campinas	5		2	8	9	6	3	1	2	2	33
University of Pernambuco, Recife	7			2	11	10	1				24
Maternidade Escola - UFRJ, Rio de Janeiro	6				8	7	1		2	3	21
Universitario Antonio Pedro, Niteroi	5				1	7	2				10
ISCMPA-Maternidade Mario Totta, Porto Alegre	6				5	2	1			1	9
Laranjeiras Clinica Perinatal, Rio de Janeiro	8					6				2	8
Hospital das Clinicas da UFPE, Recife	5					2			2		4

**ISRAEL**

Edith Wolfson, Holon	5		11		6	5					22
Ma'ayney Hayeshua Medical Center, Bnei Brak	10		5	1	3	2			1	2	14
Bnai Zion, Haifa	8		4	5	2						11
Haemek, Afula	7		1	3	4						8
Poriya Government, Tiberias	4			2	1	2				1	6

**EGYPT**

Assiut University Hospital, Assiut	20		19	7	7	9			3	1	46
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#### POLAND

University School of Medical Sciences, Poznan	8		3	14	10	3	1	2	1	1	35
Medical University of Gdansk, Gdansk	2		1		3	1					5
Polish Mothers Memorial Hospital, Lodz	5			1		2					3

#### THE NETHERLANDS

Atrium Medical Center, Heerlen	3		4	4	1	4		1			14
Maaslandziekenhuis, Sittard	2			1	1	5					7
Academisch Ziekenhuis, Maastricht	2		3		2	1					6
Sint Lucas Andreas Ziekenhuis, Amsterdam	2					2	1			1	4

#### CHILE

Gustavo Fricke, Vina del Mar	5		8	4	7	6					25
Sotero del Rio, Puente Alto	11					3	1				4

#### AUSTRALIA

St George, Sydney	3		2	4	1	1					8
Toowoomba Base Hospital, Toowoomba	2			3	1	2					6
Mater Mothers', Brisbane	6			2				2			4
Logan, Meadowbrook	5			1	2			1			4
Monash, Clayton	4					1		1		1	3
Ipswich Hospital, Ipswich	3								1		1
Townsville Hospital, Townsville	3				1						1

#### USA

East Bay Perinatal Medical Associates, Oakland	12			4	5	4				1	14
Maricopa, Phoenix	8			2	1	2			1		6
University of South Carolina, Columbia	4				1	1					2
Centres that are no longer recruiting	0										4

#### ESTONIA

Tartu University Clinic, Tartu	3		5	6	6	4	1		1	1	24
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#### HUNGARY

University of Debrecen, Debrecen	4		5	4	7	5			1		22
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#### UK

Nottingham City, Nottingham	9		2	1	1	1	1			1	7
Bradford Royal Infirmary, Bradford	8					3	1	1	1		6
Lewisham, London	5					1			1	1	3
Basildon & Thurrock University, Basildon	6									1	1

#### SPAIN

University of Barcelona - Hospital Clinic, Barcelona	5		2	3	3	3	1			3	15
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#### BELGIUM

Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels	3		5	6	1	1			2		15
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#### JORDAN

Islamic, Amman	9		5	2	3	3	1				14
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#### ROMANIA

Pharmacy and Medicine University, Cluj-Napoca	3		2	3	2	1		1			9
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#### CROATIA

Sveti Duh, Zagreb	4		4	1	2				1	1	9
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#### GERMANY

Ludwig Maximilians Univ, Munich	2				1	3	1				5
Free University of Berlin, Berlin	2			2							2

#### GREECE

Alexandra Maternity, Athens	6								1		1
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Centres awaiting first patient: [COUNTRY: Hospital, City (annual goal)] [month/year start-up package sent]

ARGENTINA: Hospital Sarda, Buenos Aires (10) [08/06]; AUSTRALIA: Women's & Children's, Adelaide (6) [09/05]; CANADA: Toronto East General, Toronto (5) [05/05]; DENMARK: Aarhus University, Aarhus (8) [01/05]; GERMANY: Charité Virchow-Klinikum, Berlin (5) [01/06]; SWITZERLAND: Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève, Genève (5) [11/05]; UK: Derriford, Plymouth (6) [06/06]; USA: Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia (3) [02/06];