



October 2017

Dear Members of the NFI,

October marks the new year for our NIDCAP Federation International organization and our members. This is the time of year that begins our new funding cycle, re-sets our committee reporting efforts, and reshapes our board composition. For our Trainers, Training Center Directors and supporters, it is also the time that brings us together as an organization for continuing education, support and inspiration. This year, our annual meeting participants, from Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, and South America, will be together in Edmonton Canada. We will have opportunities to renew, refine, restore, replenish, revive and re-energize our commitments to and understandings of NIDCAP and with one another. There is much to celebrate this year with the tremendous amount of NIDCAP training and education that has occurred and the great number of new NIDCAP and APIB Trainers and Training Centers that were certified. Most incredible of all is what this represents in terms of reaching ever more hospitalized newborns and their families around the world. This is a time to honor our accomplishments as we recommit ourselves to our mission *to promote the advancement of the philosophy and science of NIDCAP care and assure the quality of NIDCAP education, training and certification for professionals and hospital systems.*

MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The NFI Annual Membership Meeting will be held Sunday, October 22, 2017 at the Chateau Lacombe in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. We would greatly appreciate your ideas on topics of interest to be included in the upcoming membership meeting. This is the primary face to face meeting of the membership at large and the board to share your ideas and goals for your organization. Your contributions shape the NFI now and assure its future.

UPDATES:

- The NFI is proud to announce the certifications of two new NIDCAP Trainers and two new NIDCAP Training Centers with both sets of accomplishments achieved through mentorship and training from *Joy V. Browne, PhD, PCNS-BC, IMH-E (IV)*, NIDCAP Master Trainer, Colorado NIDCAP Center.
 - NIDCAP Trainer *Nadine Griffiths RN, MEd* and the Australasian NIDCAP Training Centre at the Grace Centre for Newborn Intensive Care (GCNIC) of the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Westmead, Australia.
Kaye Spence, AM, RN, RM MN and *Allison Loughran-Fowlds, MBBS* at GCNIC, are the new Center's Directors, with the support of *Nadia Badawi, MD* and *Robert Halliday, MD*, the Newborn Intensive Care Unit's directors.
 - NIDCAP Trainer *Juzer Tyebkhan, MD* and the Edmonton NIDCAP Training Centre Canada, at the Stollery Hospital, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
This accomplishment was supported with early training by *Jean Cole, MEd*, NIDCAP Trainer *emerita*, NIDCAP research conducted and published by *Katherine Peters, RN, PhD*, Nurse Scientist, University of Alberta, APIB training guidance from *Deborah Buehler, PhD*, Associate Director, West Coast NIDCAP and APIB Training Center at University of California San Francisco School of Medicine, San Francisco, CA, and support from NIDCAP Trainer-in-Training, *Andrea Nykipilo, RN*. *Juzer Tyebkhan, MD* and *Andrea Nykipilo, RN* are the new Center's Directors.

- The by invitation [28th Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting](#) will be held October 21-24, 2017 in Edmonton, Alberta Canada. Email questions to NIDCAPEdmonton@ahs.ca

NEWS:

- The NFI has endorsed the 2018 Advanced Course on Family-Centered Developmental Care, entitled Infant Behavior and the Role of Caregivers in Structuring Developmental Care according to NIDCAP. This course, offered in Hebrew is scheduled for 1 March 2018 through the *Heidi Center* at Meyer Hospital, Kfar Saba, Israel.
- *Dr. Samantha Butler*, NIDCAP Professional, has been awarded a Faculty Innovated Research Award by Boston Children's Hospital for her work entitled "Filling a Significant Gap in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (CICU): Quality Improvement of Individualized Development Care". This represents one of the first formal and funded recognitions of the application of the NIDCAP model in a medical intensive care setting with patients spanning the age range from birth to over five years of age.

Your feedback, questions, comments, NFI updates, and membership news written to me personally and/or to the whole board, are welcome.

Yours in support of the NFI,

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