



## Update from the President

April 28, 2015

Dear Fellow Members of NIDCAP Federation International,

As I prepare for the NFI Board of Directors Spring meeting later this week, I realize how much has happened since my last general communication. The Directors of the Board are in the process of strategic planning as we reaffirm our identity and prioritize our goals for the next few years. The Directors of the Board are working really hard to ensure a smooth transition as the organization evolves in response to our membership while remaining true to our mission and vision. The following is a less than exhaustive list of what has been happening within the NFI in the last few months.

- ⌚ The Developmental Observer, official newsletter of the NFI is being reevaluated with possibilities for a stronger academic presence and archiving in a library as a scholarly work with open access on the internet. In addition there is consideration for publication of abstracts from our annual NIDCAP Trainers meetings.
- ⌚ Establishment of the Danish NIDCAP Training and Research Center
- ⌚ Dr. Dominique Haumont has retired from clinical duties in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit and transitioned from Director to Co-Director of the Brussels NIDCAP Training Center.
- ⌚ The NFI is on the verge of launching our Blog on the website
- ⌚ The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting to be held in Phoenix, Arizona, U.S.A. October 17 -20, 2015 is well into the planning phase. The meeting will open with an optional social hour on Friday evening October 16<sup>th</sup>. The NFI Membership meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon October 17<sup>th</sup>. Sunday morning sessions will concentrate on NIDCAP Training issues. There will be free time Sunday afternoon while the NFI Board meets for the first 2015 – 2016 year's meeting. Monday October 19<sup>th</sup> is an open conference day on "Innovations in NICU Family Centered, Developmentally Supportive Care: Changing the experience for infants and families" open to the public. The program will be finalized once the survey has been completed that was sent to NFI members.
- ⌚ The NFI Program Committee's Quality Assurance Advisory Council is working diligently on the issue of certification renewals at various levels

- ⌚ Silke Mader, Co-Founder and Chairwoman of EFCNI's Executive Board became an Ashoka Fellow in recognition of her pioneer work in solving a societal problem with an innovative approach.
- ⌚ The U.K. NIDCAP Centre NIDCAP Trainers are currently in transition, no longer being supported by the Imperial Neonatal Services in London with several potential affiliations being considered
- ⌚ Establishment of the Sao Joao NIDCAP Training Center in Porto, Portugal with Dr. Fatima Clemente as NIDCAP Trainer.
- ⌚ NFI endorsement of the Fifth Annual NOMAS International Symposium to be held in October 2015.
- ⌚ Inga Warren has been recognized for her 50 years of National Health Service in the U.K.
- ⌚ Silke Mader has stepped down from her position on the NFI Board of Directors. She remains a family member of the NFI and a strong supportive ambassador of NIDCAP
- ⌚ The Ultra-Early Interventions Conference was held in Stockholm, Sweden with numerous NIDCAP presentations. Many thanks to Dr. Bjorn Westrup for facilitating full access to the program on the internet.
- ⌚ Vicki Batkin Bjornson has resigned her position on the NFI Board of Directors.
- ⌚ NFI endorsement of the FINE Program.

For a more comprehensive accounting of all that has been accomplished and is currently in process please see the various NFI committee reports that are currently being written and reviewed and will be posted on our website within the next month. Following our meeting next week I will present the updated strategic plan.

As always, please send any comments to me at [premieg@gmail.com](mailto:premieg@gmail.com). Thank you for being a member of the NFI. With appreciation for all you are doing to support infants, families and staff in newborn intensive care,

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