



## Update from the President February 9, 2015

Dear Fellow Members of NIDCAP Federation International,

"Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle ... a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to the light, a bud straining to unfurl. And the anticipation nurtures our dream." (Barbara Winkler)

Depending on where you are in the world and what your weather has been like, this month may be very difficult in terms of coldness, snow and ice. Hopefully each of us has the patience and resources to deal with such adversity and can envision our future spring. The Board of Directors of the NFI is gearing up for major introspection and evaluation of our identity, vision and strategic plan. The executive council is designing an efficient process that will facilitate this work being accomplished by the end of our Spring Board meeting May 2, 2015.

### Accomplishments

- Synactive Theory has found its place in the mainstream media. When was the last time that you searched for synactive theory on the internet? Check it out and you will find it in Wikipedia as the Synactive Theory of Newborn Behavioral Organization and Development. Please take time to read this thorough description and share it with others
- As announced by Dr. Als earlier today we celebrate the establishment of the **Danish NIDCAP Training Center at the Århus Universitets Hospital, Skejby, Denmark**

### Next Steps in Process

- NIDCAP Nursery Assessment and Certification Program (NNACP) Steering Committee will soon post the Nursery Certification Renewal Program on the NFI website
- The Program Committee Quality Assurance Council is working on NIDCAP Professional, Trainer and Master Trainer certification renewal guidelines with the goal of a policy that will support NIDCAP Professionals, Trainers and Master Trainers to stay aware of and document all they do and contribute to the improved future for newborns and their families
- Continued exploration of funding possibilities with grants, foundations and corporations
- Preparation of our new blogging social media initiative
- Continued education and social media support facilitated by our consultant Teri Thompson especially with LinkedIn publish feature, Pinterest and Wikipedia

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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