



Update from the President, NIDCAP Federation International to the Membership

February 28, 2014

Greetings to all NFI Members. February has been a brutal month on the east coast of the United States where I live with record low temperatures and huge amounts of snow and ice. I have been warmed by the numerous NFI conference calls as the various committees work to move our agenda forward within our strategic plan and mission.

- 🕒 Congratulations to our Founder, Past President and Chair of the NFI Program Committee Heidelise Als in being named the recipient of the Serge Lebovici Award of the **World Association of Infant Mental Health (WAIMH)** given in recognition of significant contributions to the international development of infant mental health. Nominees typically are individuals who have been actively involved in collaborative efforts that have cross-national implications for infant mental health. A couple of past recipients are Charles Zeanah and Daniel Stern.
- 🕒 The annual developmental conference done in collaboration with Contemporary Forums that has been traditionally held in the Fall has been postponed until the Spring of 2015. There were a few less than 300 participants this year and, despite the academic program being rated as one of the best ever, the conference was unable to provide any financial support to the NFI.
- 🕒 The planning of our 25th Annual NIDCAP trainers Meeting is underway and we are looking forward to our time together October 25 – 28, 2014 in Segovia, Spain. Our meeting is co-hosted by the Barcelona Vall d'Hebron and the Hospital Universitario 12 de Octubre (Madrid) NIDCAP Training Centers. Dr. Nathalie Charpak, Pediatrician, Neonatologist, and Director of the Kangaroo Foundation will join us to share her most recent research on Kangaroo Mother Care.
- 🕒 This month has been one of tremendous productivity for our Advancement Committee chaired by Deborah Buehler. She and her team have been accomplishing a great deal and have facilitated our public image in many ways. If you have not yet seen the NFI's presence on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn then I encourage you to do so as soon as possible.
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Deborah Buehler at dmb@dmbuehler.com
or Gloria McAnulty at Gloria.mcanulty@childrens.harvard.edu
- 🕒 Keep on the lookout for our up and coming new and revised NFI website!

As always, please send any comments to me at premie@gmail.com. Thank you for being a member of the NFI and for all you are doing to support infants, families and staff in newborn intensive care.

For a continuing productive 2014,

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