



## **Update from the President**

### **January 12, 2015**

Dear Fellow Members of NIDCAP Federation International,

Best wishes for a very productive and satisfying 2015 both from a personal and professional perspective. I wish you peace, joy and meaningful relationships. Recently I read an article that discussed the practice of making New Year resolutions as opposed to promises. I would like to promise each of you my continuing commitment to communicate regularly regarding the inner workings, goals and accomplishments of our organization. Beginning with January 31<sup>st</sup>, at the end of each month, I will provide you with a summary of our recent accomplishments as well as information on our next steps and ways in which members may be more involved in the organization. The Board of Directors is really listening to the membership and I feel we are at a very promising turning point for the organization if all of us are willing to communicate well and work hard together to reach our goals. 2015 is the year of the sheep purporting to bring peace and harmony which each of us can use in our lives.

### ***Some of our primary accomplishments for 2014***

- Rita Cummings and Kaye Spence have become Directors of our Board
- A new NIDCAP Center in Development was approved at the Hôpital des Enfants Centre Hospitalier Universitaire in Toulouse, France
- The NFI was featured in Volume III Issue 3 of PreemieWorld.
- The NFI Policy on NIDCAP and APiB Trainers in Transition as well as the NFI Gift Policy were approved
- The NFI's newly designed and revised web site was launched
- NFI Program Committee Quality Assurance Council has been formed
- The part time position of Financial Operations and Administration Director was created and is to be reviewed annually. Sandra Kosta has accepted and been welcomed into this position.
- Kaye Spence was elected Secretary of the NFI by acclamation and with appreciation and therefore provides an international perspective as a member of the NFI Executive Council
- Expansion of the NFI membership through Friends of NIDCAP

### ***Some of our current next steps in 2015***

- The executive Council has been charged with leading the revision and updating of our strategic plan to be completed at our Spring Board meeting in May, 2015
- Create several NFI Advisory Councils to provide enhanced guidance and consultation to our work from a variety of perspectives such as business, science and law
- Advancement Committee is working toward corporate funding, foundation and crowd source funding opportunities
- Increased public awareness through blogging and creative ways to present Developmental Observer articles on the web
- Program Committee is working toward NIDCAP and APIB certification renewal procedures as well as the ongoing revision of NIDCAP and APIB training materials
- Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting planning group is evaluating ways in which to make the annual meeting more innovative in meeting the needs of the membership

### ***Membership involvement***

As you think about the direction our organization is moving, please consider offering your services to one of our four committees of Governance, Advancement, Finance and Program. The greater the involvement of our membership in helping to shape our organization the better we will be able to reflect the full perspective of our international organization. In subsequent monthly updates I will communicate specific needs requested by the Chairs of our Committees to invite your active participation.

As always, please send any comments to me at [premie@gmail.com](mailto:premie@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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