



## Update from the President, NIDCAP Federation International to the Membership

January 26, 2014

2014 has started out as a good and productive year for the NFI. We have been growing in some very beneficial ways.

- 🕒 We have a new member of the Board of Directors, Rita Cummings. This was the result of the task given to the board development task force led by Jim Helm and Deborah Buehler. Rita is currently the head of Fundraising at the University of St. Andrew's in Scotland. She brings to our NFI Board expertise in fundraising, marketing and advertising as well as previous participation and leadership experience on Boards. We have already clearly received the benefit of her participation in the work of the Advancement Committee and very much look forward to her further involvement on the Board. Please feel free to welcome Rita and reach out to her to communicate your ideas through email at [ritacummings511@btinternet.com](mailto:ritacummings511@btinternet.com)
- 🕒 Please welcome our three newest Trainers-in-Training:
  - Monique Oude Reimer, RN at the Sophia NIDCAP Training Center, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
  - Sandra Lazure, MD at the new NIDCAP Training Center in Development in Toulouse, France
  - Celine Prout, RN also at the new NIDCAP Training Center in Development in Toulouse, France
- 🕒 We have a new NIDCAP Center in Development: NIDCAP Training Center at Hôpital des Enfants Centre Hospitalier Universitaire in Toulouse, France being guided by Dr. Agneta Kleberg, Master NIDCAP Trainer.

Please remember that each of you is welcome and encouraged to join the work of one of our NFI committees. Should you want to know more about what is happening within the committee please contact the appropriate Chair:

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As always, in my effort to be as inclusive as possible and open to your suggestions please send any comments to me at [premie@gmail.com](mailto: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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