

Dear Members of the NFI,

The calendar may be turning to December, though we are still feeling energized from our October Edmonton NIDCAP Trainers Meeting. One of our session's activities was to reflect on our intentions for the meeting. Each participant chose one word to represent their desired goal. Everyone then wrote why this was important to them and two ways that our NIDCAP community could help support in achieving their aim. You can see from the "word cloud" below, generated by the responses given, the words most frequently offered are in the largest in sizes. These shared aspirations for our meeting were learning, inspiring, sharing, networking, and supporting.



These concepts continue to be the same shared intentions that drive our NIDCAP work throughout the year, within ourselves, with one another, and with our trainees. NIDCAP care is becoming recognized and practiced in ever more hospitals around the world. Working together, our community supports NIDCAP to continue to grow to reach its potential *to improve the future for newborns and their families.*

#### UPDATES:

- On November 17<sup>th</sup>, all around the world, we celebrated [World Prematurity Day \(WPD\)](#). The National NIDCAP Training Center had purple (the color representing WPD) illuminations of Boston's Zakim Bridge, Boston City Hall, Worcester/Shrewsbury's Burns Bridge and Boston Children's Hospital's front entrance. Please see [our webpage](#) to see the many ways WPD was recognized by our members (and check back as more celebrations are posted). Please continue to share your celebrations for us to post on our website by sending stories and photographs to [shareyourstory@nidcap.org](mailto:shareyourstory@nidcap.org).



- *Birgit Holzhüter, MD* was very belatedly recognized for her November 2016 NIDCAP Trainer certification at NIDCAP Germany, NIDCAP Training Center Tübingen.
- *Laura Goldberg, MD* Psychiatrist, Centro Latino-Americano NIDCAP Training Center (CLAN) Buenos Aires, Argentina, was approved as NIDCAP Trainer-in-Training under the training and mentorship of Graciela Basso, MD.
- *Stina Klemming, MD*, Neonatologist, from the Karolinska NIDCAP Training Center, was approved as NIDCAP Trainer-in-Training under the training and mentorship of Agneta Kleberg, PhD, NIDCAP Master Trainer, in collaboration with Deborah Buehler, PhD, Senior APIB Trainer.
- *Jennifer Degl*, Family Advisory Council Member, posted [a blog](#) of her experience at our 2017 NIDCAP Trainers Meeting.
- The Quality Assurance Advisory Council (QAAC), of the NFI Program Committee, invited the Senior NIDCAP Trainers to join the Advisory Council.
- *Linda Lacina, MSN, RN, HN-BC, NIDCAP Trainer*, worked to organize PDFs of recommended NIDCAP readings for our website resource list.
- Member, Trainer, and Training Center invoices were sent via email. Please contact Jim Helm ([Jhelm@wakemed.org](mailto:Jhelm@wakemed.org)) with any questions.
- The NFI's Advancement Committee launched a [Newman's Own Foundation \\$500k Holiday Challenge](#) fundraising campaign. In addition to donations made, there are Bonus Challenge prizes given for campaigns with the most money raised. Your help would be greatly appreciated (in donations and in sharing our campaign with others).

Your feedback, questions, comments, NFI updates, and membership news written to me personally and/or to the whole board, are welcome.

Yours in support of the NFI,

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