

January 2019

Dear Members of the NFI,



Roman coin of the god “Janus”

The first month of the year, January, is named after Janus, the Roman god of transitions... and openings, closings, doors, doorways, arches and gateways. This makes this time of year particularly meaningful to look back at how we've done and forward for what we hope to accomplish (as represented by the two-headed coin above).

Reflecting back on 2018... Our organization advanced our mission to promote *the advancement of the philosophy and science of NIDCAP care and assure the quality of NIDCAP education, training and certification for professionals and hospital systems*. We certified NIDCAP and APIB Professionals, Trainers, Senior Trainers and Master Trainers, as well as one new Training Center. We met together for a successful NIDCAP Trainers Meeting in Porto Portugal. We conducted beneficial NIDCAP scientific investigations. We implemented strategies to attract future hospital professionals to NIDCAP. We explored ideas around building partnerships with other groups who work with hospitalized infants and their families. We heard that more information is needed to understand how our annual budgets are built and implemented. We understood that our members believe that every hospitalized infant and their family deserves to be understood, included and supported in their care as expressed by NIDCAP. We also heard that the NIDCAP Nursery Program, our educational and dynamic approach to nursery change and improvement opportunities may not be fully understood. Overall, we transition from the recently ended year with a mix of pride for our accomplishments and appreciation for the importance of understanding what requires more nurturance.

Looking ahead to 2019... Our organization will continue to strive to realize our vision for: *a global society in which all hospitalized newborns and their families receive care in the evidence-based NIDCAP model*. We will work to understand member perspectives and consider recommendations in how to best advance our

NIDCAP cause. We will work to address areas that are not clear or understood, including the NIDCAP Nursery Program, by developing new opportunities throughout the year for questions, education and training. We will continue to nurture our trainers and our training through the development of our trainer mentorship program with the hope to make it available for all trainers in the near future. We will continue to do what we do best - training and certifying NIDCAP and APIB Professionals and Trainers. We are excited to announce a new chapter for our NFI Newsletter the *Developmental Observer*, as we welcome our new Senior Editor Kaye Spence. Please watch for future communications from Kaye describing new directions and opportunities to contribute. There are lots of exciting NFI and NIDCAP developments on the horizon. We look forward to taking these next steps together with you as we fortify and grow our organization.

Sending wishes of a very happy, healthy, peaceful new year and all good things for you and your NIDCAP efforts,

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