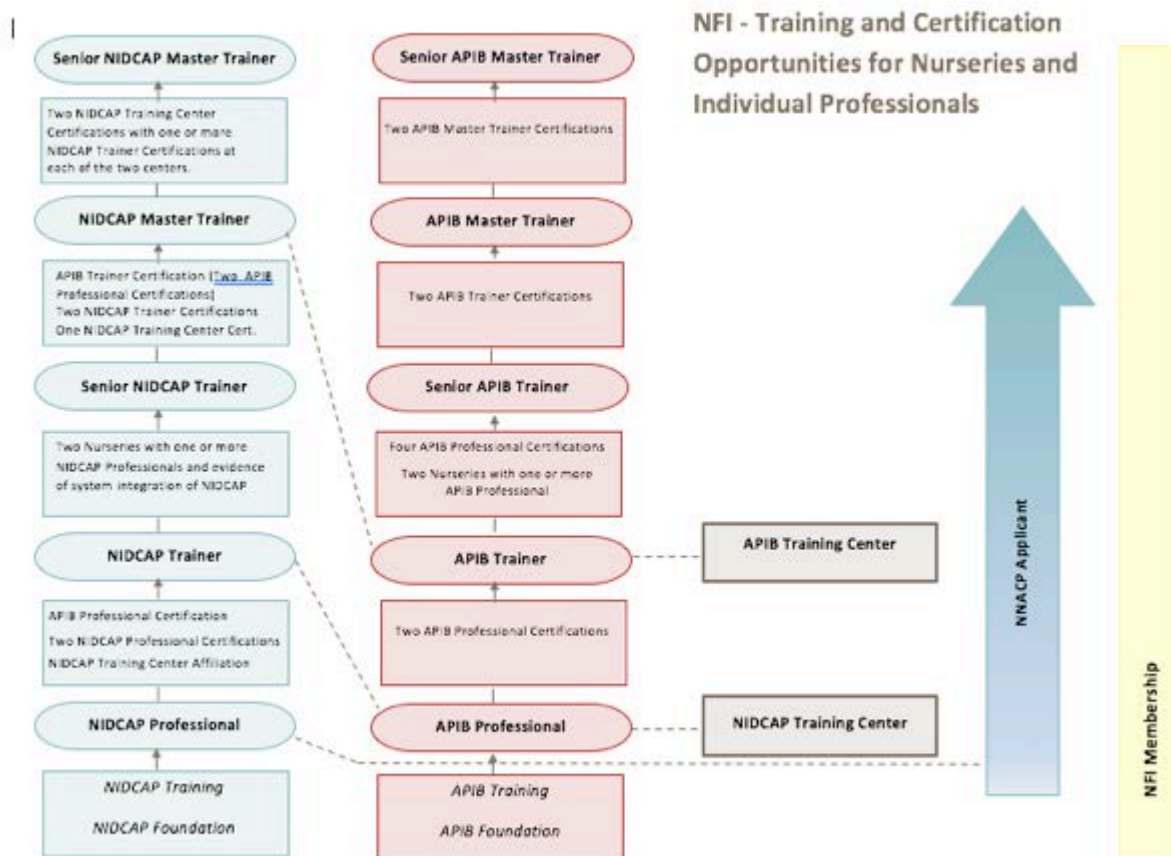


Dear Members of the NFI,

One of the two astronomical events marking the point in the earth’s orbit when the sun is directly above the equator, an equinox, will take place this month, the March Equinox. Day and night are of equal length and the equinox signifies the beginning of spring in the northern and autumn in the southern hemispheres. For thousands of years and across many cultures, this event was celebrated as a time of transformation.

We are very proud to announce the latest expression of the NFI’s transformation and growth, the certification of Delphine Druart, RN, from the Brussels NIDCAP Training Center as Senior NIDCAP Trainer. Delphine has demonstrated exceptional NIDCAP training and mentorship capabilities and has been recognized with this next level of professional growth. Congratulations to Delphine! This recognition also holds tremendous significance to the NFI. As NIDCAP and APIB Professionals become Trainers, we create the human resources necessary to reach ever more infants and their families. And then as NIDCAP and APIB Trainers gain Senior and then Master-level recognitions, we assure the continuity of our organization with greater depth, vision and capacity for the development of future trainers and training centers. To our NIDCAP and APIB Professionals and Trainers, we welcome you to explore and strive toward your own transformation. The chart below represents the possible progressions for your next NFI professional steps.



Here's to our collective realizations of *a global society in which all hospitalized newborns and their families receive care in the evidence-based NIDCAP model.*

NEWS:

- The Karolinska NIDCAP Training & Research Center announced the annual conference that they host entitled: *"2018 Stockholm Conference on Ultra-Early Intervention: Pleasurable feeding for premature infants: - Food for thought!"* Nanna Svartz Aula, Karolinska University Hospital, Solna, Stockholm, 22 March 2018 Karolinska NIDCAP Training & Research Center, Karolinska University Hospital in collaboration with EADCare and EFCNI. Please see the attached program and register: <https://www.karolinska.se/for-vardgivare/kliniker-och-enheter-a-o/kliniker-och-enheter-a-o/tema-barn-och-kvinnosjukvard/sjuka-nyfodda-barn/konferenser>
- Our Google ListServ held discussions of "co-bedding" and "studies in the (NICU) to compare the use of pain scores by parents and health professionals."

Your feedback, questions, comments, NFI updates, and membership news addressed to the Board, and/or to me personally always are welcome.

Yours in support of the NFI,

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