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Update from the President, NIDCAP Federation International to the Membership

- ② For those of you who were among the 65 participants of our 24th Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting held October 5 – 8, 2013 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, U.S.A., thank you for what has been called a very productive and good meeting. We were hosted by Jim Helm, Melissa Johnson and Jodi DeJoseph of the Carolina NIDCAP Training Center and the setting was beautiful. Our very gracious hosts met our needs and provided a calm and reflective context for our work together on transforming care for families and their newborns in the hospital. A few interesting facts about our gathering:
 - 65 participants represented 12 different disciplines including families – 35% nurses; 22% physicians
 - Our most impressive team was a multidisciplinary group of 6 from our Edmonton, Alberta, Canada NIDCAP Training Center in Development
 - 11 countries on 4 continents were represented with 67% North American, 25% European, 5% Asia and 3% South American

- ② Save the Date for the next Annual NIDCAP Federation International Membership Meeting to be held October 25, 2014 in Segovia, Spain.

- ② NIDCAP Federation Board of Directors
 - Inga Warren resigned her position having served 2 of the 3 year term
 - Jacques Sizun completed his second of two three year terms
 - Nikk Conneman was elected by acclamation to a three year term
 - Silke Mader, Heidelise Als and Kathy VandenBerg were each elected by acclamation to an additional three year term
 - The officers of the Board were re-elected to a subsequent one year term including:
 - gretchen Lawhon as President
 - Jim Helm as Vice President for Administration
 - Deborah Buehler as Vice President for Organizational Advancement
 - Gloria McAnulty as Treasurer
 - Sandra Kosta as Secretary and Assistant Treasurer

- ② The Committee Reports and Minutes of Board meetings for our 2012 – 2013 fiscal year are available for your review on the NFI website

- ② The NFI is increasingly embracing social media with our presence on LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com/company/nidcap-federation-international) and our new presence on Twitter (@NIDCAP)

- ② The NFI is in full support of the upcoming World Prematurity Day November 17, 2013 and offers the attached poster in partnership with the European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI)

As always I welcome your comments and suggestions via email at Lawhon-gretchen@cooperhealth.edu and thank you for all of your work and participation in our organization.

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