

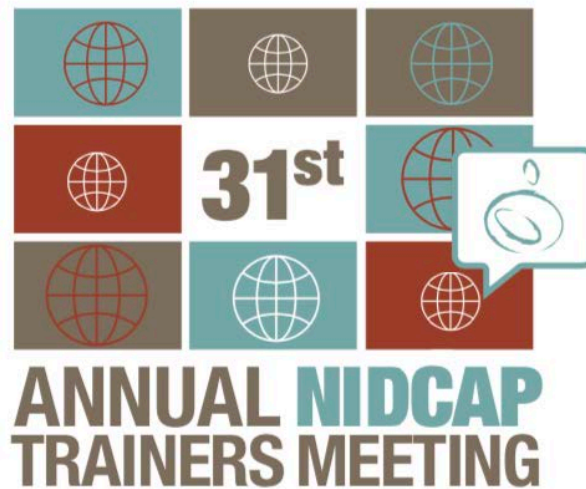
Dear Members of our NFI Community,



## For the Reimagined Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting

The Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting's content and format have evolved slowly over the past thirty years. This year has brought enormous hardship, limitations and change on lives around the world. While change often happens slowly... this year so very many things are changing very rapidly. This includes our annual meeting. We had planned to be together in Germany for our 31<sup>st</sup> annual meeting, yet based on health concerns and travel restrictions, we are unable to meet in-person. For the first time in our organization's history, we are holding an international virtual meeting using video conferencing technology. While this inherently makes our meeting very different – it is also planned to be reassuring the same. We will have familiar sessions with treasured colleagues. To capture the unique and special spirit of our meeting we have also discovered ways to be innovative. To nurture being together and the meeting experience, thoughtful NIDCAP Pearls and celebratory NFI Scavenger Hunt video clips and Zoom Dance Party happenings are planned.

The NFI is meeting this moment with creativity and care to hold our annual meeting virtually. It takes an incredible team to preserve the goals, needs and essence of our meeting in a new technological way. Our NIDCAP Trainers Meeting Planning (led by Co-Chairs Jean Powlesland, RN, MS and Fatima Clemente, MD) and Trainers Meeting Logistics Sub-Committees (Sandra Kosta and Gloria McAnulty, PhD) have met this challenge with dedication and heart. In trying something new, the meeting organizers will be especially interested in hearing participant's experiences of this year's virtual meeting. Evaluations will be available for the NFI to learn what worked well and any challenges that might have been experienced. So while we look forward to being together in person in Germany in 2021... we are very much looking forward to our 2020 virtual meeting to see, learn, support and have fun with another.



October 21-23, 2020

Please click on [this link](#) for meeting information

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## 2020 NFI Annual Membership Meeting

October 22, 2020 (1830-1930 GMT)

All NFI Members are welcome to join. Please watch your email for log in specifics.

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**\*\*\*CALLING ALL MEETING PARTICIPANTS\*\*\***

**Please Play the NFI's SCAVENGER HUNT GAME NOW!!!**

*What is a scavenger hunt?* A game to play by photographing items and videotaping actions on a list within a specified time.

*What you need:* Your Smart Phone and 90 minutes to play.

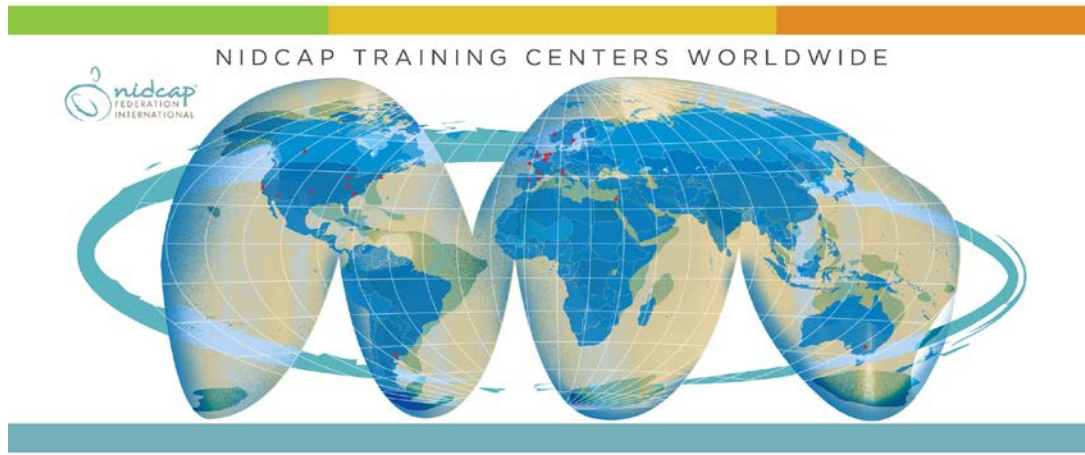
*When:* NOW! (Game ends on October 9<sup>th</sup>)

*What to do:* Follow the attached instructions.

*Questions:* [HELP@MYSTERYTRIP.CO](mailto:HELP@MYSTERYTRIP.CO)

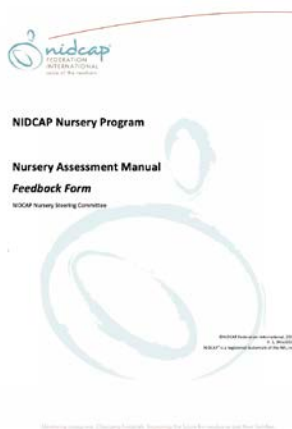
Highlights of our solved challenges will be shared during the breaks of our upcoming NIDCAP Trainers Meeting. With appreciation to Diane Ballweg, APRN, CNS, MSN ([tdballweg.fam@gmail.com](mailto:tdballweg.fam@gmail.com)) for organizing this very fun activity!

## NFI Updates & News



### R3: Research, Read & Review

The NIDCAP and Science Sub-Committee released their eighth review of a scientific article related to NIDCAP efforts. The paper entitled *Maternal holding during therapeutic hypothermia for infants with neonatal encephalopathy is feasible* (<https://doi.org/10.1111/apa.14743>) was reviewed by Dalia Silberstein, PhD, RN, from the Israel NIDCAP Training Center/Meir Medical Center. Please see the [nidcap.org](http://nidcap.org) [Member Services page](#) for this summary.



### NIDCAP Nursery Program

The *Nursery Assessment Manual Feedback Form*, with expandable shaded text boxes, was shared with NIDCAP Trainers. This form was designed to collect suggestions concerning the individual scales of the NIDCAP Nursery Assessment Manual.

Please contact Rodd Hedlund with questions ([nidcapnurserydirector@nidcap.org](mailto:nidcapnurserydirector@nidcap.org)).

## NIDCAP Training Conversations

The *Quality Assurance Advisory Council* is continuing to develop individual and group support opportunities for NIDCAP Trainers.

Online *Training Conversations* were held for NIDCAP Trainers over the past months. These video conference discussions focused on training-related questions and challenges. Each session was led by an experienced and a peer NIDCAP Trainer. With appreciation to Joy Browne, PhD, Jean Powlesland, RM, MS and Inga Warren, MSc and to their co-facilitators Natalie Wetzel, RN, Juzer Tyebkhan, MB and Nathalie Ratynski, MD for piloting these virtual sessions. Please watch for announcements of future sessions as they become available.



### Video Conference Call Minutes

September 9, 2020

September 23, 2020

Highlights

## NFI Board of Directors

When available the full NFI Board of Director Minutes will be posted within our website's [Membership Section](#). The following is a summary of Board discussions from the September's two meetings.

### September 9, 2020

- *M. Daly will serve as an Interim Secretary for the NFI Board of Directors.*
- *For the upcoming NFI Board of Directors Elections, the four incumbents (D. Buehler, G. McAnulty, D. Vittner and J. Tyebkhan) are running uncontested.*
- *NFI Committee End of Year Reports will be submitted for Board acceptance (by September 30<sup>th</sup>) and then to the NFI Membership (for email dissemination by October 8<sup>th</sup>).*
- *Plans for the NFI Annual Membership Meeting and the NTM are underway.*
- *The NFI has accepted a \$3000 sponsorship from WaterWipes for the 2020 Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting.*

**September 23, 2020**

- *Preparations for the NFI's Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting are in the final planning stages. Over 100 participants have registered to date.*
- *The Board agreed on the use of a SMART Goals infographic format for the "NFI Next Steps" session of the Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting.*

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

Sending wishes of health and well-being to our entire NFI community,

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