

Dear Members of the NFI,

The NFI turned 20 in October! During our annual Membership Meeting on the 21st of October, we celebrated our past and present accomplishments. We also looked 20 years into the future (and beyond) with Members invited to share their Anniversary wishes for the NFI. Below is a word cloud created from messages received from an invitation to write -

"Dear NFI, My anniversary wish for us is..."



An incredible collection of NFI wishes were received. They were inspirational with offers of insight, guidance and direction. They will guide us as the NFI continues to unfold. Here are some of the themes that emerged from your wishes with an example of each one:

Providing NIDCAP for all/everywhere:*

My wish is for the spread of NIDCAP to more infants, children, and their families, no matter their medical fragility or location
(Samantha Butler/ USA)

Targeting Specific Regions:

My wish is systematic and supported expansion into low resource countries. (Heidelise Als/ USA)

Supporting and Including Families:

My wish is to engage more parents in the NFI. (Saadie Masri/Lebanon)

**Increasing NFI
Membership:**

My wish for the NFI is, a substantial amount of new members, and more NICU's benefitting from our work. (Nikk Conneman/ The Netherlands)

Training and Education:

My wish is for NFI to create a link to a higher education institute so that NIDCAP training can be recognized as an academic qualification... (Beverly Hicks/ UK)

Continuing Research:

My anniversary wish is that there is continued research that provides evidence for the benefits of the work. (Joy Browne/ USA)

**Evolving and Providing
Leadership:**

My wish for the NFI is to continue to grow, inspire, and lead the way in the care of our NICU babies! (Andrea Levy/ Israel)

**Note: Providing NIDCAP for all newborns and infants in hospitals and for their families, and the professionals who care for them, was the wish that was most widely shared!*

If you have an NFI anniversary wish (or even another wish!), please send your message to us at shareyourstory@nidcap.com. Our Board of Directors and Committees draw inspiration from your ideas. If you have interest in advancing NFI next steps, please let us know. We are stronger for your ideas and your participation.

With Gratitude

Our 32nd Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting was held last month with inspiration, information, support as well as a joyfulness of connection. Much of the meeting will be available for viewing on line in the coming weeks (free of charge for registrants until the end of 2021). A link to access the sessions will be shared once available.

Tremendous heartfelt gratitude to the *VERY MANY* people in front of AND behind the scenes who made our meeting happen and happen well:



CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

THIS IS PRESENTED TO

PLANNERS: Planning Co-Chairs: Jean Powlesland, MS, RNC, NNIC & Fatima Clemente, MD; Organization & Logistics Co-Chairs: Sandra Kosta & Gloria McAnulty, PhD; and Members: Deborah Buehler, PhD, Rodd Hedlund, MEd, Debra Paul, OTR/L, Kaye Spence, AM, RN, MN, Dorothy Vittner, PhD, RN, and Nathalie Wetzel, RN

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SPECIAL EVENT CONTRIBUTORS: Mutual Introductions: Samantha Butler, PhD; Pearls: Linda Lacina, MSN, RN, gretchen Lawhon, PhD, RN, FAAN, Andrea Nykipilo, RN, Christian Poets, MD; Reflection: Juzer Tyebkhan, MBBS, FRCP; Germany Previews: NIDCAP Germany Team, Training Center Tübingen; Summary: gretchen Lawhon, PhD, RN, FAAN

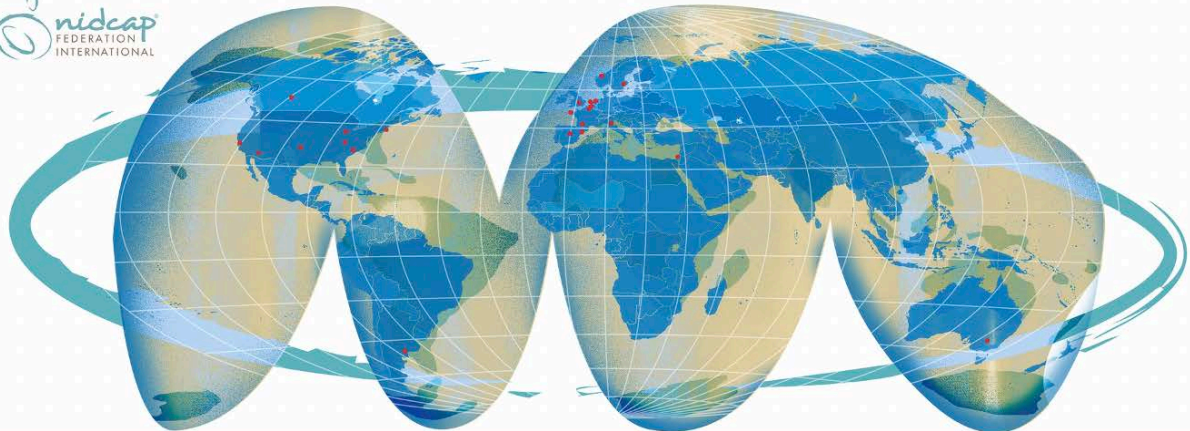
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NFI Webinar Series Honors **WORLD PREMATURE DAY**

Neurobehavioral Assessment Facilitating Parenting within Newborn Intensive Care and Beyond

Date: Monday, 17 November 2021
Time: 2:00- 3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time
Speaker: gretchen Lawhon, PhD, RN, FAAN
Moderator: Dorothy Vittner, PhD, RN
Cost: \$35.00 USD/ General Public
 \$25.00 USD/ Allied Members
 Free for all other Membership Categories
Credits: Offered for Nurses

Registration is required. **Please register in advance:**

<https://nidcap.org/nfi-webinar-series-17-november-2021/>

(After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.)

For more information please contact: nficonference@nidcap.org



First Webinar Release on the Learning Center

In Honor of the NFI's 20th Anniversary and Heidelise Als' Birthday, we are releasing the inaugural NFI March 1st 2021 webinar on November 8, 2021.

The Webinar is Free for Members to view on our new Learning Center.

For all others, the NFI is offering a special viewing rate of 20.00 USD the week of Heidelise's birthday. Beginning November 16, 2021, the cost will be 35.00 USD for the General Public and 25.00 USD for Allied Members.

[Learning Center Link](#)



New NIDCAP Training Center

The NIDCAP team at the Skåne University Hospital in Malmö, Sweden has been working toward becoming a certified Training Center. NIDCAP Trainer, *Stina Klemming, MD* recently transferred to be part of the group. Therefore, the center now meets the requirements to open and has been named the **Lund-Malmö NIDCAP Training and Research Center**. *Elisabeth Olhager, MD, PhD* is serving as the Center Director, *Stina Klemming, MD* is the Center Co-Director and NIDCAP Trainer, *Jessica Jubner, RN* is the Center's Nursing Director. *Pernilla Stenman, RN* is close to finishing her NIDCAP Trainer requirements and will be the second NIDCAP Trainer at the center. Senior Master NIDCAP Trainer, *Agneta Kleberg, RN, PhD* continues to serve as Pernilla's mentor.

A very warm welcome to our newest NIDCAP Training Center!

NFI Board of Directors



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Video Conference Call Minutes

When available, the full NFI Board of Director Minutes will be posted within our website's Membership Section. The following are **HIGHLIGHTS** from the End of Year Board Meeting discussions.

October 13, 2021

End-of-Year President's Report, Advancement and Finance Committee Reports were approved by the Board of Directors.

Establishment of the Lund-Malmö NIDCAP Training Center was approved by the Board of Directors. The center is planning to formally open in March 2022.

Plans of an NFI webinar to be held on 2021 World Prematurity Day were shared. The speaker will be gretchen Lawhon, PhD, RN. The topic will focus on the Assessment of Preterm Infant's Behavior and its use in supporting families.

Details of the NFI Next Steps Workshop, to be held during the Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting, were discussed.

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

Warm **World Prematurity Day** wishes to everyone,

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