



NFI Membership Updates and News from the President

August 2022

Dear NFI Community,

It is summer in my part of the world... and for so many this is a time to take a break from work and day to day responsibilities, from an afternoon to weeks at a time. This includes me, where I am finding joy in unexpected places. One particularly lovely afternoon, my daughter and I gathered weathered pieces of sea glass as a beach's gentle (and not so gentle) waves pushed them ashore. We collected green, frosty white, blue, brown and even a few teal (NFI-colored) ones. Minutes became hours as we got lost in our delight of finding each new beautiful, unique piece of glass. The magic of this day must certainly include how totally present we were with our shared focus of our search.

Finding joy happens everywhere... including within our work. At our upcoming NIDCAP Trainers Meeting, a session is being offered to reflect on the joy that NIDCAP work brings to us. Joy also comes from the relationships we have with one another within our organization. It will certainly be cause for celebration for those of us who will be together in Germany for our annual meeting. All ways, including in-person touchpoints, video conferencing, telephoning and writing, that we have to connect, serve to energize and support us. May each of you find joy everywhere you go throughout the month of August and beyond. From Maria Shriver's (American journalist, Author) wisdom:

Your light, your presence, your joy, and your fire are all desperately needed in our world. Our world needs people like you to help others unlike yourself. So take the time you need to reconnect with all that is yours. Your world will thank you. Our world will thank you. (Maria Shriver's Sunday Paper, July 30, 2022)

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Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting 7, 8, 9 October 2022

This year's annual meeting, entitled *The Impact of NIDCAP on the Infant, Family and Society*, will be held in person in Germany and also via Zoom for virtual participants. The timing of the meeting is organized around the German time zone (CEST). Invitations with registration and hotel reservation details were sent in June. There are reduced rates for NFI Members and there are guest rates for those who travel to Germany.

For more information and to register please visit the 33rd NIDCAP Trainers Meeting website page. This is a password protected page accessible only to NIDCAP Trainers Meeting Invitees.

[33rd NIDCAP Trainers Meeting Page](#)



NIDCAP One Day Symposium

Friday, 7 October 2022

This one-day conference, hosted by NIDCAP Germany, Training Center Tübingen, on behalf of the NIDCAP Federation International, is held in conjunction with the 33rd Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting. The Symposium will feature presentations about the plasticity of the preterm brain, the NICU experience of parents, and how healthcare professionals can influence the political agenda to improve newborn care.

Click button below for program and registration details.

[NIDCAP Symposium Page](#)



Annual NFI Membership Meeting

Sunday, 9 October 2022

The Annual NFI Membership Meeting will be held on 9 October 2022. All NFI Members in good standing are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held in-person and simultaneously online. More information will be provided closer to the meeting date.



NFI Blog Posting

The NFI is pleased to announce the latest blog post entitled "Wall of Hope" by Naama Yeshuru and mothers from Meir Medical Center NICU, Israel. She writes "(w)e, a group of loving mothers from Israel, hope our words will inspire and strengthen parents from all around the world. Skin-to-skin knows no frontiers.

Wall of Hope

July 12, 2022 | By Naama Yeshurun

Along the entrance corridor to our NICU, flat television screens show colorful pictures of our premature babies, as NICU patients and graduates of all...

[NFI Blog](#)

Related Membership News

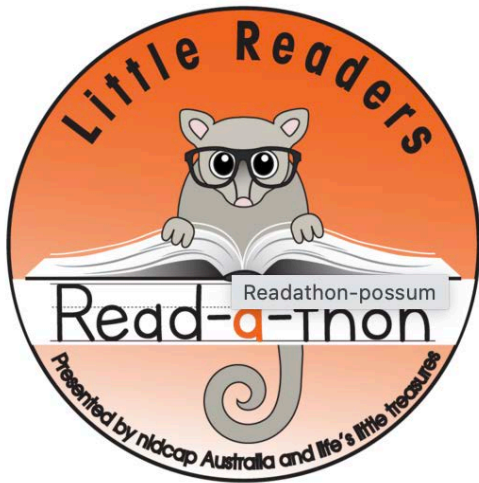
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NIDCAP Conference

A two day NIDCAP Francophone Meeting will be held on September 29 and 30, 2022 in Marseille, France.

Then first day, "Parent from here and elsewhere" is open to all. The second day, "Preparing for the discharge" is reserved for NIDCAP/FINE/CLE professionals.



Hospital Read-a-thon

[The Australasian NIDCAP Training Centre](#), in partnership with The Life's Little Treasures Foundation, is promoting participation in the Little Readers Read-a-thon. Newborn units (NICU/SCN), from around the world, interested in being part of the event can register to participate on the link below.

[Little Readers Readathon](#)

NFI Partner News



Opportunity for NICU Parent Network (NPN) Members NPN Live! 3.0 Scholarships August 4 - 6, 2022

NPN Live! is a gathering of NICU Parent Leaders who support NICU and bereaved families in innovative ways through awareness, advocacy, writing, peer-to-peer support, and education.

Ten scholarships are available for free registration for NPN Members (including NICU Parent Insiders, Support Organization staff, volunteers, & board members) to join NPN Live!3.0.

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NFI Board of Directors



NFI Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 13, 2022

The Board of Directors held their monthly conference call on July 13. The highlights of the meeting are below. The full NFI Board of Director Minutes will be posted within our website's Membership Section than they are available.

Highlights

- Board of Director *Rules of Engagement* document was discussed and adoption will be sought on the next Board conference call.
- Minutes and the importance of maintaining confidentiality of NFI members and certain topics were discussed.
- Board of Director candidate referred by Price Waterhouse Coopers to be interviewed.
- Current and future plans of the annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting were discussed.
- Update of plan to hire an Administrative Assistant was presented.

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

Sending very best NFI wishes to everyone,

Deborah

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