



NFI Membership Updates and News from the President

January 2023

Dear NFI Friends,

The New Year offers opportunities for new perspectives. I have been thinking about this idea as 2022 came to a close and now 2023 has begun. Last week, I visited the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum in Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA. One particularly fascinating set of paintings by O'Keeffe were done of New York skyscrapers nearly 50 years apart. In the intervening years, O'Keeffe had moved to New Mexico where among other subjects, she painted majestic canyon landscapes. Applying her years of painting deserts (and flowers and skulls), O'Keeffe returned to her earlier New York City subject and uniquely applied a canyon perspective to her cityscape composition.



Georgia O'Keeffe
Ritz Tower, 1928



Georgia O'Keeffe
Untitled (City Night), 1970s

O'Keeffe said "one can't paint New York as it is, but rather how it is felt." Her "feelings" about skyscrapers evolved, as expressed by her paintings. O'Keeffe's body of work has a lasting endurance. Learning, inspiration, creativity,

adaptation, evolution - all invaluable processes for sustainability and growing and flourishing.

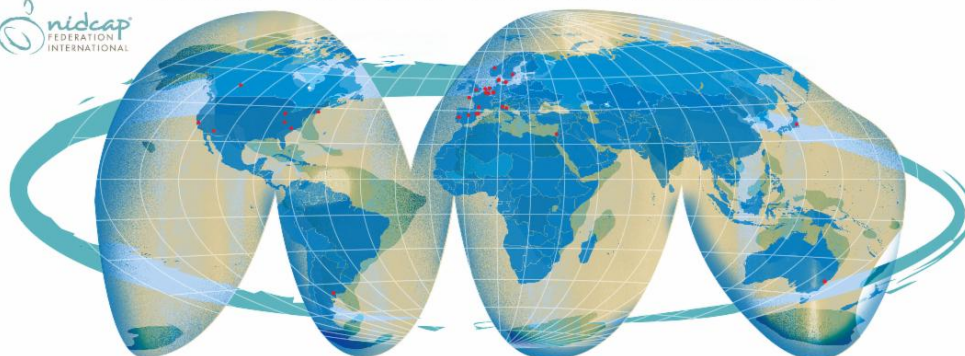
We "feel" (and know) that NIDCAP is exactly what every baby and their family deserve to experience within hospitals. We all bring invaluable perspectives, strengths and energies to being the "Voice of the Newborn/Infant". 2023 holds incredible opportunities for the NFI and NIDCAP's growth and next steps. Everyone is welcome to support the many NFI/NIDCAP/APIB initiatives that are in varying stages of development and realization.

Here's to this new year collectively building upon and advancing our NIDCAP foundation *to improve the future for all infants in hospitals and their families... with NIDCAP care.*

NFI Updates & News



NIDCAP TRAINING CENTERS WORLDWIDE





Request for NIDCAP Care Photograph

NFI members from around the world are invited to send a photograph of NIDCAP care for inclusion in our 2023 **World NIDCAP Day** poster.

You must have permission for the photograph(s) you send to be shared on our website, social media, newsletter and related NFI educational sites and **ONLY** use our NIDCAP email address to **shareyourstory@nidcap.org**. Please use the attached photo release to obtain permission. As always, we are so very appreciative for families to share their images and experiences and we must ensure their privacy.

Please send us a photo by **MONDAY, JANUARY 20th**.



NFI Member Recognitions

Pierre Kuhn, MD, PhD, from the CHRU of Strasbourg, France was elected President of the Scientific Commission of the French Society of Neonatology. This is a recognition of his research on the environment of hospitalized infants.



Véronique Pierrat, MD, PhD, from CHU Lille, France was elected by the Scientific Commission of the French Society of Neonatology as the “Neonatologist of the Year” (Virginia Apgar Award). This award recognizes her scientific contributions demonstrating the impact of NIDCAP on care practices in neonatology.

Many, many congratulations!



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Podcast from The Brussels NIDCAP Training Center

NIDCAP Master Trainer in Training, [Delphine Druart, RN](#), was interviewed for the podcast

entitled: *Prématurité : l'implication des parents dans les soins au bébé est essentielle (Prematurity: parental involvement in baby care is essential)*.

Podcast



NFI News from Facebook

Australasia [NIDCAP](#) Training Centre Co-Director [Kaye Spence, AM, RN, MN](#) officially retired from [The Children's Hospital at Westmead](#) after 40 years as a [Neonatal Nurse!](#) Kaye plans to continue to offer guidance and support to the training center and beyond... and will continue to serve as the NFI Senior Editor of the NFI's *Developmental Observer*.



Honoring Honorary NFI Member

The NFI honors Honorary NFI Member [Dr. Hiroshi Nishida](#), who died on November 29, 2022. The NFI acknowledges Dr. Nishida's longstanding dedication and commitment to NIDCAP. From 2007, when as President of the Japan Society of Perinatal and Neonatal Medicine, he invited Dr. Heidelise Als and Dr. gretchen Lawhon to Japan through 2019

(and beyond) with the establishment of the Japan National NIDCAP Training Center located across Japan.

The Japan National NIDCAP Training Center is committed to continue Dr. Nishida's legacy, through nurturing the neurobehavioral development of babies and the parent-child relationship through NIDCAP, to foster warm hearts and minds.

NIDCAP-Related Conferences

Swedish Conference on Ultra-Early Intervention March 23rd 2023

"Always Together"
Caring for newborn babies together with their parents in skin-to-skin contact and Mother-Newborn Couplet Care from the time of birth.

Registration Information
Last day of registration for on-site March 17
Last day of registration for online March 8
Registration at: <https://www.nidcap.se>

Contact
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Conference Fee
On-site participation incl. lunch, coffee, and conference dinner: 10000 SEK, incl. VAT
Online, higher fee (computer and access to on-demand): 15000 SEK, incl. VAT

Coordinating Education Credits
Credits for medical and nursing professionals will be available. www.nidcap.se will be available.

Abstracts and Posters
Registration on our page is valid in <https://www.nidcap.se> by February 18.

Abstracts
Have your abstracts accepted? Abstracts accepted, please register online at <https://www.nidcap.se> by February 18. www.nidcap.se will be available. www.nidcap.se for online participation will be available 2-3 days before the event.

Speakers and Moderators
Stina Klemming, MD, PhD, Director, Japan National NIDCAP Training Center, Dept. of Neonatology, Karolinska University Hospital, Upt. of Clinical Science, Neuroscience and Technology, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden.
Silke Mader, PhD, Chairwoman of the Executive Board European Association for the Care of Newborns (EAN).
Björn Westrup, MD, PhD, Director of Neonatology, Children's Hospital, University of Cologne, Germany.
Marika Klemming, MD, PhD, Director, Karolinska NIDCAP Center, Dept. of Neonatology, Karolinska University Hospital, Upt. of Clinical Science, Neuroscience and Technology, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden.
Elisabeth Olhager, MD, Associate Professor of Neonatology, Head of management for pediatric surgery and neonatal care at Uppsala University Hospital, Uppsala Children's Hospital Center, Uppsala, Sweden.
Marika Klemming, MD, PhD, Director of Neonatology, Children's Hospital, University of Cologne, Germany.
Stina Klemming, MD, PhD, Professor of Neonatology, U. John's Medical College and Hospital, Bangalore, Karnataka, India. Co-Chair of the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Network for Neonatal Care.
Björn Westrup, MD, Associate Professor of Neonatology, Head of management for pediatric surgery and neonatal care at Uppsala University Hospital, Uppsala Children's Hospital Center, Uppsala, Sweden.
Marika Klemming, MD, PhD, Department of Women's and Children's Health, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden.
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Swedish Conference on Ultra-Early Intervention (Sweden) March 23, 2023

Registration is open for the NFI-endorsed conference *Always Together* - Caring for newborn babies together with their parents in skin-to-skin contact and Mother-Newborn Couplet Care from the time of birth. NFI Members speaking and moderating: **Stina Klemming, MD, Silke Mader, Elisabeth Olhager, MD, and Björn Westrup MD, PhD.**

Swedish Conference



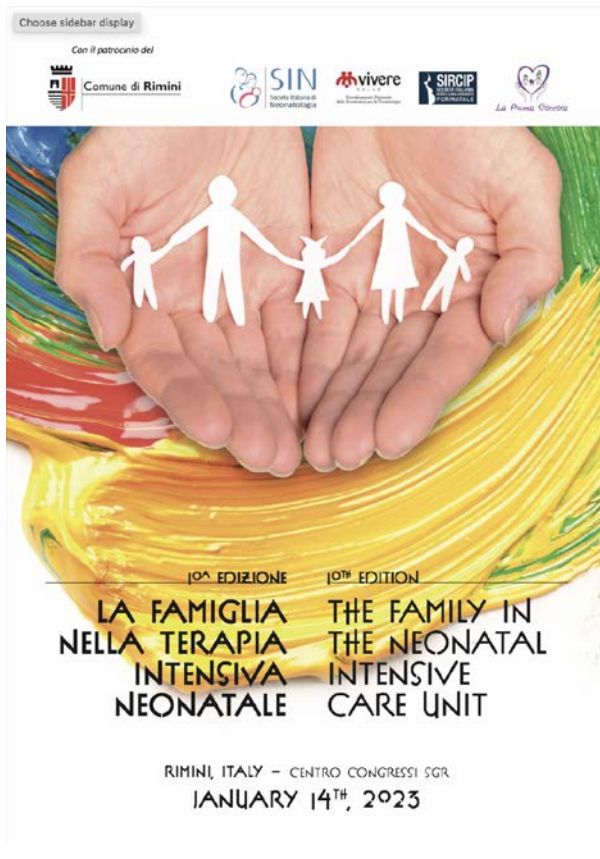
36th Annual Gravens Conference (USA)

March 8-11, 2023

Registration is open for the NFI-endorsed conference *The Environment of Care for High Risk Newborns and their Families* (in person and virtual). The legacy of Heidelise Als, PhD will be highlighted and the meeting will include a significant emphasis on NIDCAP. Presentations from NFI Members will include: Björn Westrup, MD, PhD (the keynote speaker), Dorothy Vittner, PhD, RN, FAAN, Juzer Tyebkhan, MBBS, MRCP (UK), FRCP(C) Stina Klemming, MD and Joy Browne, PhD, PCNS-BC, IMH(IV) Clinical Mentor.

Additionally, the development and ongoing (Gravens-supported) IFCDC Standards Consensus Panel has strong representation by Jean Powlesland, RN, MS as the NIDCAP representative and several NIDCAP International Consultants.

36th Annual Gravens Conference



Conference (Italy) January 14th, 2023

The 10th Edition conference entitled "The Family in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit" will held in Rimini, Italy. NFI Members presenting include: [Gina Ancora, MD](#), [Fatima Clemente, MD](#), [Silke Mader](#), [Irene Papa, MD](#), [Nataschia Simeone, RN](#), [Inga Warren, DSc, CBE](#)

NFI Endorsements

Please share conferences, meetings, and materials for NFI endorsement. Endorsements will be shared with our members and announcements posted on nidcap.org and on our social media channels. Requests may be sent to shareyourstory@nidcap.org.

NFI Board of Directors



**NFI Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
December 2022**

The Board of Directors held their monthly Zoom meeting on December 14. The highlights of this meeting are below. The full NFI Board of Director Minutes will be posted within our website's Membership Section when available.

Highlights

- *The Board approved Minutes from the NFI End of Year Board Meeting, the Annual NFI Membership Meeting, and the Board meetings from October 9th and November 9th, 2022.*
- *Dates and the location for the Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting were decided.*
- *A possible individual to contract for administrative support for the NIDCAP Trainers Meeting was discussed.*
- *The proposed budget for NFI FY 2023 was presented and approved by the Board of Directors.*
- *The Governance Committee will work on a process for the nomination and approval of Honorary and Emeritus Members of the NFI.*
- *The Board discussed an NFI member's correspondence and planned to respond with information to the membership.*



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

Warm Happy New Year wishes to all,

Deborah

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