



**NFI Membership
Updates and News
from the President**

June 2022

True navigation begins in the human heart.

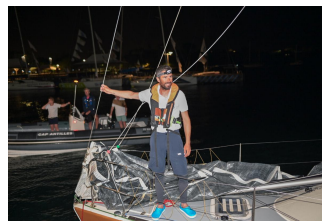
It's the most important map of all.

Elizabeth Kapu'uwaitani Lindsey, PhD

(Actor, filmmaker and anthropologist)

Dear NFI Community,

Benoît and Emmanuelle's son was born 12 weeks early at the University Hospital of Brest, France. They said *when we found our rhythm in the nursery with the passing weeks, we understood and appreciated the precious support from Sylvie and the scope of (the NIDCAP) program*. Sylvie (Minguy, RN) is a very talented and dedicated NIDCAP Trainer from our group. Sylvie and the NIDCAP care that this family received in the hospital meant so very much to them that Benoît and his Co-Skipper dedicated their recent sailboat race to NIDCAP. Sylvie, the "godmother of the sailboat", christened the boat in a ceremonial breaking of a champagne bottle on its bow. The Cap Martinique Transatlantic Race began in La Trinite-Sur-Mer (France). On May 24, after 23 days, it has just ended, in Fort De France (Martinique). A flag, that bore our NFI logo, flew on their sailboat all the way across the Atlantic Ocean.



On the race's website, Benoît was quoted saying that their sailboat *representing NIDCAP (was) an additional motivation for them to make the crossing a success!* The heart of these skippers to navigate across the Atlantic Ocean as part of a race... is an honor and an inspiration. The heart of this family to navigate their family journey with gratitude and grace, that they have shared with all of us, is truly beautiful.

Benoît and Emmanuelle describe being inspired by the NIDCAP care they received... Yet, we are simultaneously inspired by *this family and every family* that we meet. Families are at the heart of all that we do. Family experiences and perspectives inform and guide every aspect of NIDCAP care from hospital bedsides to our NFI councils, committees and board. Ever seeking to expand our understandings and our reach, please continue to share family stories and let family advocates and leaders know that they are welcome to join the NFI and our efforts.

NFI Updates & News



Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting

7, 8, 9 October 2022

Our annual meeting is on! It will be held in person in Germany and also via video conferencing for virtual participants. It is entitled *The Impact of NIDCAP on the Infant, Family and Society*. The timing of the meeting will be organized around the German time zone (CEST). Invitees will be sent registration and hotel reservation details in early June. NFI Members will be offered reduced rates and there will be guest rates for those who travel to Germany.

All information will be available on the 33rd NIDCAP Trainers

Meeting website page as soon as registration opens. This is a password protected page accessible only to NIDCAP Trainers Meeting Invitees.



Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting: Abstracts and Papers

Submission Deadlines

Abstracts (August 1, 2022)

Journal Club (July 15, 2022)

Please find the attached guidelines and submission requirements for consideration for Abstracts and Papers. Presentations may be either in person or virtual.

Abstract sessions will be held on Saturday and Sunday (October 8 & 9).

The Journal Club Session will be on Saturday, October 9.



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.



World NIDCAP Day Benefit Gala Survey

Please Reply by **June 15**

The World NIDCAP Day Benefit Gala event received approximately \$15,000 from generous donations. These monies were raised in order to enrich our educational and training material offerings. We are very grateful that you so generously participated in the Gala's success.

Please help us decide which project to fund by replying to https://uic.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_899IEsklpexoCIE



R3: Research, Read & Review

In April, the NIDCAP and Science Committee released its next edition of research relevant to the value and practice of NIDCAP. The Committee invites you *to reflect on its content, to think of its impact on your practice, to use it as material for discussion with colleagues and families, or just as a curious piece of information.*

With appreciation to *Juzer Tyebkhan, MBBS, FRCPC*, from the Edmonton NIDCAP Training Center, Canada, for his review of Keller T, Körber F, Oberthuer A, Schafmeyer L, Mehler K, Kuhr K, Kribs A. (2019). Intranasal Breast Milk for Premature Infants with severe Intraventricular Hemorrhage – an observation. *European Journal of Pediatrics*. 178:199-206. doi.org/10.1007/s00431-018-3279-7

Feedback of past reviews, and interest in future summary and reviews of articles, are welcome. Please contact the NIDCAP & Science Committee through



NFI Webinar

24 May 2022

With gratitude to [Keira Sorrells](#) for her powerful webinar presentation *Enhancing parent engagement with NIDCAP: Creating collaborations with parent-led organizations*. Keira, the Co-founder and Executive Director of the NICU Parent Network and maternal-infant health professional, was incredibly thoughtful and inspirational. This webinar will be available on our NFI Learning Center very soon.

Thank you also to [Bonni Moyer, MSPT](#), NIDCAP Trainer, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, Phoenix, Arizona, USA for moderating our event!

NFI Board of Directors



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Video Conference Call Minutes

Highlights from the Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting held on May 11th call are below. When available, the full NFI Board of Director Minutes will be posted within our website's Membership Section.

May 11, 2022

Highlights

- *Minutes from the April Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting were revised and approved.*
- *Times for the NFI retreat in late June and logistics were discussed.*
- *Content for an upcoming survey to the membership was discussed and finalized. The survey is to gain input from members on how best to utilize the proceeds from the recent World NIDCAP Day Benefit Gala.*
- *The current draft of the NFI Mission Statement was discussed, with the BOD asked to individually make suggestions that will be discussed at the next meeting.*



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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