



March 2023
Newsletter

World NIDCAP Month is Here!

Dear NFI Friends,

Sending warm wishes to everyone on this occasion of our fifth annual **World NIDCAP Month** celebration.

There is a lot happening in March to celebrate the NFI and NIDCAP both within the NFI and with so very many of you!



On **March 1, 2023, 1:00-2:00 PM EST**, we will begin the month with a lecture from the Boston Children's Hospital's Fuss Research Seminar *Celebration of the Life and Enduring Legacy of Heidelise Als, PhD* with Speakers *Samantha Butler, PhD* and *Jacques Sizun, MD*, Moderated by *Gloria McAnulty, PhD*. See our website for more [Zoom webinar details](#).

Fuss Research Seminar Presents
*Celebration of the Life and Enduring
Legacy of Heidelise Als, PhD*
March 1, 2023 via Zoom, 1-2pm EST



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On **March 20th, World NIDCAP Day**, we will mark the day in many ways!

Including:

- On nidcap.org, NIDCAP Training Center videos will be shared on an interactive map.
- Bridges, and even Niagara Falls, will be lit in teal.
- The Harvard Medical School flag will be lowered to half mast in honor of [Heidelise Als](#).



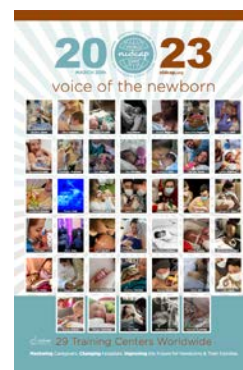
Throughout **March**:

- Please see our Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn platforms for a special NFI and NIDCAP focus to raise awareness and enhance education. This includes the many short videos that we have collected on "What NIDCAP Means to Our Members." This promises to offer supportive and uplifting messages!
- [Family](#) and [Allied](#) one-year **memberships** are available for a reduced rate of **\$25 USD**.



In honor of the newborns and infants who have been hospitalized, their families, and the nursery staff and hospitals around the world who care for them, please see and share our [World NIDCAP Day poster](#).

Many thanks to our Members for sharing so many beautiful NIDCAP care images with us.



Sending very warm World NIDCAP Day wishes and gratitude for your ongoing, incredible care to improve the future for infants and their families.

Be sure to check our [World NIDCAP Day webpage](#) for updates.

NFI Updates & News



Developmental Observer

The newest edition of the *Developmental Observer* (Vol. 16, No. 1) was released in February. This issue, available on [our website](#) includes a beautiful article by NFI Member *Yamilé Jackson, PhD, PE, PMP*, informative abstracts from the 2022 NIDCAP Trainers Meeting, a wonderful spotlight on the Edmonton NIDCAP Training Centre, Canada, an interesting perspective from "New Zealand: A Nursing Reflection" and so much more!

All issues are accessible from our website as well as from [IU ScholarWorks Journals](#).



French-Speaking NIDCAP Chapter

In 2013, French NIDCAP Chapter was created to disseminate NIDCAP knowledge and implementation in France. *Jacques Sizun, MD* has served as its President since its inception. As he steps down from his position, we extend our gratitude to Jacques



for his dedication and care to creating and developing this chapter.

This NFI chapter has evolved over the years to include French-Speaking countries and members and now has new leadership:

- *Sandra Lescure*, President
- *Aurélie Guillou*, Vice President
- *Isabelle Olivard*, Treasurer
- *Sylvie Minguy*, Vice Treasurer
- *Céline Prout*, Secretary
- *Marie-Cécile Andro-Garçon*, Vice Secretary

NIDCAP continues to grow with the French-Speaking Chapter's efforts. And now it promises to continue to thrive with this new Board leadership. French-speaking NFI members continue to be an inspiration for us all.



Invitation to Apply for Project Funds

Last year, our World NIDCAP Day Gala raised \$15,000 USD for NIDCAP education. The two top priorities for these funds were identified from a Membership Survey. They were (1) Digitizing NIDCAP training materials; and (2) Translation of NIDCAP/APIB resources.

If you wish to apply for funding for either of these projects, please send your proposal to info@nidcap.org. The recipient of this award(s)

will be announced next month.



NFI Member Activity

Very exciting news from *Samantha Butler, PhD* - Samantha was recently awarded a grant from the Children's Heart Foundation, entitled *Developmental Intervention for Hospitalized Newborns with Congenital Heart Disease*. This will be a two year randomized control study to evaluate NIDCAP as an intervention for critically ill newborns with congenital heart disease. Stay tuned to learn more about this very important project over the coming years!

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



The Swedish Conference on Ultra-Early Intervention is a scientific conference on Infant and Family-Centered Developmental Care (IFDCI) and The Newborn Individualized Developmental Care and Assessment Program (NIDCAP).

Organized by:
Karolinska NIDCAP Training and Research Center
Lund Malmö NIDCAP Training and Research Center

Registration Information
Last day of registration for on-site March 17
Last day of registration for online March 1
Registration at: <https://www.karolinska.se/en/education/conferences>

Contact
Inquiries to the conference: nidcap@karolinska.se
Inquiries to registration: registration@karolinska.se
Inquiries to exhibitors: exhibitors@karolinska.se

Conference Fee
2000 SEK per person (incl. lunch, coffee, and conference dinner, materials, and so on)

Online
All attendees will have access to the conference content online

Co-sponsoring Educational Objectives
Attend the medical and nursing presentations with confidence

Abstracts and Posters
Registration on our page abstract <https://www.karolinska.se/en/education/conferences>

Abstracts
Have your abstract accepted at a scientific conference, present, have a poster, and receive a certificate of participation

Abstracts
Meeting will be recorded. Link for online participation will be sent to you 1-2 days before the event

Abstracts
There will be an oral meeting session at the conference venue and the Karolinska University Hospital. Abstracts will be presented at the conference dinner table

Abstracts
We have recommendations for abstract content from the public

Abstracts
Registration information: <https://www.karolinska.se/en/education/conferences>

Abstracts
<https://www.karolinska.se/en/education/conferences>

Abstracts
Proacta, VYGON, KANMED, GE Healthcare, KAROLINSKA, TIMMK, Chiesi, Dräger, EdmCare, EFO, NI

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](#)



Dia Mundial Do NIDCAP

Nascer Prematuro and SMIPN CHUALGARVE will mark **World NIDCAP Day** with a conference on March 20. *Jacques Szun, MD* and *Fatima Clemente, MD* will present on the implementation and training of the NIDCAP program and care. For information: nidcapsmipn@gmail.com.

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**](mailto:shareyourstory@nidcap.org).

NFI Board of Directors



NFI Board of Directors Meeting February 2023

The Board of Directors held their monthly Zoom meeting on February 8, 2023. Since there was not a quorum present (more than half of the Board), the meeting was held informally and does not have formal Minutes.

Full NFI Board of Director Minutes for earlier meetings are posted within our website's Membership Section when available.



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

Warm **World NIDCAP Month and Day** wishes,

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