

Dear Members of the NFI,



It is with great enthusiasm that I present my candidacy for a position on the NFI Board. My name is Monique Oude Reimer-van Kilsdonk and I am a NIDCAP Consultant, senior NIDCAP Trainer and Co-Director at Erasmus MC-Sophia Children's Hospital in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. I have been a neonatal intensive care nurse since 1992 and completed my NIDCAP training in Lund, Sweden, in 2000. Over the years, NIDCAP has brought me further in my professional growth but certainly also privately. Reflection, flexibility, dedication, growth and collaboration are topics that increasingly surface.

Throughout nearly 24 years of NIDCAP work, I have had the privilege to create my own NIDCAP profession (I am a fulltime NIDCAP consultant) and implement individualized care globally in diverse cultural settings, across various neonatal and High care units. Together with Inga Warren, UK, I developed the Family and Infant Neurodevelopment Education (FINE) course.

Since 2014, I chaired the Expert Group on Care Procedures for the Standards of Care for Newborn Health project, initiated by the European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI).

I have been active within the NFI for some years and a member of the Qaac and the NNP working group. All this has strengthened my belief in the NIDCAP vision, and I feel that I am well-suited to continue promoting this vision as a member of the NFI Board.

As a board member my focus would be on:

1. Advocating for expansion and strengthening the NIDCAP worldwide and especially to see how we nowadays can incorporate, propagate and maintain this vision. I am convinced, partly from experience, that beyond theoretical knowledge, it is equally important to work "hands-on" with trainees and demonstrate how NIDCAP can be effectively applied in current practice. Sometimes other training paths can be taken, or other educational options are helpful.
2. How we can incorporate foundational educational methods and make it more accessible globally.
3. How the (adapted) NNP can help us implement the NIDCAP vision.
4. How we, as NFI, can assist the global NIDCAP Centers in their existence.

A lot of questions and big ambitions! I would like to commit myself to this in the coming years.

Thank you for considering my candidacy for the NFI Board. I look forward to the opportunity to support this work and be a sounding board for you as a NFI member.

Warm regards,
Monique Oude Reimer-van Kilsdonk