

Dear NFI Community,

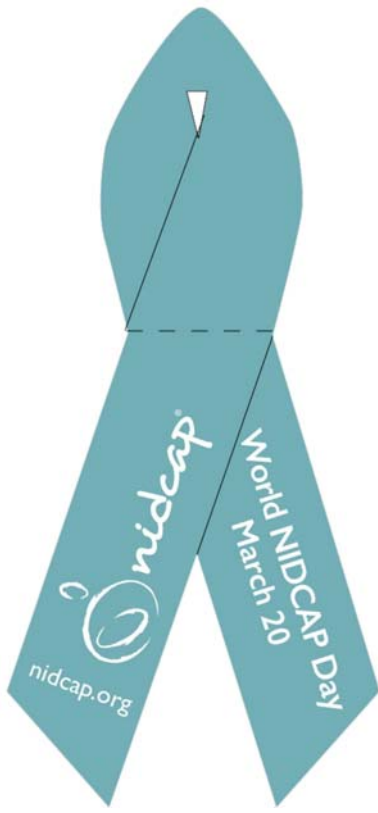
Such a heartwarming **World NIDCAP Month and Day (March 20)** we have just had. From new NFI initiatives to local celebrations and events, our sixth annual awareness day (and month) was honored in the most remarkable ways all around the world. Please see the images and descriptions below that show some of our members' exciting activities.

Globally

It was a VERY busy month for the NFI! We held a Family and Allied Membership Campaign, opened an Online Shop, launched our Speakers Bureau, shared new Professional and Family Videos, exhibited at the Annual Graven's Conference, made available an informational World NIDCAP Day Toolkit, distributed our annual NIDCAP Care Around the World poster, posted images and events on Facebook and Instagram, illuminated landmarks in teal across Canada and the United States... and prepared to launch our expanded online Learning Center platform.

Please see nidcap.org to learn more about

any of these happenings!



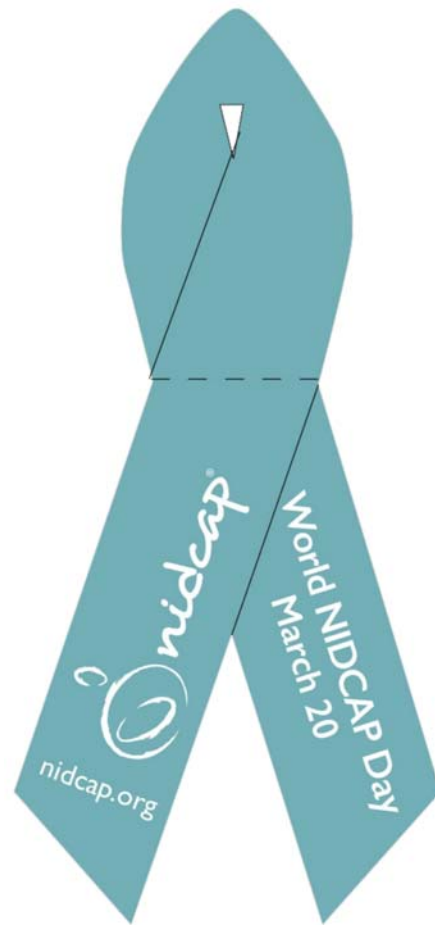


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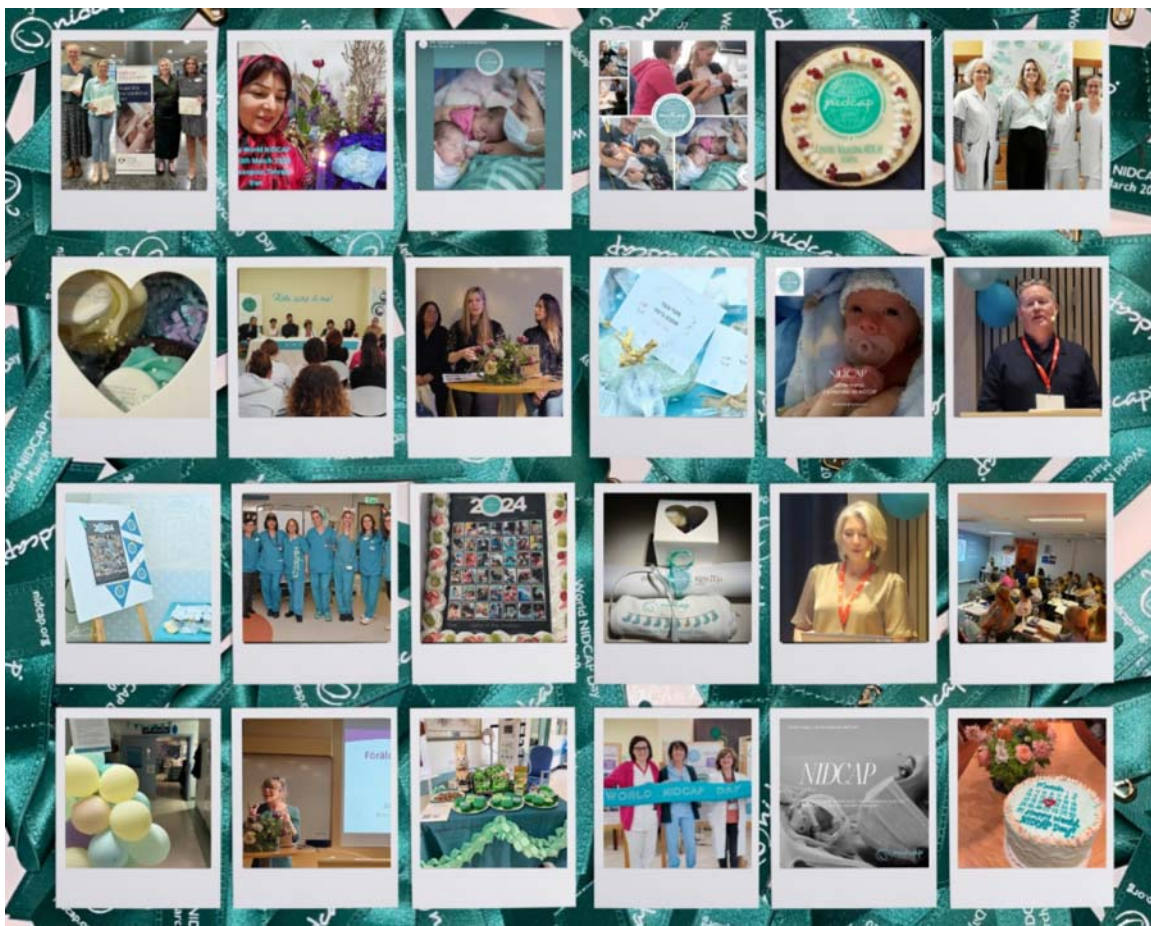
Oh my goodness... it is so very inspiring to see so many incredible expressions of NIDCAP from around the world. Here are just a few examples of what was shared with us...
 NIDCAP Professional Certifications

(Australia and The Netherlands); NIDCAP Publications from France (Saint-Brieuc and Toulouse); NIDCAP-Related Conferences and Education (Nordic Team, Sweden, Florida USA); Family and Staff Receptions (Israel, Italy, Canada, România); Parent and Professional Organization Recognitions (Nascer Prematuro, XXS - Associação Portuguesa de Apoio ao Bebê Prematuro, SOS Préma, Italian Society of Neonatology, Itália, The Zaky, NICU Parent Network, and the European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infant) and... so many beautiful teal Cakes and Cupcakes (including from The Netherlands, Australia, United States and Italy).

Many of these events are posted on our Facebook page. Please follow and invite others to follow our page to help us reach our goal of 10,000 Followers (we are ALMOST there!)



Facebook

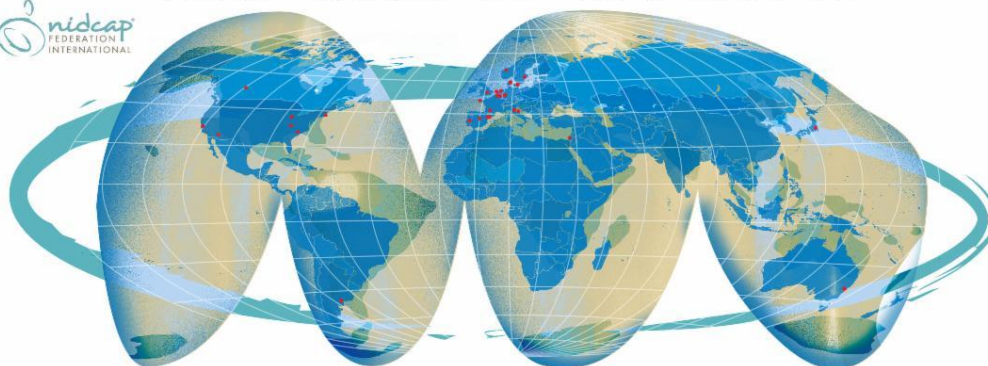


May the spirit of **World NIDCAP Day/Month** continue throughout the year, as we continue to raise awareness and offer education and support for NIDCAP care to improve the future for infants and their families.

NFI Updates & News



NIDCAP TRAINING CENTERS WORLDWIDE



IN THE UNITED STATES:

NEW MASTER APIB Trainer

Deborah Buehler, PhD was unanimously approved as a new Master APIB Trainer. These achievements were accomplished by her training and mentorship of *Joy Browne, PhD, PCNS-BC, IMH-E(IV)* and *Delphine Druart, RN* in their accomplishments as APIB Trainers. Deborah was mentored by *Heidelise Als, PhD* (Senior APIB Master Trainer from the National NIDCAP Training Center in Boston, Massachusetts).

NFI-Endorsed Program

CIRENA Educational Program

The NFI has endorsed the CIRENA Education Program (Spanish for Individualized Care for the Newborn). This program was developed by the Center Latino Americano NIDCAP Training Center ([Graciela Basso, MD](#), Senior Master NIDCAP Trainer and Senior APIB



Trainer and [Laura Goldberg, Psychiatrist, Neurodevelopmental Care Team Member](#)). It was developed as a foundational program for Spanish-speaking healthcare professionals living and working in countries with limited resources. Graciela wrote: *We are convinced that the CIRENA Program will mark the beginning of a path filled with learning and opportunities for many new NIDCAP and APIB learners. Our commitment is firm in continuing to develop and improve this program, ensuring that both infants and their families receive the best possible support and training.*

NIDCAP-Related Awareness Day



Kangaroo Care Day

May 15, 2024

May 15th was chosen because it is the birthday of the son of NFI Member [Yamile Jackson](#). Her family's NICU hospital experience inspired Kangaroo Care Day, which has become an international celebration. Yamile wrote: *This date symbolizes the love, resilience, and life-saving benefits that Kangaroo Care represents.*

This year's theme is *Embrace the Magic* for kangaroo care and its "transformative and almost enchanting nature of the practice."

Please see <https://kangaroo.care> for more information

NIDCAP-Related Conference



Skin-to-Skin Contact Day Conference (Portugal)

May 15, 2024

This conference will be held in honor of Kangaroo Care Day by Nascer Prematuro, a Portuguese premature parents association and the Portuguese Infant Massage Association (APMI).

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 and Members 2024

The Board of Directors continues to meet monthly via Zoom and met in-person around the time of the Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting. Below are highlights from the Minutes of the recent March meeting. The full NFI Board of Director and Membership Meeting Minutes (when available) are posted within our website's Membership Section.

Highlights from the March 13th Meeting:

- The NFI FY 2023 End-of-Year Reports from the President and Advancement, Finance, Governance and Program Committees were approved.
- The Board of Director Minutes from February 2024 were approved.
- The Board of Directors was informed of the resignation of Rodd Hedlund, MEd, as Director of the NIDCAP Nursery Program. The Board of Directors acknowledged his essential, longstanding role in the development and growth of our important program.
- Discussion on proposed changes to the Board of Directors structure was held.

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

Warm **NIDCAP** wishes,



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