

Alone we go faster, but together we go further.

Motto from the 2024 Paris Olympics and the Paralympic Games

Dear NFI Community,

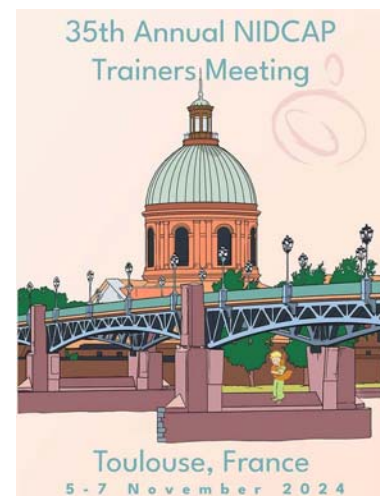
2024 is the year of France bringing together countries and peoples.



The world is currently focused on Paris (and its outskirts including Tahiti) as Olympians compete representing their countries. The backdrop of Paris for the opening ceremony and the sports events offers a beautiful insight into this vibrant place and its people.

Each athlete represents hopes and dreams **and** incredible hard work and dedication. Basketball superstar and Olympic athlete, Stephen Curry said "Sports brings a lot of people together." While we root for our countries, we also celebrate individuals' victories **and** their efforts, transcending nationalities. The world, often a complicated place, can be uplifted with inspiration by these remarkable athletes and their stories.

In November, the NFI community will gather (in-person and virtually) in Toulouse. Our annual meeting offers us the opportunity to visit parts of the world where our NIDCAP Training Centers are based. We will experience Toulouse's beauty, its rich history, its foods and traditions, and most importantly its people. Members of our community will join together to learn from one another, build and nurture our relationships, and to inspire one another and next NFI/NIDCAP steps. Please plan to join us.



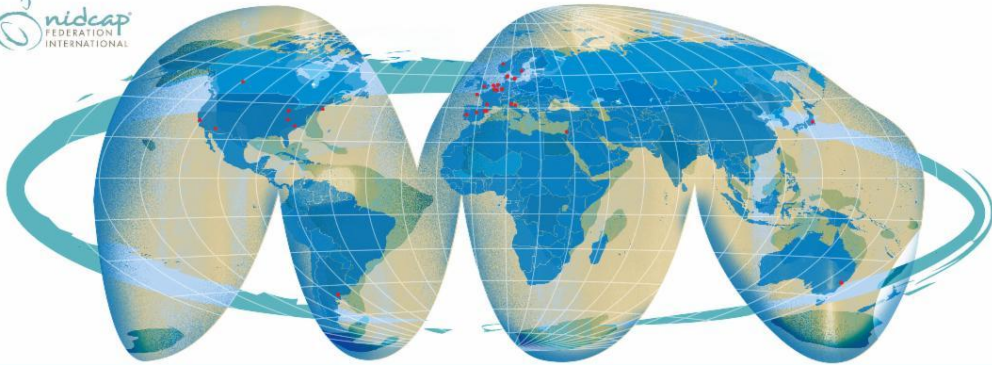
So from the Olympics to our NIDCAP Trainers Meeting... this year especially, France is a place for celebrations of accomplishments, community-building, goals, and dreams for future generations.

Vive La France!

NFI Updates & News



NIDCAP TRAINING CENTERS WORLDWIDE



Conference(s)

Register Now
One-Day Hybrid Conference
7 November 2024

OPEN ONE-DAY CONFERENCE
Thursday, November 7, 08:00-18:30 CET
Centre de Congrès Pierre Baudis
Toulouse, France
Hybrid Meeting

SPEAKERS
Deborah Suehler, PhD
Adrien Tecaquet
Naik Baschet, MD
Delphine Orsini, RN
Monique Flaiman, MSc
Aurélie Guillou, RN
Peggy Lambert, RN
Kelly Janssens, RN, RM, LC
Pierre Mohr, MD
Charlotte Binonard
Delira Paul, OIS
Charlotte Tschering, MD
Dorothy Vittner, PhD, RN, FAAN

This conference is being held on the last day of the 39th Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting and the first day of the 22ème Journées Francophones NIDCAP. The purpose of the meeting is to equip the learner with the knowledge to provide high-level and evidence-based, developmentally supportive care to hospitalized infants and their families.

Visit our conference page for details:
nidcap.org/7nov2024

This conference is open to anyone interested in learning about NIDCAP Care. This is an opportunity to network with NIDCAP Trainers, Professionals and Supporters of NIDCAP Care from around the world who will convene to discuss issues around optimizing preterm and term infant care through the NIDCAP approach. Our focus this year will be on systems integration of NIDCAP within hospitals as well as at the regional and national levels.

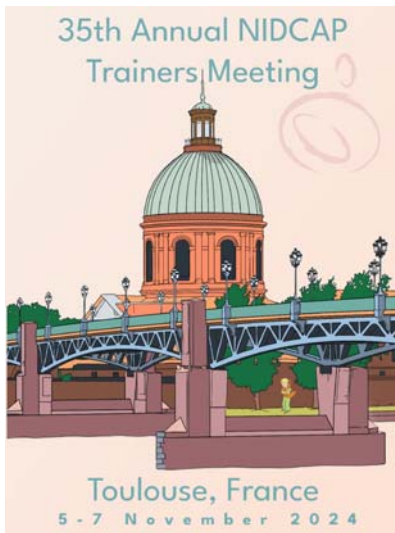
Physicians, scientists, nurses, and family organization leaders from around the world have been invited to speak. Continuing education credits will be available for RNs.

Click the button below to access our conference page to view the program and other details.

We look forward to seeing you!

[Conference & Registration Details](#)

**Please share this announcement with colleagues and friends.
Thank you.**



Register Now

35th Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting

NIDCAP: Systems Integration at the Local, Regional and National Levels

**5 - 7 November 2024
Toulouse, France**

Open One-Day Conference
November 7 (8:00-18:30 CET)

See meeting invitation
for details.

(Invitations were sent June 17)

NFI Happenings

Membership Forum

Please Save the Date(s)!

TWO MEETING TIMES:

- 11 September AEST 10 am/ JST 9 am (10 September EDT 8 pm)
- 11 September EDT 1 pm/ CEST 7 pm/ IDT 8 pm

In September, the NFI will hold two one hour virtual meetings with NFI Members



and Directors of the Board. There will an opportunity for discussion and questions - including ones about serving on our NFI Board and committees.

Please watch for zoom links next month.



Call for Board of Director Nominations

Each year, the NFI opens nominations for Board of Director candidates. This year, there are two open seats (one incumbent re-running and one stepping down) and a Family-designated seat (incumbent re-running).

Please watch for the announcement, nomination form, and the election timeline in early August.

Please consider becoming a candidate to serve on the Board!

NIDCAP-Related Publication



NICU Volunteer Coordinators May 2024

Degl, J, Discenza, D, Goldstein, M. (May 2024). NICU Volunteer Coordinators Are Indispensable. *Neonatology Today*, 19(5), 33-24.

NFI Member Initiatives



6th Annual International Little Readers Readathon

NIDCAP Australia and Life's Little Treasures Foundation (NICU parent support group) are collaborating to host The Little Reader's Read-a-thon. This global event supports parents' relationships with their babies in the NICU.

Registration is open now and free:

<https://lifslittletreasures.org.au/our-services/little-readers-read-a-thon-2024/>



World Breastfeeding Week 2024

The European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants is promoting World Breastfeeding Week (August 1-7) (organized by the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action) and breastfeeding premature infants all throughout the year. The NFI supports this initiative. Campaign materials are available on their webpage:

<https://www.efcni.org/activities/campaigns/world-breastfeeding-week/>

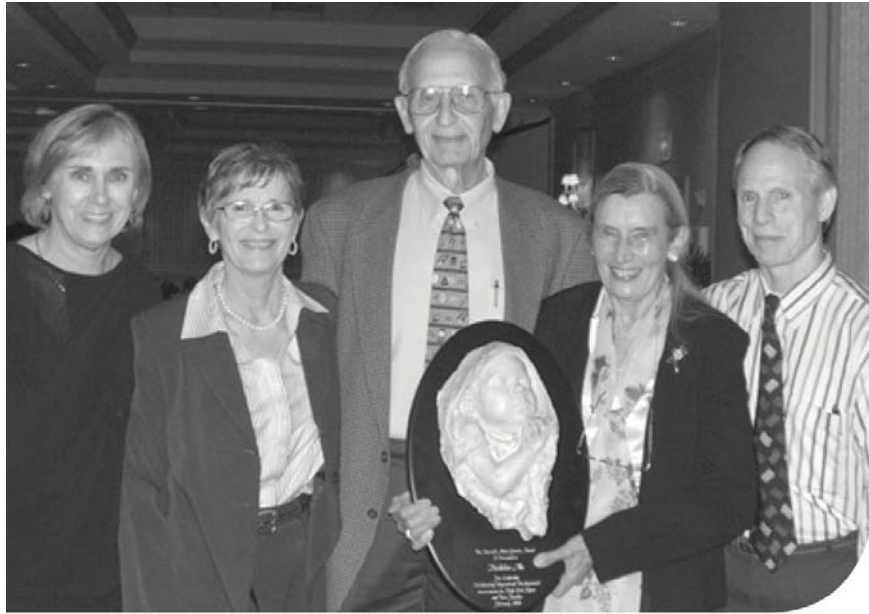
NFI Endorsements

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.

Remembering Dr. Stanley Graven

Dr. Stanley N. Graven was a pioneer in the development of neonatology. He was dedicated to, and led efforts for, the support of newborns' well-being and family centered care. He founded the Annual Gravens Conference. The American Academy of Pediatrics recognized his work with the Virginia Apgar Award. Dr. Graven passed away at the age of 92 on July 8th, 2024. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Mavis, three children (one son predeceased him), 13 grandchildren, and one great

grandchild. Dr. Graven's *professional achievements in child development were matched by the deep personal connections he forged with those he served and worked alongside.* (from a recent tribute)



Heidelise Als holds the Graven Conference plaque honoring her lifetime of professional contributions to developmental care. She is joined by (from left) Joy Browne, Mavis and Stan Graven, and Bob White.

The 21st Annual Graven Conference on the Physical and Developmental Environment of the High-Risk Infant, NICUs in Motion: The Kinetics of Babies, Families, Caregivers and Design was held in Clearwater Beach, Florida. At this conference, Dr. Heidelise Als was awarded the Stan and Mavis Graven award on February 1, 2008 for Leadership in Enhancing Physical and Developmental Environments for High Risk Infants.

The Graven award was established in 2006 in honor of Stan and Mavis Graven, who laid the foundation for integrated, scientifically sound and family centered environmental design and caregiving practices in newborn intensive care units. Dr. Als' work in individualized developmental care, which has influenced caregiving practices worldwide made her the obvious recipient of this prestigious award.

From the Browne, J. (2008). NFI President Receives International Award of Recognition. *Developmental Observer*, 2(1), 1-2.

NFI Board of Directors



NFI Board of Directors and Members 2024

The Board of Directors continues to meet monthly via Zoom. The full NFI Board of Director and Membership Meeting Minutes (when available) are posted within our website's Membership Section.



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

Warm **NIDCAP** wishes,

Deborah

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