

Dear NFI Community,

Transitions and change are integral parts of growth, the Synactive Model of Development, and of implementing NIDCAP care... they are also part of our NFI organization. In June, we held an hour-long Membership Forum and discussed many of these ideas.



Here are some of the thoughts shared during the forum:

*How do we reach out to our membership and make them feel a part of this organization, especially in this time of transition... incorporating the voices of the members, so that the NFI would have a legacy.*

*Attending conferences was an eye opener for me... my outlook changed as well, it was very welcoming. I wonder if there is an indirect way to welcome people... (such as)... webinars on a more frequent basis.*

*I think that it would be easier to (be more active) if you kind of knew what was expected and what to do with each of the (NFI) responsibilities.*

*This kind of meeting is a good idea. Because when you have a training center, its kind of growing... and you have to find your different roles and you are also busy other kind of stuff at work. You have to find where you are going to put your resources at your own place... I think this is good because now I will go home and say "what can we do?"*

*Everyone needs to put in a little more effort so it won't be the same people who are doing the hard work.*

*Maybe if we had a "buddy system"... if you know that people have particular interests... you could work along side the people so that you'd get a flavor for (the work) and then be able to build on that.*

*... to spread the NIDCAP message... what we are trying to do at the Board level is*

*to put ourselves in a position where we can support a larger organization. That also means building in pathways for us to stay connected.*

*How do we get to understand what drives each person, or each group, to be part of this bigger, or this more holistic general group? For me, it has been an opportunity to constantly learn from other people.*

*What's the drive for us to belong to the NFI? I think for many people, its because you have to belong if you (want to be) a NIDCAP Professional or you are a part of a NIDCAP Training Center. It's sort of a requirement and it stops there. So maybe the piece we have to change is to somehow get people to see that - yes it is required, but there's a lot more to it. Being a member comes with a bigger piece.*

*There are so many different generations now. So we have to reach out and take a different approach to reach out to the different generations.*

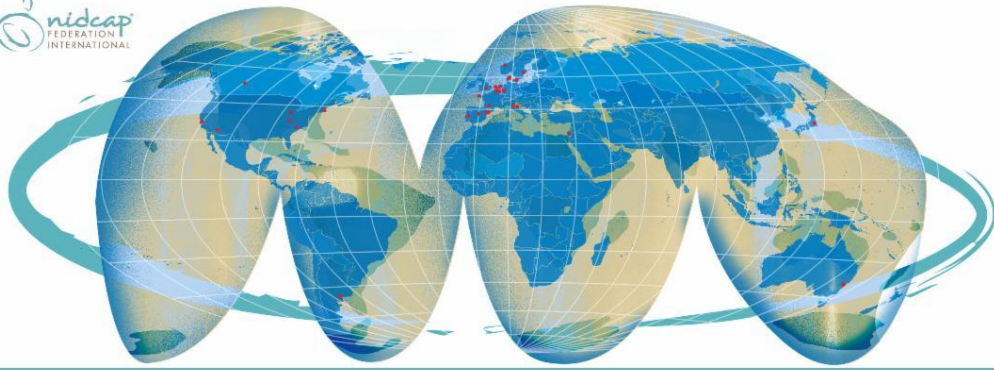
*As we continue to grow and evolve, some of what our complexity has been - is where we started and how we started... To continue to grow and evolve and be more inclusive while at the same time, (we must) acknowledge that complexity is part of what makes us who we are. And that is why we are a different organization... I really think that it takes all of us to be able to bring (NIDCAP) to fruition.*

Inspired by our NIDCAP model (now *and its potential to evolve*) and the voices of our members (now *and the ones to come*),

**what's next for the NFI?** You are all helping shape next steps and future directions. Please continue to send your ideas and participation interest to [shareyourstory@nidcap.org](mailto:shareyourstory@nidcap.org).



## NFI Updates & News



# CONFERENCES



**Register Now**

## One-Day Hybrid Conference

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 supporting and sustaining systems change in newborn and infant intensive care settings.

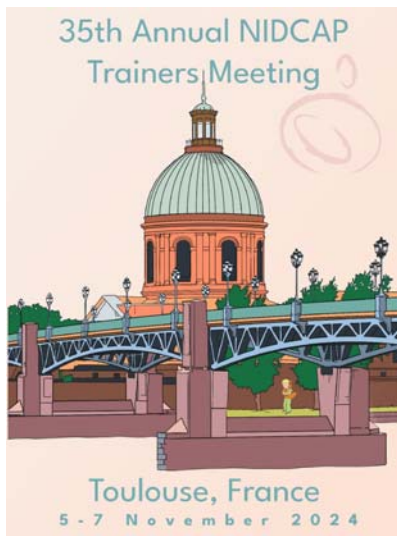
Physicians, scientists, nurses, and family organization leaders from around the world have been invited to speak. Continuing education credits will be available for RNs.

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 your 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)

Please see meeting invitation for details.

*(Invitations were sent June 17)*

## NIDCAP Training



### New NIDCAP Trainer in Training and NIDCAP Training Center in Development

*Isabelle Milette, NNP*, was approved to begin as a NIDCAP Trainer in Training, under the guidance of *Delphine Druart, RN, I*. Milette's hospital, the Maisonneuve-Rosemont, Quebec, Canada, was approved to become a NIDCAP Training Center in Development.

## NIDCAP and NIDCAP-Related Publications



### Developmental Observer

The newest edition of the *Developmental Observer* (Vol. 17, No. 2) was released in June. This issue, available on **our website** includes fascinating articles about the recent COINN conference presentations, NFI Family Member *Livia Nagy Bonnard's* family's personal experience and newborn care advocacy, the leadership of NFI Board Member and NIDCAP Trainer, *Fatima Clemente MD*, NIDCAP Training Centers in Denmark and



developmental care initiatives in Qatar.

All issues are accessible from our website as well as from **IU ScholarWorks Journals**.



## Honoring Heidelse Als, PhD

June 2024

Sheldon, RE, Kosta, SM, Buehler, DM. (2024). Heidelse Als, PhD, 1940–2022: A Visionary Voice for Infants and Families. *Neoreviews* (2024) 25 (6): e319–e324. <https://doi.org/10.1542/neo.25-6-e319>



## Developmental Care Education

May 2024

Griffiths, N, Laing, S, Spence, K, Popat, H, Hickey, L, Sinclair, L. (2024). *Heliyon*,10(10), E30572. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.heliyon.2024.e30572>



## Family Reflections

June 2024

Daly, M. (2024). Family reflections: prematurity is for life not just the neonatal unit. *Pediatric Research*. Springer Nature. <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41390-024-03271-8>

## Early Skin-to-Skin Contact

May 2024

Wallin Johansson, M, Lilliesköld, S, Jonas, W, Thernström Blomqvist, Y, Skiöld, B, Linnér, A. (2024). Early skin-to-skin contact and the risk of intraventricular haemorrhage and sepsis in preterm infants. *Acta Paediatr*. doi:

### Early skin-to-skin contact and the risk of intraventricular haemorrhage and sepsis in preterm infants

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#### Abstract

**Aim:** This study aimed to investigate the risks of intraventricular haemorrhage (IVH) or sepsis in extremely and very preterm infants exposed to early skin-to-skin contact (SSC).

**Methods:** Data from the Swedish Neonatal Quality Register from 2015 to 2021 were extracted to compare the proportions of infants exposed and not exposed to SSC on day 0 and/or 1 in life that developed IVH or sepsis.

**Results:** A total of 2514 infants, 1005 extremely preterm and 1509 very preterm, were included. This amounted to 69% of all extremely and very preterm infants born during the study period. The proportion of infants with IVH exposed and not exposed to early SSC was 11% and 27%, an adjusted odds ratio (aOR) of 0.67 (95%CI 0.52-0.86, p = 0.002). The proportion of infants with sepsis exposed and not exposed to early SSC was 16% and 30%, an aOR of 0.94 (95%CI 0.75-1.2, p = 0.60). For extremely preterm infants, the proportion with sepsis when exposed and not exposed to early SSC was 29% and 44%, an aOR of 0.65 (95%CI 0.46-0.92, p = 0.015).

**Conclusion:** In the current setting, the risk of IVH or sepsis is not increased when an extremely or very preterm infant is exposed to early SSC.

**Keywords:** intraventricular haemorrhage; preterm infant; quality register; sepsis; skin-to-skin contact.

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## NFI Members in the News



### Upcoming Conference in Boston

National NIDCAP Training Center Director and NIDCAP Trainer, [Samantha Butler, PhD](#) will speak at the 4th Annual Trauma Informed Developmental Care Conference "Science & Soul 2024", 13-15 October 2024. See [Caringessentials.net](https://www.caringessentials.net) for details.



### NIDCAP Care Interview

NFI Member, [Professor Pierre Kuhn](#) gave an interview on NIDCAP care.

[https://www.rcf.fr/articles/economie-et-societe/nidcap-la-prise-en-charge-sur-mesure-des-grands-prematures-a?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2M-8ovGQn5Ff0H1UacV\\_S80e6xvGCgDzQIq4W7L0ZjBdSrhW33NCjA2BY\\_aem\\_c0Oj4EgJ07x9v51MViogyA](https://www.rcf.fr/articles/economie-et-societe/nidcap-la-prise-en-charge-sur-mesure-des-grands-prematures-a?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2M-8ovGQn5Ff0H1UacV_S80e6xvGCgDzQIq4W7L0ZjBdSrhW33NCjA2BY_aem_c0Oj4EgJ07x9v51MViogyA)



### NIDCAP Trainers at the Two Training Centers in Brittany, France Hold Webinar

In June, a webinar was held by NIDCAP Trainers [Sylvie Minguy](#) and [Aurélien Guillou](#), representing the two NIDCAP Training Centers in Brittany (French NIDCAP Center, Brest and Saint-Brieuc NIDCAP Training Center) with the support of the Brittany Perinatalité Network.



## NFI Member Honored

NFI Member and former NFI Board of Director, *Silke Mader* was presented, by the president of Germany Frank-Walter Steinmeier, the highest honor, the Federal Cross of Merit "Bundesverdienstkreuz am Bande" for her outstanding commitment to preterm and newborn health.

## NFI Endorsements

Please share conferences, meetings, and materials for NFI endorsement. Endorsements will be shared with our members and announcements posted on [nidcap.org](http://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 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.

### *Highlights of the June 12, 2024*

- The NFI Board of Directors held a Membership Forum for the hour before the June Board of Directors Meeting began.
- The Annual Membership Meeting minutes for FY2023 and the Board of Director Meeting Minutes from May 2024 were approved.

- Isabelle Milette, NNP, was approved to begin as a NIDCAP Trainer in Training, under the guidance of Delphine Druart, RN. I. Milette's hospital, the Maisonneuve-Rosemont, Quebec, Canada, was approved to become a NIDCAP Training Center in Development.



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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