



Happy World NIDCAP Month to You!

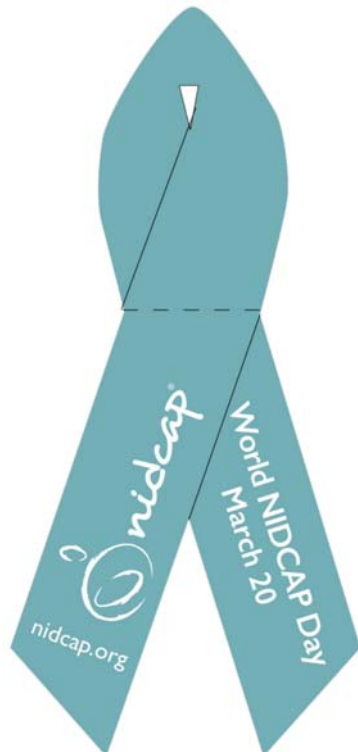
Sending warm NIDCAP wishes to everyone on this occasion of our *sixth* annual **World NIDCAP Month and Day (March 20)** celebration.

Locally and globally, we are honoring NIDCAP and the care of infants and families all around the world throughout the month of March.

Below are some of the ways our members are celebrating this month.

On **March 20th, World NIDCAP Day:**

- **NIDCAP-related educational videos** shared on our interactive map (see nidcap.org)
- **Landmarks Illuminated in Teal** (Bridges, and even Niagara Falls, on the



During **March**:

- **World NIDCAP Poster** available
 - **Family & Allied Membership Discount**
 - **NFI Online Shop** opens
 - **NFI Speakers Bureau** goes live
 - Expanded **NFI Learning Center** launches
- Visit our **World NIDCAP Day** webpage for the toolkit and more resources!



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 2024 **World NIDCAP Day poster**.

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



March Membership Special!

**Allied and Family One-Year Memberships*
Only \$25**

*50% discount applies to new memberships only

Allied Member

Any individual interested in the Mission, Vision and Goals of the NFI.

Allied Member Benefits



Family Member

Any parent/family member whose infant is or was cared for in an intensive care setting. Any individual who, as an infant, was cared for in an intensive care setting.

Family Member Benefits





NFI Speakers Bureau

This month we are launching our NFI Speakers Bureau. This will be an online listing of our members who are available to present on NIDCAP, including its practice and science. They are endorsed by the NFI to speak on the topics of their expertise. Watch for the announcement of this exciting resource for the NFI/NIDCAP to be represented at events, conferences, and workshops.

To be included on this list, members are invited to submit an application, references, and examples of their presentation skills. If interested, please contact *Jennifer Degl* (jenniferdegil@gmail.com).



New, Expanded NFI Learning Center

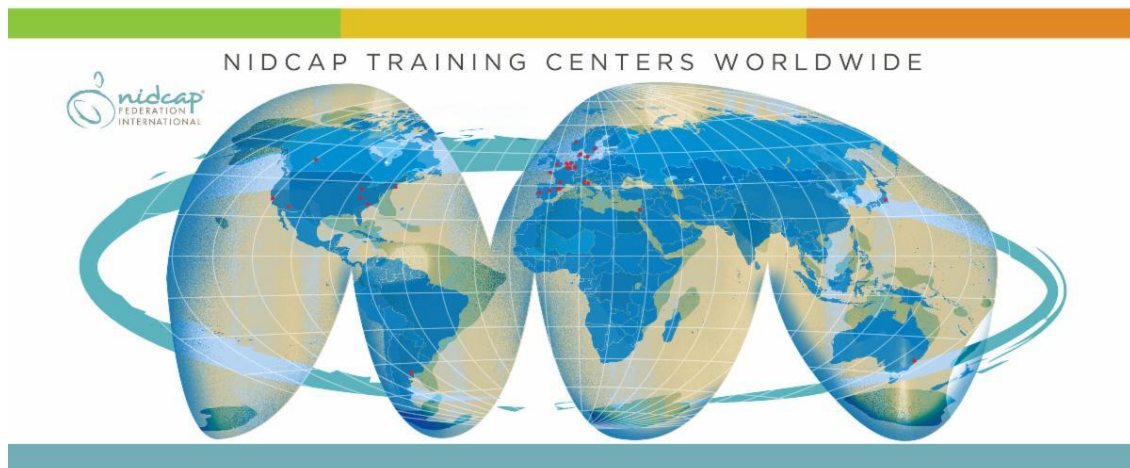
In March, we are planning to launch our new NFI Learning Center. Our videos/webinars, podcasts, and readings will be available for professional members at no cost. Selected content will offer continuing education credits. Many materials will remain free of charge for all. Please watch for announcements of opening of this invaluable NFI resource.



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 watch for **World NIDCAP Day** communications for updates.

NFI Updates & News



IN FRANCE:

NEW NIDCAP TRAINER and NIDCAP TRAINING CENTER

Peggy Laurant, RN was recognized as a new NIDCAP Trainer and the **Valenciennes NIDCAP Training Center in France** as a certified NIDCAP Training Center! The new center is based at the Centre Hospitalier de Valenciennes. The NIDCAP Training Center's leadership includes: Sabine

Rethore, MD (Director and NIDCAP Professional), Juliette Barois, MD (Co-Director, NIDCAP Professional), and Peggy Laurant, RN (NIDCAP Trainer).

These accomplishments were supported by *Delphine Druart, RN* from The Brussels NIDCAP Training Center, Belgium who in turn was mentored in her Master NIDCAP Trainer in Training role by *Agneta Kleberg, PhD, RN* (Senior NIDCAP Master Trainer from the Karolinska NIDCAP Training and Research Center) and *Deborah Buehler, PhD* (Master NIDCAP and Master APIB Trainer in Training from the West Coast NIDCAP and APIB Training Center at University of California San Francisco School of Medicine).

Program Chair, *Dorothy Vittner, PHD, RN, FAAN* wrote *The establishment of a NIDCAP Training Center in Valenciennes provides an incredible resource for infants, families and healthcare professionals in the region. I applaud all of your determination and hard work especially with the complexities of the pandemic and wish you a very hearty congratulations!*

Please join us in congratulating Peggy, the Valenciennes team, and their supporters, for these tremendous achievements improving the future for infants and their families in hospitals.



IN BELGIUM:

NEW MASTER NIDCAP TRAINER and APIB Trainer

Delphine Druart, RN was unanimously and enthusiastically approved as a new Master NIDCAP Trainer and APIB Trainer. These achievements were accomplished by her exquisite training and mentorship of *Aurélie Guillou and Peggy Laurant, RN* in their accomplishments as NIDCAP Trainers, APIB Professionals and the development of their new NIDCAP Training Centers.

Delphine was mentored by *Agneta Kleberg,*

PhD, RN (Senior NIDCAP Master Trainer from the Karolinska NIDCAP Training and Research Center) and *Deborah Buehler, PhD* (Master NIDCAP and Master APIB Trainer in Training from the West Coast NIDCAP and APIB Training Center at University of California San Francisco School of Medicine).

From my (Deborah Buehler) letter of support: *Over the years, I have supported Delphine's APIB training, first as an APIB Professional and now as an APIB Trainer. I find that her Synactive Theory-based knowledge, insight, dedication, and creativity paired with her exquisitely genuine, caring, skilled mentorship capabilities will serve to make Delphine as extraordinary APIB Trainer and NIDCAP Master Trainer. The future for infants and families in hospitals and the healthcare professionals who care for them, is brighter with Delphine's contributions.*



Developmental Observer

The newest edition of the *Developmental Observer* (Vol. 17, No. 1) was released in February. This issue, available on **our website** includes interesting articles and abstracts from the 2023 NIDCAP Trainers Meeting, a parent's deeply personal NIDCAP experience, developmental care in China, and so much more!

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

R3: Research, Read & Review



In February, the NIDCAP and Science Committee released the latest edition of research relevant to the value and practice of NIDCAP.

With appreciation to *Neerja Thergaonkar, PhD*, Senior Clinical Psychologist at the NICU, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, UK for her review.

The Committee invites you to *reflect on its content, to think of its impact on your*

practice, to use it as material for discussion with colleagues and families, or just as a curious piece of information.

Feedback of past reviews, and interest in future summary and reviews of articles, are welcome. Please contact the NIDCAP & Science Committee through [Dalia Silberstein](mailto:DaliaSilberstein@daliasil1960@gmail.com) (daliasil1960@gmail.com)

And with gratitude to the NIDCAP & Science Subcommittee ([Jeffrey Alberts](#), [Nolan Dyck](#), [Ita Litmanovitz](#), [Maria Maestro](#), [Sandra O' Connor](#), [Dalia Silberstein](#), [Neerja Thergaonkar](#), and [Dorothy Vittner](#))



NFI Corporate Sponsorship

We are very pleased to share that Dr. Brown's Medical is continuing their corporate sponsorship of the NFI. They have committed \$10,000 and hope to join us at our annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting in Toulouse this year. We are grateful for their support of our mission.

NIDCAP-Related Conferences



37th Annual Gravens Conference (USA)

March 6-9, 2024

Registration is open for the NFI-endorsed conference on the "Environment of Care for High Risk Newborns and their Families. The Power of Voice: Using Your Voice for Babies, Families, Staff and Beyond." NFI Members and Professionals speaking and moderating: Joy Browne, PhD, PCNS, IMH-E, Erin Ross, PhD, CCC-SLP, Jean Powlesland, MS, RN, C-NICC, Jeffrey Alberts, PhD, Juzer Tyebkhan, MBBS, MRCP(UK), FRCP(c).

Registration:
paclac.org/https-paclac-org-gravens-conference/



Swedish Conference on Ultra-Early Intervention (Sweden)

March 21, 2024

Registration is open for the NFI-endorsed conference "I see you." NFI Members and Professionals speaking and moderating: Nikk Conneman, MD, Mats Eriksson, RN, Jessica Jubner, RN, Stina Klemming, MD, Agnes Linnér, MD, PhD, Fredrik Lundberg, MD, PhD, and Elisabeth Olhager, MD.

Registration:

www.trippus.net/ueic2024

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 January video conference. The full NFI Board of Director and Membership Meeting Minutes (when available) are posted within our website's Membership Section.

Highlights from the February 14th Meeting:

- Board of Director Minutes from January 2024 were approved.
- Peggy Laurant, RN was recognized as a new NIDCAP Trainer. Her accomplishment establishes the NIDCAP Training Center at Centre Hospitalier de Valenciennes, Valenciennes, France.
- Delphine Druart, RN, of the Brussels NIDCAP Training Center, was recognized as a NIDCAP Master Trainer and APIB Trainer.
- Discussion on proposed changes to the role of the NFI President and proposed President Elect were discussed.
- End of FY2023 Committee Reports were shared.



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,

Deborah

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