

NIDCAP Federation International (NFI)

Founded in 2001, the NFI is an international, non-profit membership organization. The NFI encourages highly attuned implementation of the Newborn Individualized Developmental Care and Assessment Program (NIDCAP) for all intensive, special care and newborn nurseries around the world. The NFI serves as the authoritative leader for research, development, and dissemination of NIDCAP, and for the certification of trainers, healthcare professionals, and nurseries in the NIDCAP approach.

“Averages... seduce us away from minute observation.”

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Greetings from the Editor

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As we start a new decade the future looks bright for the *Developmental Observer*. We have expanded our editorial team to include Debra Paul as column editor for the Family Voices and Maria Maestro Lopez - who brings a European perspective. We took the opportunity to meet as a group together with Graphic Designer, Rob Catalano. This face-to-face meeting gave us the opportunity to discuss future directions for the *Developmental Observer* and develop a plan.

In this issue we have the abstracts from the 30th Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting held in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, USA. The abstract topics highlight the breadth of NIDCAP work from the science of Oxytocin, implementation strategies for programs of reading, use of volunteers, the CICU to refugee health. The abstracts and other articles in this issue now have unique DOIs that will enable others to locate the articles easily through the IUScholarWorks platform. We highlight the NIDCAP Germany Training Center Tübingen which hosts the next Trainers Meeting in October. You will be challenged by Marjorie Palmer to consider pacing for infants who have difficulty feeding, and Natascia Bertocelli takes us through her involvement with the European Standards and highlights this valuable resource. With our regular features from the Science Desk Jeff Alberts explores the fascinating world of epigenetics and NIDCAP work and Debra Paul introduces us to the little warrior of Matilda as told by her mother Tracey. We learn about developmental care in Chile as we explore the globe in each issue.

I welcome your feedback and suggestions for future content. I would also like to receive manuscripts on any aspect of NIDCAP work so we can all benefit from innovation and experiences.



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