



Welcome to the new edition of our EFCNI Newsletter. One of our highlights the past couple of weeks was to visit the neonatal care unit in Salzburg, Austria, which implemented the principles of NIDCAP a couple of years ago. We are also happy to announce the release of the second edition of our Healthy Pregnancy Brochure and the World Prematurity Day poster-template and tool-kit. We wish you a great summer and hope that you will have a relaxing time. Happy Reading!



Your EFCNI-Team

EFCNI visits Division of Neonatology SA|LK in Salzburg

On 16 July 2014, parts of the EFCNI team and Ilein Bolaños from Con Amor Venceras had the great opportunity to visit the Neonatology Unit of the University Hospital SA|LK in Salzburg, Austria. It was great to see such a successful example of implementing the principles of NIDCAP and family-centred care. [Here](#) you can find a video about the unit.



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First guest lecture in Belfast on parental involvement

After being appointed honorary lecturer earlier this year, Silke Mader had her first talk at the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Queens University Belfast, Northern Ireland, on June 16th, 2014. She now will introduce students and staff on a regular basis to the feelings of preterm babies' parents and give advice on how to engage them in the care for their infants. In her talk, she explained what clinical staff can do to assist parents in their new role and stressed the importance of involving them in the care.



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Launch of the Every Newborn Action Plan

At the end of June 2014, more than 800 health professionals, policy makers, public sector and third party organisations gathered in Johannesburg, South Africa, for the PMNCH Partner's Forum. This year, the special highlight was the launch

of the Every Newborn Action Plan to end preventable newborn deaths. The Forum was now held for the third time to view progress, identify factors for success, and agree on commitments for action to help women, newborns, children and adolescents.

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World Prematurity Day 2014

The templates and tool kit for World Prematurity Day 2014 activities are now available online. This year, let's place our little heroes in the centre of attention and give prematurity a face. Our common message: Tiny socks, big dreams. We want to show the world that it is always worth fighting for preterm babies.

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NICU Dreams online

The German organisation "Das frühgeborene Kind" launched a virtual NICU ward in June. The web portal shows what the ideal premises should look like. The focus lies on family centered care, the facilities that are needed to guarantee the best care for preterm infants and their parents.

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EFCNI at EAPM 2014

Together with our partner organisation Vivere Onlus and Piccino Picciò we attended the European Congress of Perinatal Medicine in Florence at the beginning of June. 1800 participants from 93 countries came together to discuss maternal and newborn health. Silke Mader gave a talk about the power of parents as multipliers to achieve significant changes in newborn health.

New Corporate Partner: Shire

We are happy to announce a new corporate partnership with Shire. The company's strategy is to focus on developing and marketing innovative specialty medicines to meet significant unmet patient needs. Shire focuses on providing treatments in Neuroscience, Rare Diseases, Gastrointestinal, and Internal Medicine and is developing treatments for symptomatic conditions treated by



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specialist physicians in other targeted therapeutic areas, such as Ophthalmology.

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Second Edition of Healthy Pregnancy Brochure available now

We launched the new edition of our brochure about healthy pregnancy at the annual conference of the German Society for Neonatology and Pediatric Intensive Care Medicine (GNPI) mid-June. The booklet in German is now available online.

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EFCNI at GNPI

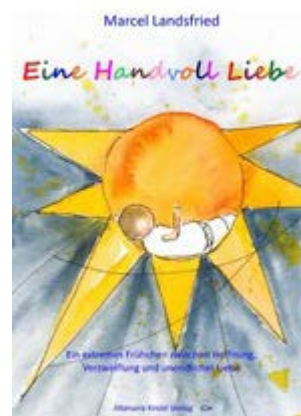
Our team was present at the annual conference of the German Society for Neonatology and Pediatric Intensive Care Medicine (GNPI) in Bonn, Germany mid-June. Silke Mader delivered a talk about last year's results of our work and introduced the health experts to our upcoming milestones the World Prematurity Day 2014 and the European Standards of Care for Newborn Health.



A handful of love

Marcel Landsfried, father to an extremely preterm baby who passed away, published a book about his experience. Lotta Emilia was born in week 26 of pregnancy weighing only 360 grams. The book (in German) "Eine Handvoll Liebe" (A handful of love) takes its reader on a journey between hope and fear and the story from a father's point of view. The book was released by Manuela Kinzel Verlag and can be ordered online.

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New partner organisation: Neonatal Trust New Zealand

"Making a difficult start to life that little bit easier" is the vision of our new partner organisation, The Neonatal Trust in New Zealand. The organisation supports parents when in the NICU, and also afterward through support groups and information. With regional offices in the five cities with level 3 neonatal intensive care units, the trust is close to the families. The organisation also assists with equipment for the NICUs (clinical, and also furniture for parents) and general support of the NICU as well as funding medical research.

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Raising awareness for preterm babies in France

SOS Préma in France participated in the charity run “La Course des Héros” in Paris, 22 June, 2014. 79 runners collected 45.000 Euros for the organisation! Amongst the runners were former preterm children who joined forces to raise awareness for preterm birth and collect money to assist SOS Préma and their work.

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Educating the public in Prague

Our partner organisation Nedoklubko in the Czech Republic had a stall at the big family event “Kasparkohrani” in Prague 15 June, 2014. The organisation raised awareness for preterm birth at a prominent spot with an original incubator from a NICU in Prague with a reborn baby doll. Nedoklubko was able to inform the public about their work and showed an exhibition about health outcomes of preterm babies.

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Helping building a parent organisation in Montenegro

Our partner organisation “Little Giant - Serbian Preterm Infants Parents Association” attended the 30th summit of the neonatologists of Serbia in Belgrade in June. At the conference they had the chance to present their last year’s results. After the event, a few doctors from Montenegro approached Little Giant and expressed interest for their work. Since there is no parent organization in Montenegro, the health professionals are now encouraging local parents to found one. Little Giant is now sharing experience and materials with them.



The 2014 International Midwife Awards

The International Confederation of Midwives 30th Triennial Congress at the beginning of June was dedicated to honour the winners of the international midwife awards. Together with Save the Children, the conference recognized and rewarded two midwives who fight for newborn survival, often against all odds. Pronita Rani Raha from Bangladesh and Agnes Kasaigi from Uganda were announced as the winners.

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Child Nutrition Course Online

The Stanford University has launched an online based course on

healthy nutrition for infants and children. The project aims to underline the importance of laying the groundwork for eating patterns during childhood to combat health risks associated with obesity. Participants learn about a healthy diet for children and adults and how to prepare simple and delicious home-cooked meals.

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More experience, better outcome

A recently published study reveals that neonatal intensive care units that care for a large number of infants have better results. Babies are 30-50% more likely to survive in busy neonatal centers. Hospitals that gave at least 3,480 days of care each year were classified as “High-volume” in the paper. The study was conducted in England.

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EU Clinical Trial Register now with information on results

It is now mandatory for sponsors to post clinical trial results in the European Clinical Trials Database ([EudraCT](#)), the European Medicines Agency (EMA) announced recently. The application is used by national competent authorities to enter clinical trial data, managed by the European Medicines Agency (EMA). Trial results information will be made publicly available via the [EU Clinical Trials Register](#) and summary results of clinical trials from sponsors will become available to the public as well.

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