

## Zack Boukydis, Ph.D.



Zack Boukydis, Ph.D., was a developmental/clinical psychologist whose career was devoted to research and clinical work with mothers, families, and babies. Dr Boukydis is editor or coeditor of three books: *Support for Parents and Infants: A Manual for Parenting Organizations and Professionals* (Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1986), *Research on Support for Parents and Infants in the Postnatal Period* (Ablex, 1987), and *Infant Crying: Theoretical and Research Perspectives* (with Barry M. Lester, Plenum Press, 1985), as well as author of numerous research publications and grants.

Throughout his career, Dr Boukydis's work focused on the influence of infant crying on parents, the neurobehavioral development of at-risk infants (including preterm and substance-exposed infants), interventions to support families in neonatal intensive care units and mothers and infants in drug treatment programs, and an ultrasound consultation program in which practitioners join with mothers and families in watching their baby during routine ultrasound screens in obstetric clinics. He was a focusing coordinator and focusing-oriented therapist with the Focusing Institute of New York and developed a special international training programme, *Focusing- Oriented Parent-Infant Consultation: Bringing Focusing to Work with Parents and Infants*. He also was a trainer on the NICU Network Neurobehavioral Scale (NNNS™; Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co., 2004) in the United States, Europe, and Africa. Dr Boukydis was a member of the Harris Professional Development Network and was a Fulbright Fellow between the United States and Hungary.

Dr Boukydis was on the editorial review board of the *Journal of Visualized Experiments* and reviewer for *Acta Paediatrica*. He was on the faculty of the Department of Pediatrics, Semmelweis Medical School, and the Institute of Psychology, Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest, Hungary, and Visiting Professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of Turku, Turku, Finland.

Dr. Boukydis passed away on 10 December 2015. At EFCNI, we feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to collaborate with Dr Boukydis on different projects. Dr Boukydis is mourned by his wife and their daughter. Our thoughts are with all those who knew and miss him.