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Sitting the IBCLC Examination in 2016? Mark Your Calendars!

As previously announced, IBLCE® will begin offering the IBCLC® examination twice per year commencing in 2016! Due to high demand, the examination will be offered in English twice per year with the examination offered in all currently available languages once per year.

The April examination will be offered in English according to the following schedule:

- US and territories, Monday, April 4, 2016
- Canada and other countries of the world, Monday-Wednesday, April 4-6, 2016

The October examination will be offered in all currently offered examination languages, including English:

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Please remember that if your contact information changes, including email address, it is your professional responsibility to inform IBLCE.

Thank you for remembering that we can't keep in touch with you if you don't keep in touch with us!

[Contact IBLCE with your new information!](#)

Survey Results Are In!

Q: Last eNewsletter's question was: What type of facilities can receive the IBCLC Care Award?

A: Both Hospital-based and Community-based facilities can receive the Care Award!

- US and territories, Monday, October 3, 2016
Note: If a candidate is unable to take the examination due to a religious holiday, s/he may test on Wednesday, October 5, 2016.
- Canada and other countries of the world, Monday-Wednesday, October 3-5, 2016.

For more information on 2015 key dates, [click here](#).

Best Wishes to the 2014 IBCLC Examination Candidates!

As the 2014 examination quickly approaches, IBLCE extends its best wishes to the 2014 IBCLC examination candidates.

As noted in previous editions of this eNewsletter, each and every examination item is the culmination of a great deal of subject matter expert time and effort, as well as expense, and is the foundation of certification examinations. The integrity of examination items is key to the integrity of the IBCLC certification programme as a whole and represents IBLCE's intellectual property. Through the application process, each examination candidate, whether initial or recertifying IBCLC, acknowledges that this is IBLCE's intellectual property and that it is improper to share this information with anyone at any time.

IBLCE protects the integrity of the credential and takes this responsibility seriously and test takers should as well. Thank you for keeping this in mind. Those who have taken an examination should never discuss an examination with others. To do so not only can diminish a credential's value and the certification body's finances, but can also even bring into play ethical and legal issues.

Best wishes to you on the examination and thank you for your participation in the IBCLC certification programme!

IBLCE Attends White House Briefing

IBLCE Executive Director **Sara Blair Lake** attended the **Affordable Care Act Briefing for Faith and other Community-based Organizations** on **Monday, June 16 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**.

White House administration officials provided updates on the Affordable Care Act implementation and discussion also focused on what has worked well and the next open enrollment period.

Quiz of the Quarter

How many people are taking the IBCLC examination in 2014?

- A. Approximately 1,500 in 54 countries
- B. Approximately 2,200 in 59 countries
- C. Approximately 3,500 in 62 countries
- D. Approximately 4,000 in 69 countries

[Click here to take the quiz!](#)

Connect with IBLCE on Social Media

Thank you for following the latest news about IBLCE on social media! IBLCE has over 7,700 "Likes" on Facebook and 1,200 followers on Twitter!

Lake thanked Administration officials for the inclusion of lactation services in the Affordable Care Act and stressed the importance of the same.



Left: IBLCE Executive Director Sara Blair Lake with Acacia Bamberg Salatti, Acting Director, Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnership at the US Department of Health and Human Services.

Right: Lake with other invitees, including Minha Husaini, Dr. Umbereen Nehal of the Islamic Medical Association of North America, and Gadha Khan, MPH, DrPH Candidate.

Certificant Spotlight

IBCLCs work around the globe in a variety of practice settings in lactation care. This new feature of the eNewsletter and [IBLCE website](#) highlights IBCLCs and the important work they perform for mothers, babies and families. Read about certificant around the world and why they value the IBCLC credential!



Luciana Herrero, MD, IBCLC has been an IBCLC in Brazil since 2006. Her passion for breastfeeding began in her second year of medical school and increased during her residency in pediatrics. Luciana has since dedicated her medical career to preventative healthcare and breastfeeding. To learn more about Luciana and why she values her IBCLC credential, [click here!](#)

IBLCE Meets with ELACTA


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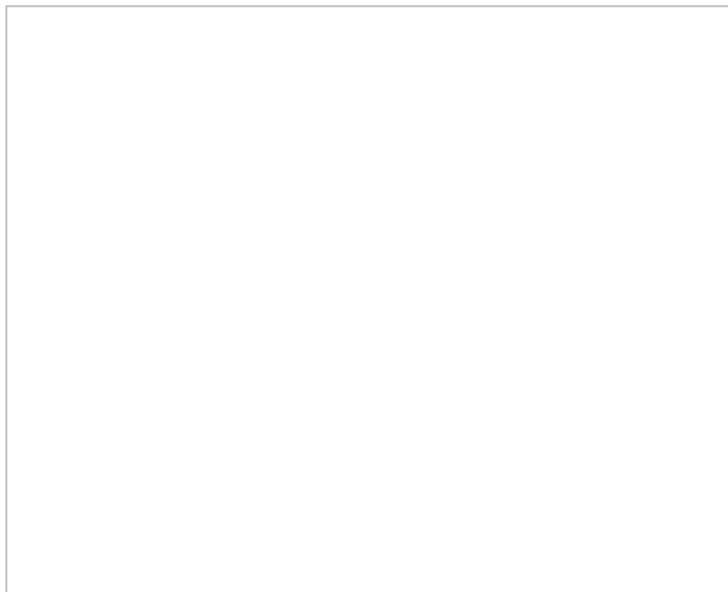

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In April, the IBLCE Board and select staff traveled to Copenhagen, Denmark to hold their semi-annual Board meeting in conjunction with the European Lactation Consultant Alliance (ELACTA) 8th Conference on April 25 and 26.

Members of the ELACTA Board joined the IBLCE Board and staff for a dinner where Board members were able to discuss how IBLCE and ELACTA can collaborate to promote and support the IBCLC credential in Europe.



IBLCE Board and staff with members of the ELACTA Board

News & Notes

IBLCE, including the Board of Directors and staff, do much more than administer the International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) examination and are pleased to share information about the many initiatives in which IBLCE is involved.

Congratulations to **Joan Younger Meek**, the IBLCE representative to the United States Breastfeeding Committee (USBC) on her election as Chair-Elect of USBC. She will become Chair of this pivotal and influential organisation in August of 2015.

Board Chair **Rachelle Lessen** and Executive Director **Sara Blair Lake** gave an industry presentation entitled "*Demystifying Professional Certification Examination Development*" at the Gold Lactation Online Conference on May 8, 2014.

Board member **Andreia Tekauc-Golob** presented the opening

lecture "*Sacred Hour: The Importance of Skin-to-skin in the First Hour After Birth*" on May 23, 2014 at the meeting "*IBCLCs Improve Their Knowledge: Methods for Improving Breastfeeding Consulting*" organised by the Association of the Lactation and Breastfeeding Consultants of Slovenia and National Breastfeeding Committee of Slovenia.

IBLCE Regional Director for the Asia-Pacific & Africa **Karolyn Vaughan** exhibited at "*Networking - The New Frontier*" the 18th Annual Conference of the Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand (PSANZ) held in Perth, Australia April 6-9, 2014.

IBLCE Signs on to WIC Appropriations Coalition Partner Letter Sent to Members of US Congress

IBLCE recently signed on to a coalition partner letter sent to all Appropriations Committee Members in the US House of Representatives and Senate, urging them to provide a sufficient funding level for Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) in the Fiscal year 2015.

The letter emphasises that adequate funding levels ensure that no eligible applicants will be turned away, maintains current and anticipated WIC participation levels, assures adequate nutrition services and administration (NSA) funding, and responds adequately to forecasts of food cost inflation.

The letter urges congress to provide at least \$6.823 billion (President's Budget request) and up to \$6.864 billion (includes the inflation-adjusted authorized levels for the set asides outlined below) for WIC in the Fiscal Year 2015 Agriculture Appropriations bill and provide \$150 million in contingency reserves. Congress was also asked to provide:

- \$96.2 million in set aside funding for breastfeeding peer counselors and breastfeeding support services (WIC breastfeeding peer counselors have helped increase breastfeeding rates in the WIC population. Between 1998 and 2012 rates rose from 41.3% to 67%.);
- \$32.07 million in MIS/EBT funding (MIS/EBT helps states more effectively manage program integrity, ensuring timely and accurate transactions and claims and allowing WIC to identify vendor non-compliance and error more quickly);
- \$14.96 million in infrastructure funding; and
- \$16 million for program initiatives and evaluation, including \$5 million for research

IBLCE Code of Professional Conduct for IBCLCs

Recently, IBLCE has received multiple inquiries related to ethics issues. Therefore, below is important information which IBLCE wishes to highlight about the Code of Professional Conduct as well as accompanying Disciplinary Procedures.

- A complaint requires direct knowledge and facts of an IBCLC in violation of one or more principles of the Code of Professional Conduct.
- IBLCE does not entertain anonymous complaints or third-party sourced information unless the allegations pertain to egregious conduct such as abuse or significant bodily harm. Although precautions are taken to minimize the possibility, during the course of the disciplinary process, a complainant's identity may become known to the IBCLC who is the subject of the complaint.
- The use of IBLCE Intellectual Property without permission is a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct.

If you would like to learn more, please visit the [Professional Standards](#) and [Disciplinary Procedures](#) sections of the IBLCE website.

Profile IBLCE Board Director Profile

As an ongoing feature, the IBLCE eNewsletter features an IBLCE Board member and includes information about the focus of the Board member's work on behalf of the IBLCE certificant community and the public.

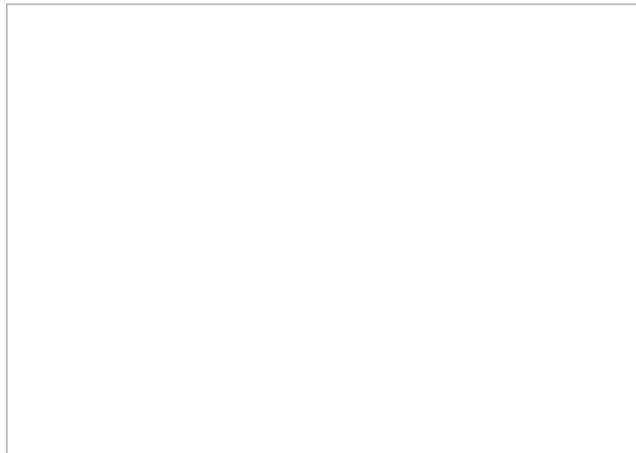
Elizabeth "Kaili" Stehel

Kaili Stehel, MD, IBCLC, is a general pediatrician who works exclusively in the newborn nursery at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, Texas, one of the largest single site birthing hospitals in the United States with more than 10,000 deliveries annually. She is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at UT Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, where she attended medical school. She also completed her Pediatrics Residency in Dallas at Children's Medical Center.

Dr. Stehel's interest in breastfeeding began when she joined the faculty at UT Southwestern in 2000 and started working with mother infant couplets on a daily basis. In 2008 she received her IBCLC certification. She is a member of the Texas Breastfeeding Coalition and the Dallas Area Breastfeeding Alliance. She serves the Texas Pediatric Society on both the

Parenting and Fetus & Newborn Committees, the Texas Medical Association on the Committee on Maternal and Perinatal Health and the American Academy of Pediatrics as a Co-Chapter Breastfeeding Coordinator for Texas.

Dr. Stehel has been married for 14 years to her husband Ed, also a physician, and together they have three young children, Emery, Eddie, and Ellie, and a house full of animals - including a dog, cats, chicken and fish! The Stehel family enjoys spending time outdoors hiking and sailing, traveling, and arts & crafts.



Dr. Stehel with Eddie, Ellie, Ed and Emery.

- The Board & Staff of IBLCE