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### IBLCE 2016 Examination Transitions

Have you heard about the changes coming in 2016? The examination will no longer be held in July, a holiday time for many, and instead will be offered in the Spring and Fall. Due to an expressed need, the examination will be offered via computer-based testing (CBT) twice per year in English, in April and October and in all IBLCE examination languages in October.

Are you already an IBCLC? Current IBCLCs will be certified until December 31 of the year their certification expires, instead of October 31. Check out the [Recertification FAQs](#) here for information about these changes and more.

Interested in taking the October 2016 exam? Applications will be open in mid-March with an application deadline of **May 13, 2016**.

Looking to Recertify by CERPs in 2016? Applications will open in early 2016 with an application deadline of **September 30, 2016**.

### Welcome to the New Taiwanese Country Coordinator!

After serving as the IBLCE Country Coordinator for Taiwan for many years, **Dr. Shu-Fang Wang** is transitioning to other ventures. IBLCE would like to thank Dr. Wang for all of her hard work, dedication and commitment. We wish Dr. Wang all the very best!

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## Quiz Result Is In!

Q: Last eNewsletter's question was:

IBLCE is currently celebrating how many years of service?

Answer:  
B. 30 years

## Quiz of the Quarter

IBLCE's Campaign: "The Quest for Healthier Mothers and Babies: Radio Media Tour" reached how many listeners?

- A. 2 million
- B. 5 million
- C. 9 million
- D. 11 million



IBLCE is pleased to announce that **Dr. Sylvia Jan** has assumed the role of Country Coordinator for Taiwan. Dr. Jan has been working as a paediatrician in a private clinic for 13 years. She became interested in breastfeeding during her four-year residency in a Baby-Friendly hospital that was one of the pioneers dedicated to the promotion of breastfeeding in Taiwan. While there, she

encountered issues with the process of breastfeeding her own babies, and was lucky to have the support of a senior colleague who later went on to become one of the first IBCLCs in Taiwan. This support inspired Dr. Jan to become an IBCLC herself.

She is very excited to be the new Country Coordinator and help candidates and IBCLCs with their certification. Dr. Jan has four sons, aged 13, 12, and 4 year-old twins. She can be contacted by [clicking here](#). Welcome, Dr. Jan!

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## Mark Your Calendar: Care Award Applications Open Soon!

The 2016 IBCLC Hospital-Based Care Award and Community-Based Care Award will be accepting applications **Monday, January 11, 2016 through Friday, February 19, 2016.**

The IBCLC Care Awards, co-sponsored by IBLCE and the International Lactation Consultant Association® (ILCA®), recognize hospital-based facilities and community-based agencies that promote, support, and protect breastfeeding by hiring IBCLCs and implementing projects that support high-quality lactation care.

For more information please visit the IBCLC Care Award website at [www.ibclccare.org](http://www.ibclccare.org).

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## 90 MILCC Scholarships Awarded in 2015!

Did you know that the Monetary Investment for Lactation Consultant Certification (MILCC) recently awarded 90 scholarships to aspiring or recertifying IBCLCs all over the globe? MILCC is truly making a difference in the lactation community by supporting candidates pursuing the IBCLC.

MILCC, an international nonprofit organization provides financial assistance to International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) exam candidates and recertifying IBCLCs. MILCC awards scholarships to deserving candidates so that they can pursue meaningful careers helping breastfeeding families. Could a MILCC scholarship help you or someone you know?

Applications for MILCC Scholarships for the October 2016

Check out the next IBLCE eNewsletter for the answer to this quiz of the quarter!

## Country Quiz of the Quarter

Which of the following facts about Taiwan are true?

- A. Taiwan has a population of about 23 million
- B. The capital of Taiwan is Taichung
- C. The national sport of Taiwan is baseball
- D. Taipei is the largest city in Taiwan

Answer: A, C, and D are true!

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examination will open in mid-March 2016. Visit the MILCC website at [www.milcc.org](http://www.milcc.org) for more information.

## Certificant Spotlight

*IBCLCs work around the globe in a variety of practice settings in lactation care. This feature of the eNewsletter and [IBLCE website](http://www.iblce.org) 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!*

### Tanefer L. Camara, IBCLC



*Tanefer and family enjoy the beautiful California sunshine*

Tanefer L. Camara became interested in the health and well-being of women and children at an early age when she noticed disparities existed within her family and community that predisposed many to illnesses such as heart disease, asthma, diabetes, and babies with low birth weight. After becoming a doula, Tanefer pursued the IBCLC credential, focusing on breastfeeding as a tool to promote good health. She chose to become an IBCLC because of the belief that every mother and baby deserve a chance to have the healthiest start at life possible, and the knowledge that breastfeeding information and support is often not available to the people who need it most.

Tanefer believes the IBCLC credential is valuable because it tells the world that breastfeeding matters, and she believes that having a discipline and profession dedicated to breast and human lactation is a revolutionary act. In her role as an IBCLC, she enjoys not only helping women to breastfeed, but empowering them to make the first of many decisions they will make for their children and learning to trust in the innate ability

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of their own bodies.

Her practice as an IBCLC serves a diverse population in both hospital inpatient and outpatient clinical settings. Tanefer also provides community breastfeeding support groups for women of color. She lives in Oakland, California and has two young daughters.

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## IBLCE News & Notes

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

Congratulations to IBLCE Board Member **Clifton Kenon!** Clifton recently received the Winston-Salem State University Nursing Alumni Award and was honored as a 21st century Trendsetter for his national and international work promoting maternal child health.

Public Board Member **Aimee Eden** presented research on the challenges of family physicians who are trained in advanced maternity care at the Annual Meeting of the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) in Cancun, Mexico in October, and at the American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois in early November.

Regional Director **Karolyn Vaughan** promoted the IBCLC at the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) Asia Pacific Regional Conference in Pacifico Yokohama, Japan, in July.

The Institute of Credentialing Excellence tapped IBLCE Executive Director **Sara Blair Lake** to serve as Chair of its Fundraising Committee which garners support for certification research studies.

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## 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.*



## ***Young-Oak Wells***

**Young-Oak Wells** received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Seoul National University in Korea, and was recently awarded her Master's in Midwifery by Charles Stuart University, Australia. Young-Oak joined the IBLCE Board in 2013 and serves on the Audit Committee.

During her 35-year career span, she worked as an obstetric nurse in the United States and as an RN and midwife in New Zealand. While working as a midwife, she realized that many new mothers require extra breastfeeding support, leading her to become an IBCLC in 2001. Most recently, she worked as part of a public maternity service where she was able to support new mothers and babies in their homes.

Young-Oak has four adult children, and watching her 11 month-old grandson enjoy breastfeeding brings back her own precious memories of the joy of breastfeeding. Young-Oak and her husband live in New Zealand, where they grow hazel-nut trees and raise alpacas, whose fleece she spins, dyes, knits and weaves.

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