

Membership structure ELACTA

Every European association of International Board Certified Lactation Consultants is invited to be a member of ELACTA. To reach out internationally, we welcome also member associations from neighbouring countries. We encourage them to join us in the challenges of recognition of the IBCLC profession and offer them interesting education possibilities and the chance to share activities with similar associations.

Members are divided into categories as follows:

A. Member associations, with

A1. Members having a valid IBCLC certificate. These IBCLC-members have the right to vote and to be elected to office on the ELACTA Board.

A2. Members without a valid IBCLC certificate. These non-IBCLC- members do not have the right to vote and cannot be elected to office on the ELACTA Board.

B. Individual members: solitary IBCLCs with a valid IBCLC certificate who:

- are not a member of an affiliated association, or
- do not have a lactation consultants association in their country, or
- are a member of a lactation consultants association which refuses membership to ELACTA

These IBCLC members have the right to vote and to be elected to office on the ELACTA Board.

C. Honorary members: persons who have rendered great services to ELACTA.

These IBCLC-members do have the right to vote and can be elected to office on the ELACTA Board.

Provisions

Along with the request of membership, a member association requests the authorization of its own association members. All members can be admitted to ELACTA on application by providing the following documents, if applicable:

1. Membership application form with the name of the association (to be published on the ELACTA website, social media networks and magazine, *Lactation & Breastfeeding*) and the associated data like address, country, phone number, name of president, treasurer and subsequent email addresses.
2. The logo and website of the association
3. The statutes of the association

4. A list of the association's board members,
5. A list of the association members, with corresponding email address and, if applicable, IBCLC number.

As a member of ELACTA, every member and member association is a part of the growing network of IBCLCs in Europe.

Membership Fee as of 1-1-2017 (Fees are subject to change, represented at GA)

1. Individual members: € 25.00/person/year
2. Association members

Country Category*

A	€ 13.00/person/year
B	€ 8,50/person/year

The minimum membership fee for an association is 65€. This includes membership fees for up to 5 persons, in Country Category A. Every additional person costs extra according to the Country Categories below.

Membership is valid for one calendar year (January 1 to December 31) and is based on the number of members in the association on 31 December of each year. In the first quarter of 2017, membership information forms are sent to the member associations and individual members; and they are requested to fill them in and return them to the treasurer.

Based on these data, the invoice for the 2017 membership fee will be sent in March 2017. The invoice has to be paid by 15th of April 2017. In the case of fees over € 1000, payment by quarterly instalments is possible. The first instalment is due by the 30th of April 2017 (a quarter of total amount), the second by the 30th of May 2017, the third by the 30th of June 2017 and the fourth by the 30th of September 2017.

Unless written notice of membership cancellation (by email to the President of ELACTA) is received by 1st December 2017, the membership is automatically renewed for 2018

ELACTA welcomes new member countries to make part in the community of European IBCLCs.

- Next ELACTA Breastfeeding conference will be held in the Netherlands in 2018.
- The main goal for this legislation period of ELACTA is to work on the recognition of IBCLCs.
- Please visit us: <http://www.elacta.eu/en/> on Facebook or twitter.

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Membership benefits:

- Official representation with other associations, on the ELACTA website and during the General Assembly held every two years
- Advocacy of the IBCLC profession
- Access to members-only, password-protected website (soon to be available)
- Access to *Lactation and Breastfeeding*, ELACTA's digital magazine
- Option for German-speaking association members to receive a hard copy of the German magazine, *Laktation & Stillen*, at an additional cost of € 16,- per year.
- Reduced registration fees for all association members at the biennial ELACTA Conference
- The President, or the Presidents' representative of every association receives a free entrance for this conference and, in return, participates in the Presidents' Meeting and the General Assembly at the conference.
- Sharing knowledge with similar associations through Facebook , Twitter and at ELACTA events
- Continuing education possibilities at ELACTA's European education weekends, "CERPS International".
- Board eligibility for association members with valid IBCLC certification.

Membership Requirements

All associations/ individuals who are members of ELACTA:

- Comply with the statutes and policies of ELACTA
- Observe the partnerships of ELACTA with EISL and ILCA
- Endorses the WHO Code
- Support the goals of ELACTA
- Pay membership fees (see below- except for honorary members)
- Are requested to send their president or designated representative to the Presidents' Meeting at the biennial Conference.
- Are requested to send their president or designated representative to the General Assembly of ELACTA
- Are required to participate actively in the General Assembly of ELACTA
- Inform their members about ELACTA's activities
- Inform ELACTA of national events and developments of interest to ELACTA and the European lactation consultant community
- Promote the objectives and work of ELACTA
- Distribute ELACTA's digital magazine, *Lactation & Breastfeeding*, among their members.

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- ❖ Countries in Category A: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Luxembourg, Lichtenstein, Monaco, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

 - ❖ Countries in Category B: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Egypt, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Ukraine

To choose whether a country is A or B, we use the newest ranking list of IMF (International Monetary Fund). The IMF has the data on the Gross Domestic Product based on the Purchase Power Parity per Capita. The latest data are of the World Economic Outlook October 2016. (<http://www.imf.org/external/datamapper>)

Based on these data (Whole Europe 41.36) we make the following division:

A countries above 41,36

B countries below 41,36

- albania 11.86
- armenia 8.88
- austria 47.86
- belarus 17.5
- belgium 44.88
- bosnia 11.03
- bulgaria 20.12
- croatia 22,42
- cyprus 34,39
- czech 33.22
- denmark 46.6
- egypt 12.14
- estonia 29.5
- finland 41.81
- france 42.38
- macedonia 14.53
- germany 48.19
- greece 26.81
- hungary 27.21
- iceland 48.07
- ireland 69.37
- israel 34.83
- italy 36.31
- latvia 25.74
- lithuania 29.88

- luxembourg 101,94
- malta 37.89
- montengro 17.04
- netherlands 50.85
- norway 69.3
- poland 27.71
- portugal 28.52
- russia 26.11
- serbia 14.23
- slovakia 31.18
- slovenia 32.03
- spain 36.45
- sweden 49.68
- switzerland 59.38
- turkey 21.15
- ukraine 8.23
- UK 42.51