

**CANDIDATES FOR THE ELACTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
TERM 2024-2028**

Asta Vilpisauskiene



“Volunteering at ELACTA has given me extensive understanding of IBCLCs work, education, and recognition in Europe, which needs constant and long-term support on both national and international (European) levels. I truly believe that my education, skills, knowledge, and professional experience may contribute to this challenging, yet rewarding goal.”

Education and professional activity:

IBCLC since 2011
ELACTA member since 2012

BSs in Healthy Living Education 2014
MSc in International Communication 2000

In 2023 Asta volunteered in the ELACTA task group Education, Research and Translation by organizing a workshop in Vilnius.

Asta’s journey in the lactation field has been very consistent. Although she does not have a medical degree, she has completed a bachelor's degree in Health Education in order to take the IBCLC exam. For many years Asta was a volunteer and leader of the Mother to Mother support group. Currently, in addition to her main job, she has a private practice as a lactation consultant and conducts courses for expectant families. She actively participates in the activities of the national association and is a member of its board.

Daiva Sniukaite



„I would appreciate the opportunity to use my knowledge and experience to continue contributing to the development and strengthening of the Alliance as a modern, multicultural organization and through it to strengthen IBCLC position and seek recognition of the IBCLC qualification in European countries.”

Education and professional activity:

IBCLC since 2004
ELACTA member since 2012

MSc in general Nursing 2010
BSs in Social work 2008
Diploma in Journalism 1982
Diploma Children's nurse 1978
ELACTA Board member for terms 2018-2020
(part term)2020-2022
2022-2044

In ELACTA Daiva had a position of ELACTA Vice President and was leading TG Core Values, worked in the task group Conference.

Daiva has many years of practical experience in breastfeeding and lactation, as well as in the field of Codex and BFHI Implementation and Assessment, and worked with national and international programs and projects in this area. She developed her international cooperation skills while working for BF programs with international organizations WHO and UNICEF.

Currently working as an IBCLC in private practice, she is a member of the National LC association and Breastfeeding Committee.

Dinka Baric



“I want to participate in the activities of the European Alliance of Lactation Consultants and hope for new opportunities to work and improve for the benefit of the whole society.”

Education and professional activity:

IBCLC since	2012
ELACTA member since	2013
BSs Medical nurse/Technician	2007
General practice senior nurse	1990
MSc in Nursing	2014

ELACTA Board member for terms 2020-2022
2022-2044

In ELACTA Dinka worked as a Second Treasurer and handled membership issues.

For the past twenty-three years Dinka has been working as a visiting nurse. During her professional career, Dinka participated in many health promotion and support projects in her country, initiated establishing the first Human milk bank, is the President of the Croatian Association of Breastfeeding Support Groups as well as a member of the National LC association. Recently started a personal project - creating a virtual breastfeeding information website.

Helen Ann Borg



“I am passionate about supporting breastfeeding and the role of the IBCLC and believe that serving the ELACTA Board would be exciting and rewarding. Following the experience of working with the Board in 2023 to organise an activity in Malta, I would like to become more actively involved with the organisation.”

Education and professional activity:

IBCLC since	2006
ELACTA member since	2018

BSc in Midwifery	2006
MSc in Midwifery	2010

In 2023 she volunteered for ELACTA organizing education event CERPs International in Malta.

Helen was pioneer IBCLC in her country and has many years of clinical experience working with postpartum and breastfeeding women. In addition, she has experience in administration, organizing professional and social events. During her practice as a postpartum midwife she has prepared Standard Operational Practices (SOPs), conducted a number of personnel training in the fields of lactation and breastfeeding management and staff management. Helen has also produced a series of leaflets which were published, and some which were printed.

Livia Bratu



“I wish for a more homogenous ELACTA, where IBCLCs all over Europe are more connected, proudly work with their credential and are a part of all major national and international structures dealing with breastfeeding.”

Education and professional activity:

IBCLC since 2019

ELACTA member since 2013

Ph.D. Studies – Faculty of Philosophy 2012

MA Studies – Faculty of Philosophy 2009

BSc Studies – Faculty of Philosophy 2008

ELACTA Board member for the term 2022-2024
In ELACTA Livia worked as a First Secretary and was leading a TG Recognition.

Livia has very good experience in accounting, management, public relations and human resources management. Apart from high academic education, Livia demonstrates excellent communication skills, strong organizational and negotiation skills, analytic thinking. She is customer-focused, proactive and solution-oriented. Livia shares a good sense of humor.

Mihaela Nita



„I know that I can bring much benefit with my experience, educational qualifications and skills and I look forward to putting these towards a wonderful cause.”

Education and professional activity:

IBCLC since 2011

ELACTA member since 2013

In ELACTA Mihaela worked as a Vice President for the term 2018-2020 and as a President for the terms 2020-2022 and 2022-2024. Her activity manifested itself in different ELACTA Task groups on education, recognition of the IBCLC profession.

Ph.D Studies 2019

Diploma specialist in pediatrics 2016

General Medical studies 2007

Diploma in Informatics 2001

Recently Mihaela is working as a medical doctor specialist in pediatrics, IBCLC in private practice.

She has accumulated experience educating expectant mothers and families with young children on medical and breastfeeding issues. She has worked as a scientific coordinator of medical conferences/seminars on pediatric themes like pediatric respiratory disease, pediatric gastroenterology.

She defended her PhD thesis with the title “Human Milk Banking”.

Renata Vettorazzi



“I am inspired by ELACTA's mission, and I am eager to contribute my skills, experience, and passion for the organization.”

Education and professional activity:

IBCLC since	2011
ELACTA member since	2011
BSs in Organization science	2008
Course in Pedagogics and andragogy	2007
Registered nurse	1999
ELACTA Board member for the term	2014-2016

In ELACTA Renata worked as a second Treasurer.

At present Renata works as an IBCLC in private practice and at the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Health Science – Nursing Department.

Renata has extensive experience working in non-governmental organizations and projects.