

## Membership structure of 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.

There are two groups of Members in ELACTA:

### **A. Member associations, with**

- Members having a valid IBCLC certificate. These IBCLC-members have the right to vote and to be elected to office on the ELACTA Board, and with
- 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 Member Association, or
- do not have a Lactation Consultants' Association in their country, or
- are a member of a Lactation Consultants' Association which does not reach membership in 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 related 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 (renewed if it changes)
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 01-01-2024 (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 runs on a calendar year (January 1 to December 31) and is based on the number of members in the association on 31 December of each year. At the start of the respective year, the Membership Renewal 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 annual membership fee will be sent in February of the respective year. The invoice has to be paid by 31<sup>th</sup> of March of the respective year. In the case of fees over € 1000, payment by quarterly instalments is possible. The first instalment is due by the 30<sup>th</sup> of April (a quarter of total amount), the second by the 30<sup>th</sup> of May, the third by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June and the fourth by the 30<sup>th</sup> of September of the respective year.

Unless written notice of membership cancellation (by email to the President of ELACTA) is received by 1<sup>st</sup> of December of the current year, the membership is automatically renewed for the next year and membership fee has to be paid.

### **Country Categories**

- ❖ 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

ELACTA is happy you make part of the community of European IBCLCs.

- Next ELACTA Breastfeeding conference will be held in Belgium, Liege 2024.
- The main goal for this term of ELACTA is to work on the recognition of IBCLCs.
- Please visit us: <http://www.elacta.eu/> or Facebook.

Elacta – European Lactation Consultant Alliance - [www.elacta.eu](http://www.elacta.eu)

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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 *Lactation and Breastfeeding*, ELACTA's digital journal in English with possibility to earn free CERPs per each issue.
- Option for German-speaking association members to receive a hard copy of the German magazine *Laktation & Stillen* at an additional cost of € 16, 00 - per year with possibility to earn free CERPs per each issue.
- Reduced registration fees for all members of ELACTA at the biennial ELACTA Conference
- The President or the President's representative of every Member Association receives a free entrance for this conference with obligation to participate in the Presidents' Meeting and the General Assembly at the Conference.
- Sharing knowledge with similar associations through Facebook, and at ELACTA events
- Continuing education possibilities at ELACTA's European education weekends, "CERPS International" (for IBCLCs only).
- 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 above - 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 journal *Lactation & Breastfeeding* among their members.