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## **First Autism Specialist Certification Designated in Austria**

December 9, 2015, VIENNA – Melanie Trojan is the first in Austria to complete a training and certification program resulting in the designation of having her Autism Certificate by the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES). With the rate of autism diagnosis rapidly increasing worldwide, the need for credentialed and licensed autism-related service providers continues to grow every year. According to the World Health Organization there is an estimated global prevalence of autism at 2 to 6 in 1000.

Receiving the Autism Certificate establishes Melanie Trojan as a top-level treatment provider for individuals with autism. Completing the program requires extensive, ongoing training, successful completion of an autism competency examination and approval by an international panel comprised of researchers, speakers and advocates in the field representing universities and organizations around the globe.

“It’s really good to know, that somewhere others are as passionate as I am, because sometimes we have to overcome barricades to support people with Autism,” Trojan said. “I am honored to be the first Autism Certificant® in Austria, and I look forward to using and spreading the knowledge and experience I acquired through the certification process.”

In addition to completing the rigorous autism certification program, Trojan earned her bachelors in Logopedics-Phoniatics-Audiology from Applied University Vienna, and is in process of completing her master’s degree while studying linguistics and ‘Child and Youth Care Studies’ at the University of Strathclyde. She was formally a Speech Language Pathologist at Hospital Hietzing with the Neurological Centre in Rosenhügel and now owns a SLP practice in Vienna specializing on autism.

“We are very excited to appoint Ms. Trojan as the first IBCCES Autism Specialist through receiving her Autism Certificate in Austria,” said Myron Pincomb, Board Chairman of IBCCES, “Families and those with the diagnosis can now rest assured that they are receiving a pinnacle-level of services from specialists with knowledge and understanding of best practices and up-to-date treatment options. A third-party verification and internationally-recognized program of standards for autism professionals makes a huge impact on the quality of care.”

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The International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards ([IBCCES](http://www.ibcces.org)) was established in 2001 to meet the training and credentialing needs of professionals who work with individuals with special needs. IBCCES has since expanded into over 40 different countries with training centers and members across the globe.

Our Certified Autism Specialist, Board Certified Cognitive Specialist, and Certified Autism Center credentials were established with the highest standards in the industry. As a result, our programs have become the benchmark for those who work with cognitive disorders around the globe.

IBCCES created and hosts the annual International Symposium on Cognitive Research & Disorders. This global event brings together top neurologists, education leaders, and healthcare experts with a focus on research, innovation and collaboration.

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