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Welcome to IBHRE Source, IBHRE's new electronic newsletter, designed to keep you informed of IBHRE activities and related certification news. To contribute an article or for more information, contact [Tracy Lofty](#), IBHRE's Executive Director.

IBHRE at Heart Rhythm 2016

IBHRE Lounge Activities at Heart Rhythm 2016



IBHRE is pleased to invite heart rhythm professionals to visit the IBHRE Lounge during the [Heart Rhythm Society's 2016 Annual Scientific Sessions](#) in San Francisco, CA from May 4-7. The lounge is designed for IBHRE certified individuals as well as for those individuals seeking information about IBHRE certification. Certified attendees may use the Lounge to meet with colleagues, pick up their certification ribbons and lapel pins, and recharge with light refreshments.

If you are IBHRE certified, here is your chance to communicate to IBHRE staff, the value of your credential. On **Friday, May 6, 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**, IBHRE will conduct a Focus Group

Discussion to capture testimonials and to collect feedback on your reasons for earning and maintaining your credential as well as suggestions you may have for promoting certification.

IBHRE also invites prospective examinees to attend our scheduled. As the Experts session on **Wednesday, May 4, 2 - 3 p.m.** Stop by to meet IBHRE leadership and take this opportunity to learn more about the certification and why you should become certified.

Are you interested in volunteering with IBHRE? Attend the IBHRE Volunteer session on **Friday, May 6, 4 - 4:30 p.m.** to learn more.

Additionally, IBHRE will be hosting a variety of other scheduled events, including volunteer information sessions, award ceremonies, and a raffle for free exam registrations.

[See the full IBHRE Lounge schedule here](#)

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HRS-Sponsored Allied Professional Exam Prep Sessions

On **Saturday, May 7**, HRS will be offering mini prep sessions that will review complex questions to help prepare for IBHRE exams. They will feature case-based scenarios and an audience response system to encourage maximum audience participation.

- [Session MBR01](#) - Preparing for the Device IBHRE Exam: Challenging Cases and Questions Saturday, May 7, 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.; Room 135, Moscone North
- [Session MBR03](#) - Preparing for the EP IBHRE Exam: Challenging Cases and Questions Saturday, May 7, 10:30 a.m. - Noon; Room 135, Moscone North

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IBHRE Announces Vanguard and Ambassador of the Year Awards

IBHRE is pleased to announce the first recipients of the IBHRE Ambassador of the Year Award and IBHRE Vanguard Award, which recognize IBHRE subject experts who have made significant contributions to IBHRE through their advocacy of the certification and involvement with the organization. The honorees will be formally recognized during the HRS' Annual Scientific

Sessions on **Wednesday, May 4 at 4 p.m. in the IBHRE Lounge.**

Ambassadors of the Year Award Recipients

Laurie Newmark, RN, CCDS

IBHRE Senior Ambassador
Northern Nevada Cardiology, Reno, Nev.

Jay Charles Reid, MS, BSN, RN, CCDS

IBHRE Senior Ambassador
Medtronic, Jacksonville, Fla.

IBHRE Vanguard Award Recipient

Harlie Ferguson, AS, CEPS

Chair, IBHRE Ambassador Committee
St. Jude Medical S.C., Inc. (Retired), St. Paul, Minn.

[Read more in the formal press release](#)

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Certification News

Celebrating Our Newly Certified Japan CCDS Recipients

IBHRE congratulates the 138 Japanese allied professionals who recently obtained their CCDS certifications. We commend the Japan Ministry of Health and those employers who maintain the high standards in heart rhythm competency by employing IBHRE certified professionals to improve the quality of patient care.

IBHRE Recipients

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IBHRE Now Accepting Scholarship Applications

IBHRE is pleased to announce that it will continue its annual scholarship program for allied health care professionals seeking IBHRE certification. The IBHRE Scholarship Award creates opportunities for professionals with limited access to certification resources. In order to assist allied professionals earning the Certified Cardiac Device Specialist (CCDS) or Certified Electrophysiology Specialist (CEPS) certification, IBHRE will:

- Provide up to **three \$800 scholarship awards** to be applied towards the registration

- cost (recipients will receive a discounted registration fee).
- **One-year membership to the Heart Rhythm Society (HRS)** will be awarded, giving recipients access to educational resources and updates in the field of heart rhythm management. HRS membership is contingent upon review and meeting HRS membership requirements, and a current non-member status of HRS is required to receive the complimentary membership.

The deadline to apply is **Friday, May 27, 2016**. Recipients will be notified by Friday, July 29, 2016.

[Apply Now](#)

NOTE: Candidates must meet established eligibility criteria. Earning certification requires passing a comprehensive computer-based examination that is based upon an international body of knowledge. Candidates must meet established eligibility criteria and have an excellent foundation in the field of device therapy and electrophysiology to earn certification.

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Other News

In Memoriam: Paul Levine, MD, FHRS, FACC, CCDS

It was with deep sadness that IBHRE learned of the recent passing of Paul Levine, MD, FHRS, FACC, CCDS on December 27, 2015. An original founding member of the IBHRE when it was formerly known as NASPExAM, Dr. Levine remained an undeterred champion and contributor to IBHRE's certification programs right up until his passing. His input and service to IBHRE will be profoundly missed, as well as the friendship and mentorship he provided to all who knew him. Our thoughts remain with his loved ones.



[Read Dr. Levine's obituary](#)

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Winners of the IBHRE Job Task Analysis Drawings

At the end of 2015, IBHRE conducted online job task analysis surveys to identify current knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for competent practice. Data from the survey results will be used to update the exam content outlines of IBHRE certification exams. All survey respondents were entered into a random drawing, and IBHRE was pleased to award Donna

Fenton and Scott Kruchas with \$150 Amazon gift cards for their participation.

These analyses are critical for IBHRE to maintain our accreditation status through the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), and demonstrate that IBHRE is committed to adhering to the highest standards of credentialing.

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