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is an Associate Professor in Healthcare and Nursing Management and Dean of the Angela Boškin Faculty of Health Care. She was the first dean of a Slovenian nursing college with a background in nursing. Over the last decade, she has made a considerable, recognized contribution to nursing education in Slovenia. She is head of the first Slovenian faculty to have obtained international accreditation in nursing. She is also the lead author of Directives for nursing education for the 1st cycle study program nursing in Slovenia.

She has made a significant contribution towards understanding and implementing advanced practice in nursing in Slovenia, helping nurses realize the importance of specialization, master's degree programs and PhD programs in nursing, and the need for applying postgraduate-level knowledge in clinical practice. As the editor-in-chief of Slovenian Nursing Review, she significantly contributed to the development of publication in nursing in Slovenia. Since January 2012, she is a member of the Editorial Board for Slovenian Journal of Public Health and a reviewer for Slovenian and international journals. Since 2014, she is a member of International Advisory Board of review Nurse Education Today.

She is well known at home and abroad as a successful leader, an expert and a researcher involved in important national and international research projects. She is a leading expert and researcher of nursing education and development in Slovenia. Moreover, she acted as a nursing education expert in the process of reforming nursing education in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2012 – 2014; 2017). She was also a member of the working group drafting the Nursing and Health Care Development Strategy within the Health Care System of Slovenia (2011–2020). She is a member of Quality and Safety Council in Healthcare of Republic Slovenia from March 2016. In May 2017 she has been elected as a candidate for Board of Directors of ICN for period 2017-2021.

In 2007, Brigita Skela Savič was awarded the highest recognition of the Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia, the Golden Mark. Since March 2010, she has been a member of the international association 'The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International'. Since October 2010, she has also been a member of FINE Advisory Board (European Federation of Nurse Educators).

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