



Dear ISAAC 2014 Delegates,

Welcome to ISAAC 2014, the 16th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication! For over 30 years ISAAC has been linking people in support of individuals with complex communication challenges across the globe. This year's conference features a complete range of offerings including an AAC Camp, special focus pre-conference workshops, a wide variety of scientific and experiential conference presentations, all concluding with a research symposium. While you are at the ISAAC 2014 conference, you will meet new people and hear new ideas from participants from 6 continents and 44 countries. Amongst the presenters are many individuals well known and established in the field of AAC, as well as new, young participants, some of whom will undoubtedly be the great thinkers and leaders in AAC of the next decade. Open your eyes, ears, and minds, and you will learn about some of the great human communication discoveries and ideas of our time, and peer into the unfolding future.

This year we have the good fortune of meeting in beautiful Lisbon, Portugal – a city renowned as the departure point for hundreds of years for explorers, setting out to discover unknown lands, and to meet new people, cultures, and civilizations. Our Portuguese hosts are well known for their respect and appreciation of human rights, their warm hospitality, and of course their wonderful food and wine. It is appropriate that we meet in the home of the explorers to share our new knowledge and discoveries, to forge new friendships and relationships, and to prepare the path for new discoveries.

ISAAC 2014 is a unique opportunity to renew old friendships, fill your mind with new ideas, your hearts with renewed passion, your address book with new friends, and your calendar with new projects, all bringing us forward to a world where everyone is given the opportunity and the tools to communicate and participate. May you all experience and enjoy a splendid conference at ISAAC 2014 in beautiful Lisbon – Discovering Communication!

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