



Dear ISAAC 2014 Participants,

As Chair of the local organizing committee, and on behalf of the Co-Chairs who participated in the organization of ISAAC 2014, I want to welcome you all to Lisbon. With the support of many people we will do our best to make you feel at home, and we truly hope you will enjoy the conference.

DESCOBRIR A COMUNICAÇÃO - DISCOVER COMMUNICATION is the theme of this conference, which reminds us of the old discoveries that Portuguese people made around the world. Back in the 15th century, Portugal brought "new worlds to the world." Brave men onboard caravels – small and highly maneuverable sailing ships invented by the Portuguese – and supported by new navigation methods and instruments, connected Lisbon to the four corners of the world. Since then, people have travelled through space and explored the deepest parts of the oceans. But often our eagerness to discover what is far beyond prevents us from looking to the person next to us and finding out what that person can share, especially if he or she has complex communication needs requiring us to leave our comfort zone.

New methods and instruments are once more necessary to bridge the gap between different worlds. In 2014, Lisbon will be again the home of men and women willing to take the leap into the unknown. So, let's take ourselves through new adventures and discover new paths in the use of AAC during the conference.

The week will be filled with diverse opportunities for you to share what is new in the field, as well as opportunities to socialize and talk about your work and your projects, with both old and new friends. As the week will be filled with new discoveries in the area of AAC, we can only hope that you will also take the time to discover Lisbon and its beautiful surroundings. We are sure you will like it!

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to our beautiful and sunny city, and we wish you all a fantastic ISAAC 2014.

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