

ISAAC CONFERENCE 2016 CALL FOR PAPERS

Theme: Bringing Us Together / Ce qui nous rassemble

Submission Guidelines

Proposals will be selected based on relevance, scientific quality, content area, importance, and program balance. Only unpublished abstracts may be submitted, and those deemed to be submitted solely for marketing purposes will not be accepted.

All program presenters are expected to follow ethical procedures to protect the privacy and confidentiality of people mentioned in their presentations. Images and likenesses, including audio recordings and photographs or video data, must only be used with the permission of the person depicted. Real names or initials must only be used with participant's permission; otherwise pseudonyms stated as not being the person's real name must be used.

ISAAC will own the copyright on all proposals accepted for the conference, which must include both a "Short" and "Long", or "Extended", abstract. The short abstracts must be entered into the paper submission portal as plain text, and will be published in the Conference Final Program, while the extended abstracts will be entered as a PDF file upload and published in the Conference Proceedings. Both will be provided to all Main Conference registrants during the event. Authors accepted to the program are expected to register their attendance for the event. Conference registration pricing rates will be released publicly in advance of acceptance notifications being sent.

To Submit a Proposal

To submit a proposal online, please go to the website (as of June 1st, 2015 @ 18:00 GMT):

<https://www.isaac-online.org/english/conference-2016/call-for-papers-2016/>

Please note that your computer will need to have Java installed to use the online submission system.

You will be asked to provide the following MANDATORY information:

1. Submission Title (maximum 15 words)
2. Author(s) First Name
3. Author(s) Last Name
4. Author(s) Affiliation (University, Company, etc.)
5. Primary Author Country of Residence
6. Primary Author email address
7. Primary Author Additional Contact Information (address, telephone, etc.)
8. Presenting Author(s)
9. Target Age group (i.e., pre-school, school age, adult) – see below
10. Target Audience (i.e., introductory, intermediate, etc.) – see below
11. Paper Stream(s) – see below
12. Paper Content Focus Area(s) – see below
13. Paper Key Phrase(s) – see below
14. Key Learning Objectives – see below
15. Paper Presentation **Preference(s)**:
 - a. **2-hour workshop** (limited availability)
 - b. **60-minute interactive workshop** (limited availability)
 - c. **30-minute platform presentation** (20 minutes presentation + 10 minutes questions)
 - d. **Poster presentation**

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NOTE: The Program Committee will make final decisions on allocating all accepted papers to streams and content focus areas as well as the final format of the presentations (i.e., paper presentation or poster; length of presentations). **The Program Committee does not guarantee that proposals will receive the paper presentation format selected by the author(s).**

16. Short Abstract — plain text

17. Long or Extended Abstract Upload — single PDF file including ASHA disclosure form(s), which can be accessed by clicking [here](#), and downloaded / saved to your local computer for completion. ISAAC International recommends using the full version of Adobe Acrobat to create the single PDF abstract upload. If you do not have access to the full version, then the ASHA forms can always be scanned as picture files, and embedded within the Word version of the Long or Extended Abstract, prior to creating the final PDF version.

18. Additional Comments or Requirements —

- **Workshop Submissions to Note:** Aim of workshops, learning goals for participants, activities in workshop, layout of room (lecture or tables), maximum number of participants, etc.
- **All Submissions to Identify:** A/V equipment needs, presenter accessibility needs, etc.

NOTE: Do not include any identifying information in the extended abstract. Papers containing identifying information will be returned to the author(s) as non-reviewable. Author(s) solely responsible for removing identifying information and re-submitting returned papers.

Additional Submission Guidelines

Target AGE GROUP

Please indicate which age group your paper best addresses (select one or more of the following):

1. Pre-School
2. School Age
3. Adults
4. No specific age category

Target AUDIENCE

Please indicate if your paper in the field of AAC is...

1. Introductory / general knowledge level
 - Targeting early practitioners / researchers / families, OR covering a broad scope for a wide audience
2. Intermediate / advanced knowledge level
 - Targeting practitioners / researchers / families with significant background in AAC, OR specialized topic with a narrower scope (i.e., delving deeply into one aspect)

Three (3) STREAMS

1. Perspectives, experiences, and Engagement of Consumers and Families
2. AAC Clinical Practices, and Professional Education
3. Research and Development to inform the field of AAC

Within the selected stream please indicate which of the following focus areas apply to your paper...

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Four (4) CONTENT FOCUS AREAS

A. Living Successfully With Complex Communication Needs

Key phrases:

People who use AAC: Views and experiences
Mentoring and coaching for and by people who use AAC
Families and their experiences

B. Building Activity and Participation through AAC

Key phrases:

AAC and education
AAC and employment
AAC and retirement
AAC and transitions
AAC and relationships
AAC and social media
AAC and leisure

C. Creative Directions in AAC Practice

Key phrases:

AAC across the world: Developing nations in AAC
AAC professional / clinical education, mentoring, and coaching
AAC service provision and implementation
AAC policies and legislation

D. Innovations in AAC

Key phrases:

AAC and language / language development
AAC systems and technologies
AAC and human factors design

Key LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Proposals will be required to select as many of the following as apply:

- Discuss advances in emerging technologies for persons who use AAC.
- Discuss early parent-child interaction and/or other family issues as they relate to AAC.
- Identify ways in which AAC devices, symbol systems, and/or techniques can increase the participation of individuals with congenital and/or acquired communication disabilities.
- Discuss issues related to policies and employment, including advocacy, regarding individuals who use AAC.
- Describe models of AAC service delivery in use throughout the nation/world.
- Discuss successful strategies to develop/sustain literacy learning by individuals who use AAC.
- Discuss the connections between cultural and social issues and AAC.
- Discuss issues regarding vocabulary development, language acquisition, and/or literacy as they relate to AAC.

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AUTHORS MUST INCLUDE ONE OF THESE STATEMENTS IN THEIR LONG ABSTRACT:

Declaration of Interest Statement

1. The authors disclose they have no financial or other interest in objects or entities mentioned in this paper.
2. The authors disclose they have the following financial or other interests in objects or entities mentioned in this paper (provide specific details).

Required Inclusions for the Short Abstract:

- Maximum 250 words, no references, plain text (can be copied from a Word document and pasted into online submission form)
- Research paper: Aim, Method, Results, Conclusion
- Anecdote / personal experience or reflection paper: Content and focus of presentation
- Product or industry / commercial paper: Main focus and purpose of paper

Requirements for the Long or Extended Abstract:

- Extended Abstract submitted in PDF format only as electronic upload
- Maximum 1,000 words, maximum of 10 references
- Formatting must be Arial 12 point font, single spaced
- Must have Declaration of Interest statement
- Must provide a more detailed description of the session contents for the conference proceedings
- Research paper: Aim, Method, Results, Conclusion, Declaration of Interest
- Anecdote / personal experience or reflection paper: Content and focus of presentation, Declaration of Interest
- Product paper: Must disclose interests, cannot be only promotional as these are more appropriately displayed and delivered in the Exhibit Hall

Please Note the Following:

1. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by **February 19th, 2016**.
2. The Program Committee will make final decisions on allocating all accepted papers to streams and content focus areas as well as the final format of the presentations (i.e., poster and length of presentations). Format and schedule of accepted papers will be communicated to successful presenters by **April 18th, 2016**.
3. This Call for Papers does **not** include a call for pre-conference workshops. Presenters for pre-conference workshops are by invitation only.