



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR AUGMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION

ISAAC 2025 Virtual Conference

**“Voices in Action – Innovation, Inclusion, and
Advocacy in AAC”**

October XX to XX, 2025

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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Introduction

The conference theme for the ISAAC 2025 is **“Voices in Action – Innovation, Inclusion, and Advocacy in AAC”**. The conference focuses on advancing the field of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) by exploring cutting-edge research, technology advancements, and inclusive practices.

The event brings together persons who use AAC (PWUAAC) and their families, researchers, practitioners, engineers, vendors, and advocates to discuss communication access, self-determination, mental health, education, and global perspectives, fostering collaboration and driving meaningful change in the field of AAC.

Through lectures, interactive sessions, panel discussions, and virtual demonstrations, participants will gain insights into cutting-edge research, technological innovations, and real-world applications that empower persons who use AAC (PWUAAC) worldwide.

Dates to Remember

- Online portal opens: March 31, 2025 at 12:00 GMT
- Online portal closes to NEW submissions: May 30, 2025 at 12:00 GMT
- Notification about the acceptance/rejection of your submission: by June 30, 2025
- Notification of presentation time, date, and final format of presentation: by September 15, 2025 at the latest
- Author conference registration: no later than August 1, 2025

Next Steps

- Review this document for submission guidelines
- Submit your paper through the online system [Oxford Abstracts | The Academic Conference Platform](#)

Follow this link to learn about:

- Individual requirements for each submission type
- Uploading the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) declaration form(s)
- Peer review and selection
- Copyright
- Ethical procedures

Notification of Acceptance

Follow this link for more information about notifications for:

- Date and time for acceptance/rejection of submissions
- Time, date and final format of presentations that have been accepted
- Author registration requirements for participation during the conference

Conference Theme and Content Areas for ISAAC Virtual Event

Follow this link for more information about:

- Conference Content Areas/Strands
- Types of presentations

Content Areas	Examples
AAC Clinical Practice Across the Lifespan	AAC clinical service provision across settings (educational, home, health, community) and across the lifespan.
AAC Technology, Design and Innovation	Innovative tools, resources and techniques that advance the field of AAC. Design considerations. AI and machine learning in AAC.
Communication Partner Supports	Family-centred and culturally adapted services, interventions, and practices to support communication partners across settings (families, educators, caregivers, therapists, businesses).

Education, Language and Literacy	Optimizing educational participation, language and literacy development for people who use AAC.
Mental Health, Social, Emotional, and Self-Determination Aspects of using AAC	Supporting emotional expression, self-identity, relationship-building, autonomy, and mental health in AAC speakers.
Policy, Advocacy, and Inclusion	Ensuring communication rights, equitable AAC access, and the development of inclusive policies and environments that enhance participation.
AAC Research and Methodology	Advancing AAC research through innovative methodologies, interdisciplinary approaches, and evidence-based practices.
Global Perspectives in AAC: Contributions from International AAC Networks	Regional insights and innovations, cultural adaptations, and international collaborations in AAC research and practice.
Telepractice and Remote AAC Implementation	Best practices for virtual AAC assessments, interventions, caregiver support, and expanding access through telehealth.
Access to Health care	Best practice for enhancing access to health care for persons who use AAC.

Guidelines for Presentations

Guidelines have been provided to help you decide which format will be most appropriate for your submission to ISAAC 2025 Virtual Conference, and how the reviewers will judge each category. Sections include information on preparing your abstracts and using the online form, and guidance on how to prepare your submission for the conference.

Follow this link to learn more about:

- Short presentations
- Interactive seminars
- Research panel discussions

Formal Requirements Pertaining to All Submissions

Follow this link for information that you will be required to submit regarding:

- Type of Presentation
- Presentation Title
- Author Details
- Target Audience
- Content Area(s)
- Declaration of Interest Statement
- Abstract Format
- Learning Outcomes
- Accessible Summary

Selection Criteria

All submissions will be reviewed according to specific criteria.

Follow this link to see the selection criteria.

ASHA Disclosure Form(s)

ASHA members can gain Continuing Education Unit (CEU) points for attending your presentation.

Follow this link to learn more.