

Conference 2026 Request for Letters of Interest

ISAAC is currently seeking Letters of Interest from interested individuals, groups, or ISAAC Chapters, for our 2026 Conference, the 21st Biennial Conference of ISAAC.

ISAAC, The International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication, works to improve the lives of children and adults who use AAC. ISAAC's vision is that AAC will be recognized, valued and used throughout the world. ISAAC's mission is to promote the best possible communication for people with complex communication needs.

ISAAC 2024 (the 20th Biennial Conference of ISAAC) is being held in Rome, Italy (originally scheduled to take place in 2022, it has been postponed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic). In accordance with ISAAC by-laws, **ISAAC Conference 2026** will need to be held in a different country. Although it has been past ISAAC practice to alternate conference locations between North America and elsewhere in the world, that practice, which is not directed by ISAAC's by-laws, is not a requirement for Conference 2026.

We therefore invite interested individuals, groups, or ISAAC Chapters to submit Letters of Interest according to the following —

- Length of letter not to exceed eight (8) pages in total.
- Letter, at a minimum, should identify the following for ISAAC Conference 2026 —
 - Objectives to be achieved by hosting conference in location and theme for conference.
 - Proposed city location and rationale as a good hosting city (including consideration as an **accessible** international conference destination of choice).
 - Projected paid attendance from registrants residing in the country / region and total worldwide.
 - Proposed (**and accessible**) venue location(s) for: pre-conference workshops, AAC Camp, the main conference, exhibit hall, and social events.
 - Identify proposed co-chairs including their professional/personal backgrounds, experience within the field of AAC, experience within ISAAC, experience with previous conferences (ISAAC or otherwise).
 - Available city and conference-related infrastructure, with a focus on that which will facilitate **ease of access for all conference attendees**.
 - Description of how conference content will provide focus on AAC within the country / region.
 - Opportunities for providing attendees with a conference that: offers a range of social / sightseeing events, facilitates the gaining of cross-cultural, multi-cultural, or international personal experiences, and affords the opportunity to socialize in a friendly and welcoming environment.
- Relevant pictures of proposed host city, sightseeing opportunities, facilities, etc. (as appropriate), should also be included.
- Letter of Interest to be submitted as softcopy (electronic), in pdf format ONLY, by email to franklin@isaac-online.org, no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Time, November 27th, 2020.
- Following a review of all submitted Letters of Interest, the ISAAC Executive Board may invite one or more proponents to enter into discussions to determine whether a successful conference could be fully implemented and realized at the proposed hosting city. ISAAC, as part of this process, will provide proponents with more information and details at this point to ensure the availability of full information for decision-making purposes.
- Please note that the submission of a Letter of Interest does not guarantee that such an invitation will be extended to any particular proponent.