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Bienvenidos señoras y señores, Welcome ladies and gentleman, to ISAAC Conference Cancun!

Much in the world has changed since we last met on Gold Coast, Australia in 2018. Each of us has felt the effects of a global pandemic which has impacted the health and well-being of people we know and love. In addition, the global economy, the unprecedented rates of inflation and so much more have financially impacted all of us both personally and professionally.

Little did any of us know way back in 2018 when planning for the “2020 Conference” began, that the typical two-year planning process would turn out to be five years in the making! Please make sure, while at our wonderful Conference, to join ISAAC in thanking our incredibly dedicated group of co-chairs who have “hung in there for the long haul”: Gabriela Berlanga, Miriam Boesch, Yoosun Chung, Gabriela Mangino, Marcela Manzur, and Wendolyn Moreno.

In light of all of this, we are especially grateful to the global AAC community: persons who use AAC, their personal and professional networks, AAC professionals, researchers, our sponsors, our exhibitors, and all who are gathering in Cancun, both in person and in spirit, to join ISAAC International in celebrating our much awaited Conference Cancun. Thanks to all of you for also “hanging in there” with ISAAC! We hope you realize how much your continued support means to the field of AAC, to ISAAC International, and everyone who shares in our shared goals!

### **Enjoy the Conference!**

Regards and thanks,



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