ISAAC 2012 RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM UPDATE
School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences
University of Pittsburgh, PA, USA
Friday, August 3rd
Registration and Coffee: 8 am
Plenary Session: 9 am
Concurrent Seminars: 9:30 am – 5 pm (6 pm dinner)
Saturday, August 4th
Concurrent Seminars: 9 am – 12:15 pm

The ISAAC 2012 Research Symposium will be held on August 3-4, 2012, directly following the 15th Biennial Conference of ISAAC, at the Forbes Tower, University of Pittsburgh. This site is a short distance by public transportation from the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, the main conference venue.

The ISAAC Research Symposium creates opportunities for in-depth discussion of research issues and needs related to AAC, with the goal of expanding the knowledge base of the field. The seminars (aka strands, themes or topics) consider theoretical, methodological and empirical issues related to AAC, both in core areas and areas where knowledge is insufficient or totally lacking. They may also address aspects of AAC use and development that are related to clinical practice (e.g., linguistics, cognitive science and social science). Although short papers will be presented, the emphasis is on allowing considerable time for discussion and encouraging participants to make substantive contributions and/or to request clarification or expansion on topics of interest.

We are pleased to announce six leading-edge seminar topics, led by facilitators who are also innovators in their areas of research expertise. The 2012 seminar topics and organizers are:

1. **AAC and Aphasia: Science and Clinical Practice** Organizers: Rajinder R. Koul, Aimee Dietz & Melinda Corwin
2. **AAC Assessment and Measurement Issues** Organizers: Filip Loncke & Lee Llewellyn
3. **AAC Meets Tele-Rehabilitation: Envisioning Transformative Tele-AAC Research** Organizer: Ellen R. Cohn
4. **Blissymbol Research and Practice Issues** Organizer: Stephen Von Tetzchner
5. **iPads (and other tablets) as an AAC Device: Research Issues** Organizers: Lindsay Dutton & Julie Scherz
6. **Gathering AAC Data for Enhancement of Language Research: The Intersection of Linguistics and AAC** Organizers: Carol Tenny, Eric Nyberg & Katya Hill

Registration: Participants can register for the Main Conference and the Research Symposium together, or for each event separately. To register online, visit the ISAAC 2012 website. The registration system will ask you to choose one seminar.

Early registration for the Research Symposium indicates this may be the largest we have ever had. We will probably need to cap participation in some of the seminars in order to preserve the interactive and collaborative nature of the ISAAC Research Symposium. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that you send your first, second and third choice of seminars to the symposium chair, Lyle L. Lloyd.

If you have difficulty determining your top choices among the six seminars, you should contact the primary organizer of each seminar (identified above) for specifics regarding the seminar content and organization.

Research Symposium Hotel: Most research symposium participants tend to shift from their ISAAC Conference hotel to the Research Symposium hotel the night before the symposium starts. The Hilton Garden Inn is one short block from Forbes Tower, the Research Symposium venue.

Research Symposium Hotel Reservations at the Hilton Garden Inn, Pittsburgh University Place: A block of rooms has been reserved for ISAAC Research Symposium participants. Reservations must be made directly with the hotel. Special room rates for August 2–4 only **(134.00 USD/Night, single or double; $144.00 quad & $154 suite**) will be available until July 30, or until the group block is sold out. To reserve a room at these special rates, contact Hilton Garden Inn, Phone: 1-412-683-2040.