Information Session

ISAAC Cancún
July 22-27, 2023
ISAAC is the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication.

Is a non-profit organization founded in 1983.

ISAAC is a Non-Governmental Organization in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Its offices are in Toronto, CA. Its executive director is Franklin Smith.
ISAAC is a membership organization formed by people who use AAC, their families, professionals and technology developers.

ISAAC is coordinated by its Executive Board:

- Tracy Shepard, Canadá, presidente.
- Yonit Hagoel Karnieli, Israel presidente electa.
- Signhild Skogdal, Noruega, cabeza del consejo.
- Catia Crivelenti, Brazil, cabeza del consejo electa.
- Miroslav Vrankic, Croacia. Vicepresidente BUILD
- Kevin Williams, EUA. Vicepresidente LEAD
- Gabriela Berlanga, México, Vicepresidente congresos
- Elena Radici, Italia, Vicepresidente de congresos electa.

Who is ISAAC comprised of?
Biannual Conference

- ISAAC 2018  Gold Coast, Australia
- ISAAC 2016  Toronto, Canada
- ISAAC 2014  Lisbon, Portugal
- ISAAC 2012  Pittsburgh, USA
- ISAAC 2010  Barcelona, Spain
- ISAAC 2008  Montreal, Canada
- ISAAC 2006  Düsseldorf, Germany
- ISAAC 2004  Natal, Brazil
- ISAAC 2002  Odense, Denmark
- ISAAC 2000  Washington DC, USA
ISAAC CANCÚN
Cancún, México
July 22 - 27
Pre-Conference Workshops

July 22nd

**PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP**

**AAC, A CRITICAL COMPONENT TO PATIENT CARE THROUGHOUT THE HOSPITAL**

Ensuring successful communication between patients and providers, loved ones, and stakeholders in hospitals is a crucial and necessary element of patient-centered care. This workshop will highlight various facets of AAC delivery in hospitals in both outpatient and inpatient settings.

**Learning outcomes**

- Discuss the evidence base and current practices in AAC implementation in hospital settings.
- Describe patient profiles and needs of communication.
- Identify assessment and intervention strategies.

**Presenters:**

John Costello, Speech Language Pathologist with AAC focus at Boston Children’s Hospital for nearly 38 years. National and International Lecturer on topics of AAC. Author and co-author of a number of articles and chapters. Professor of AAC graduate courses as adjunct faculty at Boston University.

Rachel Santiago is a Speech-language Pathologist and Clinical Coordinator of the Infant Augmentative Communication Program at Boston Children’s Hospital. Rachel has published and presented nationally and internationally on the topics of AAC in the hospital setting and patient-communicator interaction.

**Venue:** CRIT Quintana Roo
**Schedule:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m
**Date:** July 22nd 2023

More Info: isaa-con online.org/enGLISH/conference-cancun conferencescancun@isaa-online.org

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**PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP**

**DARE TO DREAM**

Interactive and bilingual (English and Spanish) workshop that starts with a dream, which is developed and detailed via a guided process and shared with the group. But this is just the beginning; an action plan and follow-up for turning the dream into a future reality is included.

**Learning outcomes**

- Develop a clear dream.
- Turn it into an action plan.
- Identify first steps and participate in a one-year follow-up process.

**Presenters:**

Diane Nelson Bryen, Ph.D., Professor Emerita, Temple University. Leader, mentor, advocate, teacher and researcher in the AAC field. Author of “Dare to Dream: Turning Dreams into Future Realities.

Gabriela Rangel, PhD., Associate Professor Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona. Psychologist with more than 15 years experience working with people who use AAC and their families focusing in the socioemotional, mental and behavior domains.

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**PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP**

**BUILDING BRIDGES TO CONVENTIONAL READING AND WRITING IN AAC**

This workshop will offer an instructional framework and practical approaches to help learners with complex communication needs move from emergent to conventional reading and writing. Participants will learn about comprehensive approaches and how to match instruction to current learner needs using the Bridging Guides tools.

**Learning outcomes**

- Identify learners who benefit from comprehensive conventional literacy instruction.
- Identify the elements of comprehensive conventional literacy instruction.
- Identify instructional approaches and use one or more Bridging Guides.

**Presenters:**

Karen Erickson, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Literacy and Disability Studies and a Professor in the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences, School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Is the David E. and Dolores "Dee" Yoder Distinguished Professor.

Lori Geist, Ph.D., CCC-SLP is an assistant professor at the Center for Literacy and Disability Studies in the Department of Health Professions in the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to joining the research faculty at UNC, she worked in direct service, consultation, and product development.

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Pre-Conference Workshops

July 23rd

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

BABY STEPS: FOSTERING AAC AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT IN PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

This workshop will offer participants prAACtical strategies for establishing goals and designing instructions for AAC users.

Learning outcomes
- Discuss key considerations in matching young children with CCs to appropriate AAC goals and interventions.
- Describe activities that support AAC language learning in young AAC learners.
- Identify resources for empowering parents, preschool teams, and other key stakeholders.

Presenters
Carole Zangari, Ph.D., CCC-SLP. Professor in the Speech Language Pathology department at Nova Southeastern University (NSU), ASHA fellow, USIAAC Board Member and ISAAC liaison. International presenter on AAC topics with over 30 years of experience teaching master’s and doctoral courses in AAC. Author of books, articles and the blog: www.PrAACticalAAC.org
Tannalynn Neufeld, M.S., CCC-SLP. Coach & Consultant at Summit AAC & Autism Support, Founding Director at AACpossible & The AAC Academy. 15 years of experience supporting children and young adults with complex learning needs and their families.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

CVI AND AAC: IMPLICATIONS FOR ASSESSMENT, INTERVENTION, RESEARCH AND DAY TO DAY LIFE

This workshop will consider key factors that relate to the outcomes of children with Cortical Visual Impairment who use AAC. Research results, best practices and methodologies to support vision, communication, language and learning will be described. Implications of brain plasticity and the theories of cascading development will be incorporated.

Learning outcomes
- Identify characteristics of CVI and the impact on children with severe speech impairments who rely on AAC tools.
- State ways to access evidence-based services for children with CVI who use AAC.
- Discuss results of research studies and how they inform practice.

Presenters
Sarah W. Blackstone, Ph.D., CCC-SLP. Past president of ISAAC. ISAAC fellow and founder of USIAAC. Serves on the Board of Directors of The Bridge School, USIAAC, CERV and the Central Coast Children’s Foundation. Founder of the CVI AAC project at The Bridge School which is currently undergoing several research projects on CVI and AAC.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

APoyo al desarrollo del lenguaje asistido por sistemas aumentativos de comunicación

Este taller describirá los aspectos centrales del desarrollo del lenguaje de niños que usan SAAC y la Manera de promover una mayor Estructura gramatical a través de la Interacción interpersonal y la intervención del lenguaje basada en el discurso.

Learning outcomes
- Conocerán el Desarrollo del lenguaje con SAAC.
- Seleccionarán objetivos y metodologías de intervención basadas en el discurso.
- Identificarán estrategias de evaluación.

Presenters
Gloria Dato. Catedrática en la Universidad Estatal de San Francisco en el Departamento de Ciencias de la Audición, Habilidad Lenguaje en el Departamento de Educación Especial. El enfoque de su investigación radica en el Desarrollo del lenguaje y la intervención en niños que usan CAA, prácticas inclusivas.
Soi Solis. La lengua de señas. Profesor de Sign Language Pathologist and Clinical Coordinator of the Inpatient Augmentative Communication Program at Boston Children’s Hospital. Rachel has published and presented nationally and internationally on the topics of AAC in the hospital setting and patient-provider communication.
AAC Camp
July 22-23
MAIN CONFERENCE EVENTS
July 24-27

More than 300 concurrent and plenary sessions

Research symposium incorporated in main conference
• AAC Clinical Practice Across the Life Span
• AAC Technology
• Cognitive, Sensory and Motor Aspects
• Communication Partners
• Education, Language and Literacy
• Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Participation
• Family and Consumer Self Advocacy
• Professional, ethical and legal considerations
• Capacity Building in Spanish Speaking Countries

Strands
CONFERENCE EVENTS

Sessions for people who use AAC and their families
CONFERENCE EVENTS

Chapter, member and committee meetings
CONFERENCE EVENTS

Exhibition Hall
Let's get social!
CONFERENCE EVENTS

Film festival

ISAAC in Collaboration with Cam on Wheels Invite You to Enter the ISAAC Cancún Short Film Festival

THEME
Communication Beyond Borders - Reach beyond borders for AAC to be recognized, valued, and used everywhere

CATEGORIES
Leadership - raising awareness of AAC in all aspects of life and in all communities
Educational - informing about ways people use AAC across borders
Personal - sharing a biographical story about a person who uses AAC (this person must consent to and have a role in filmmaking process)

SUPPORT
We hope to empower people who use AAC to create their own films Cam on Wheels will be holding a webinar to learn more about filming, editing, and interviewing with AAC (details coming soon)

SCREENING
The top 10 films will be screened at the ISAAC Short Film Festival during the Welcome Reception on of the ISAAC Cancún Conference on July 24th

PRIZE!
The winner will receive a free membership to ISAAC for 2024
CONFERENCE EVENTS

Lightning Pitch
Official language

- English is the official language of the conference
- Translation into Spanish: Pre-conference workshops and sessions happening in plenary room and Tulum room.
- Internet access to use personal translators.
ISAAC Conference Cancun will be an in-person conference as initially planned. We will be recording some sessions, which we will make available after the conference for a limited time. This will make it possible for people who cannot attend in person to watch some of the presentations. It will also give those who attend the conference in person an opportunity to review some of the presentations. We hope you will attend the conference in person so you can make use of all that it offers. We look forward to the joy of connecting and learning from each other again as our global community comes together in beautiful Cancun, Mexico.
Located near to convention center
Special rates
0% VAT
Accessibility support
Communication Access Training
WHAT TO DO IN CANCÚN?
ENJOY THE WARM WEATHER AND THE BEACH
CENOTES
CHICHEN ITZÁ
NEAR-BY ISLANDS
HOLBOX, COZUMEL, ISLA MUJERES
FEELING MORE ADVENTUROUS?
## Registration Cost

### OFFICIAL REGISTRATION RATES

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¹ Inclusive means additional social event(s) included, subject to availability.
² PW = Professional Wing, AAC = Augmentative and Alternative Communication
Conference Registration

Step 1: Discount code for ISAAC members

ISAAC Event Registration Discount Code

Thank you for being a current member of ISAAC. Please reference the ISAAC event registration code below, which has been uniquely generated just for you. This code will provide you access to discounted member pricing for ISAAC events.

Event Registration Discount Code: [Enter Discount Code Here]
Conference Registration

Step 2: Contact information

Contact Information

*Required

*First Name

*Last Name

*Company

*Address

*City

*Country

*Province/State

*Postal/Zip Code

*Phone Number

*Email

*Emergency Contact Name

*Emergency Contact Phone

*Do you have any additional requirements (i.e. wheelchair, bathroom, modified foods, etc.)

*Food Allergies
Conference Registration

Step 3: Membership details

For access to ISAAC member rates, please enter your member number and conference code, and then press "Tab" on your keyboard.

Information on how to obtain your conference code is available here.

Member Number

Conference Code

*Please select your Membership Status:

- Non-Member

- Non-Member - Student, Developing Countries, PWUAAC, Retired

Click here for the International Monetary Fund listing of Emerging and Developing Economies.

$0.00
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- Click here if you are PWUAAC

$0.00
Conference Registration

Step 4: Select registration format

Registration fees are dependent on conference selections and member category. The full registration fee grid can be downloaded [here](#).

Conference Registration (excluding Conference Daily Registration) includes attendance at Welcome Reception.

PWUAAAC conference registration includes admission for up to one (1) attendant, as required. Separate food tickets for attendants at all conference events will be available for purchase.

- [ ] Full Conference
- [ ] Full Conference - Inclusive
- [ ] Conference - Daily Rate

$625.00
Conference Registration

Step 5: Preconference workshop

Please note that all Pre-Conference Workshops will be held offsite at Universidad Anáhuac Cancún - transportation will be available.

Please select your Pre-Conference Workshop options for each day. Click here for a full list of Workshops.

- July 22-23 - Both Days
- Full Pre Con Early July 22
- July 22 - Pre-Conference Workshops (Full Day)
- Full Pre Con Early July 23
- July 23 - Pre-Conference Workshops (Full Day)
- Full Pre Con Regular July 22
- Full Pre Con Regular July 23
- Full Pre Con Late July 22
- Full Pre Con Late July 23

Day One: July 22, 2023

Full Day Sessions (9:00AM - 4:00PM)

- AAC: A Critical Component to Patient Care Throughout the Hospital
  John Costello, Rachel Santiago

- Dare to Dream: Turning Your Dreams into Future Reality
  Diane Bryen
Conference Registration

Step 6: AAC Camp

Click here to find out more about this year's AAC Camp.

Each registration for a PWUAAC will include an additional no-cost registration for a carer / personal support worker. Additional tickets for siblings of PWUAAC are available for purchase.

AAC Camp attendees who are under the age of 18 must at all times have adult supervision. In order to provide parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) the opportunity to attend pre-conference workshops, ISAAC will be making available camp staff supervision at a 1:8 ratio for the entirety of the AAC Camp experience. Camp activities will require the provision of a signed waiver(s) by the participant (18 and older) / parent(s) or legal guardian(s) (under 18) as a precondition for participation, which will include acceptance of this staffing ratio and acknowledgment of its sufficiency for each AAC Camp attendee under the age of 18. ISAAC may require parents(s) and /or legal guardian(s) to provide additional adult support should, in its sole discretion, ISAAC deems such additional support necessary for the successful running of the AAC Camp. Parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) who decline to accept the provided staffing ratio will be required to attend with their child at all times during the AAC Camp.

If you are going to be an AAC camper, only one ticket needs to be purchased (Your carer / personal support worker is automatically enrolled. If any others will be attending the camp with you, you must purchase separate tickets for them here.

If you would like to purchase AAC Camp Tickets, please select the quantity:

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## Conference Registration

### Step 7: Social Event

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If you would like to purchase additional tickets to the Social Event, please indicate the quantity:

If you would like to purchase additional tickets to the Welcome Reception, please indicate the quantity:

If you would like to purchase additional tickets to the President's Reception, please indicate the quantity:

$200.00
Conference Registration

Step 8: Consent

Waiver

Cancellations and Refunds Policy
For any registration purchased prior to March 1st, 2022, the final date for cancelling a conference registration with a full refund has passed. For conference registrations purchased after that date, and until February 28th, 2023, cancellation requests for a full refund will be honoured if received by email to ISAAC International (conferencecancun@isaac-online.org) prior to 5:00 pm (ET) on March 31st, 2023.

For any registration purchased on or after March 1st, 2022, conference registrations that are subsequently cancelled will be refunded, subject to a CAD $100 (plus HST) cancellation administration charge, as long as cancellation occurs no later than 5:00 pm (ET) on March 31st, 2023. There will be no refunds for cancellations occurring after that date and time.

Conference attendees are encouraged to ensure that they have trip interruption and/or cancellation insurance in place prior to registering, which may be available or already in place with your existing credit card. Please check directly with your credit card company and/or bank.

*I have read, understood, and agree to both the Conference Code of Conduct as well as the cancellation and refund terms

☐ Click to agree
Conference Registration

Step 9: Payment

Payment Information

Our CRA Business number is: 85822 2654

- **Credit Card**
  You will be prompted to enter card details after submitting this registration, in order to securely process your payment.

- **International Bank Draft / Money Order**
  Please make your bank draft/money order payable to "ISAAC" and mail/post/courier to our offices at:

  312 Dolomite Drive, Suite 216
  Toronto Ontario CANADA M3J 2N2

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Conference Registration

Step 10: Submit

Submit Registration

If you have any questions, please visit our FAQ first [here](#), and if you still require support, please contact us via email at conferencecancun@isaac-online.org.
We’ll see you in Cancún!

https://youtu.be/85Sp7jkjrKc