



Announcing ISAAC Conference Cancún July 24 – 27, 2023

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Toronto, Canada – March, 2023: The International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC) is excited to announce that after being postponed during the pandemic, researchers, practitioners, people who use AAC and manufacturers from around the world will gather again in person at ISAAC Conference Cancún, July 24 -27, 2023.

[ISAAC Conference Cancún](#) offers a robust scientific program, showcasing research and lived experiences that represent milestones in the field of AAC and that will move the field forward in both Latin America and globally. The conference also provides an opportunity to continue to build the international community of people who use AAC and their allies.

ISAAC Conference Cancún will feature a full program of new research and clinical innovations, with plenary sessions, research discussion panels, traditional seminars, short presentations and master classes, hands-on workshops and poster presentations as well as exhibits, social events and local entertainment. This will bring with it a diverse and interesting group of participants serving the broader AAC community and will include many traditionally underrepresented communities. Delegates can also



look forward to additional conference activities, including Pre-Conference Workshops and an AAC Camp, which are held during the two days before the Main Conference.

The main conference will be held at the [Cancún Center](#) in beautiful Cancún, situated on the Gulf of México and adjoining the Riviera Maya. Riviera Maya is a beautiful shoreline along the Caribbean that has grown in just a few decades into a major tourism destination, but also includes many small communities with a more local Maya-Mexicano character and fascinating ancient Maya archaeological sites.

The conference theme, *Communication Beyond Borders*, will challenge the AAC community to think beyond their local work contexts to embrace broader global practices. The theme strives to move us towards more culturally and linguistically responsive approaches and evidence-based practices that promote multiculturalism, multilingualism, equitable service provision and the communication rights of individuals, locally and globally. The conference will provide a forum for engagement and collaboration among researchers and practitioners from all over the world, recognizing the unique local practice contexts and the strengths and challenges those contexts can bring.

Conference Cancún will:

- build AAC professional capacity in countries that are traditionally underserved, and to encourage manufacturers and professionals globally to take an active part in undertaking research that develops, expands and refines our evidence base and ensures a more rapid translation of research into practice
- contribute to the development of best practices and quality services for individuals who use AAC by staying informed and actively engaging with practice innovations and advances, as well as collecting the evidence needed to support assessment and intervention approaches, and being open to new possibilities



- foster partnerships and connections among and across communities, locally, nationally and internationally

"I'm looking forward to resuming ISAAC International conferences which have been postponed during the pandemic. There's nothing like the energy and joy we feel when we get together in person, and the connections we make that move AAC forward. We're very excited for Conference Cancún," says ISAAC President Tracy Shepherd.

"We are very excited to offer the international community an unforgettable, truly Mexican experience in our beautiful country," says Gabriela Berlanga, Conference Co-Chair, México.

"We are excited to host a conference in our hemisphere, where leaders can come together - including people who use AAC - to expand knowledge, research and innovation 'without borders'," says Amy Goldman, President of ISAAC's US Chapter, USSAAC.

July 22 – 23, 2023

AAC Camp, Pre-Conference Workshops
Executive and Council Meetings

July 24 – 27, 2023

Main Conference
Cancún International Convention Center

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