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CONFERENCE



EDITION

DESCOBRIR A COMUNICAÇÃO - DISCOVER COMMUNICATION

Join us for the 16th
Biennial Conference
of the
International Society
for Augmentative and
Alternative
Communication

When:
July 19th - 24th

Where:
Lisboa Congress Centre,
Lisbon, Portugal



Monument to the Discoveries (Padrão dos Descobrimentos) and 25th of April Bridge (Ponte 25 de Abril), Lisbon, Portugal

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Introducing your Conference Co-Chairs



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Thank you to our ISAAC 2014 hosts, who have volunteered their time and talents to ensure that ISAAC 2014 delegates and presenters experience the very best of Portugal this July!



ISAAC Conference 2014: Dates and Details

AAC CAMP JULY 19 - 20

Details information on AAC Camp activities [here](#)

ISAAC 2014 PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS JULY 19 - 20

Schedule, themes and presenters [here](#)

(Please note that consecutive translation into Portuguese will be available for selected sessions)

MAIN CONFERENCE JULY 21 - 24

2014 RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM JULY 25 - 26

VENUE: SANA LISBOA HOTEL

Seminar topics, organizers and abstracts [here](#)

Official Registration Rates

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PROF. STEPHEN HAWKING TO RECEIVE ISAAC LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Renowned physicist Professor Stephen Hawking has been named as the first-ever recipient of the ISAAC Lifetime Achievement Award, which will be officially presented at ISAAC 2014.

Although Professor Hawking will be unable to attend the conference in person, a pre-recorded acceptance speech will be part of the program.

A news release with full details is posted [here](#).

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Official Meeting Announcements 2014

ISAAC COUNCIL MEETING 2014

In accordance with section 11.4 of the Bylaws of ISAAC (2012), this is the official notification of the date, time, and location of the upcoming **ISAAC Council Meeting**, taking place at the 16th Biennial ISAAC Conference:

Date: Sunday, July 20th, 2014

Time: 9:00 to 18:00

Location: Centro de Congressos de Lisboa – Lisboa Congress Centre
Pç. das Indústrias - 1300-307 Lisboa, Portugal

Room: To Be Announced

Called by the Chair of the Council,

Chih-Kang Yang

February 19th, 2014

ISAAC BIENNIAL MEMBERSHIP AND AWARDS MEETING 2014

In accordance with section 8.1.5 of the Bylaws of ISAAC (2012), this is the official notification of the date, time, and location of the upcoming **ISAAC Biennial Membership Meeting**, taking place at the 16th Biennial ISAAC Conference:

Date: Tuesday, July 22nd, 2014

Time: 14:00 to 15:30

Location: Centro de Congressos de Lisboa – Lisboa Congress Centre
Pç. das Indústrias - 1300-307 Lisboa, Portugal

Room: To Be Announced

Called by the Chair of the Council,

Chih-Kang Yang

February 19th, 2014

Amended May 12, 2014



Governance Meetings and Evening Events

ALL MEETINGS IN LISBOA CONGRESS CENTRE EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE NOTED
CHECK CONFERENCE PROGRAM FOR SPECIFIC ROOM LOCATIONS

EXECUTIVE BOARD (EB) MEETING

When: Friday-Saturday, July 18-19, 09:00 to 17:00

Where: Hotel Villa Gale Opera

COUNCIL MEETING

When: Sunday, July 20, 09:00 to 18:00

MONDAY

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS MEETING Monday, July 21, 08:00 to 09:00

OPENING CEREMONIES Monday, July 21, 09:00 to 10:00

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING Monday, July 21, 12:45 to 14:00

LEAD (PWUAAC) COMMITTEE MEETING / TOWN HALL

Monday, July 21, 15:30 to 17:45

RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING Monday, July 21, 16:00 to 17:00

EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS MEETING Monday, July 21, 17:00 to 18:00

WELCOME RECEPTION

When: Monday, July 21, 18:15 to 19:45 Where: Lisboa Congress Centre

TUESDAY

CHAPTER MEETINGS (GROUP 1) ISAAC Australia, ISAAC Brazil, ISAAC Canada, ISAAC Denmark, ISAAC Finland, ISAAC Francophone, ISAAC-GSC, ISAAC US (USSAAC)

Tuesday, July 22, 13:00 to 14:00

MEMBERSHIP AND AWARDS MEETING Tuesday, July 22, 14:00 to 15:30

EXECUTIVE BOARD (EB) "MEET AND GREET" Tuesday, July 22, 15:55 to 16:55

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

When: Tuesday, July 22 / Details to be announced soon



Governance Meetings and Evening Events... continued

WEDNESDAY

BUILD COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, July 23, 08:00 to 09:30

AAC REVIEWERS MEETING Wednesday, July 23, 08:00 to 09:00

CHAPTER MEETINGS (GROUP 2) ISAAC India, ISAAC Israel, ISAAC Italy, ISAAC NF, ISAAC Norway, ISAAC Sweden, ISAAC Taiwan, ISAAC UK (Communication Matters)

Wednesday, July 23, 13:00 to 14:00

ISAAC OUTSTANDING CONSUMER LECTURE Wednesday, July 23, 14:00 to 15:30

CONFERENCE 2016 MEETING Wednesday, July 23, 15:55 - 16:55

SOCIAL EVENT

When: Wednesday, July 23 / Final details to be released soon

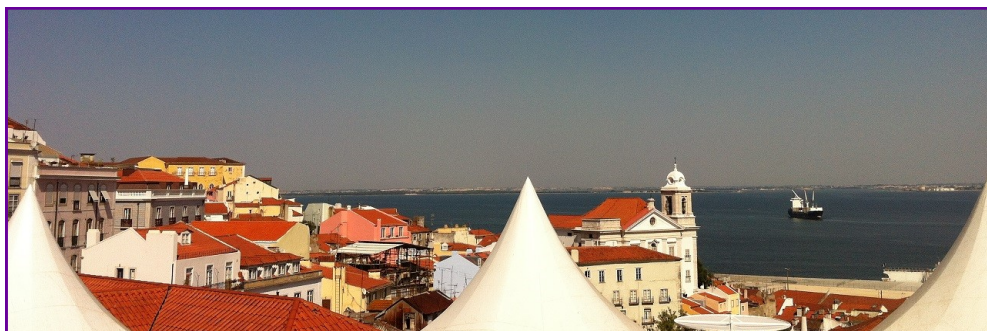


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THURSDAY

AAC ASSOCIATE EDITORS (AE) MEETING Thursday, July 24, 08:00 to 09:00

MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF ISAAC Thursday, July 24, 08:00 to 09:00

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

Thursday, July 24, 10:30 to 11:30

CLOSING CEREMONIES Thursday, July 24, 15:30 to 16:30



More Conference Updates



2014 RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The 2014 Research Symposium will be held on July 25-26, 2014, immediately following the 16th Biennial Conference of ISAAC.

The Research Symposium creates opportunities for discussion of research issues and needs related to AAC, with the goal of expanding the knowledge base of the field.

This year's seminars are:

Psycholinguistic Models and AAC

Organizers: Filip Loncke & Bruce R. Baker

Processes of Aided Language Development in Cognitively High-functioning Children and Adolescents

Organizers: Stephen Von Tetzchner and Judith Oxley

Abstracts are available here.

Register for the 2014 Research Symposium through the Conference 2014 website, here.

Research Symposium Co-Chairs Lyle L. Lloyd, Stephen von Tetzchner, Linda Koehler and Isabel Amaral, would like to thank the seminar organizers for their commitment to the success of this year's Symposium.

ATTENTION ISAAC 2014 POSTER AUTHORS!

ISAAC Conference 2014 is pleased to offer the following options to all poster authors:

1. The ability to have your poster printed locally in Lisbon, and have it waiting for you at the Lisboa Congress Centre when you arrive at the Conference. *Please note that there is a charge for this service.*

Poster Production Reservation Form

2. The ability to use your own provided audio-visual equipment (i.e., notebook or tablet) for your poster session. *There is no additional fee for this.*

Poster Audio-Visual Presentation

The above links will take you to fillable PDF forms, which you can submit in order to take advantage of either or both of these opportunities.

To submit either or both of these forms, please make sure to first download a copy to your local computer, complete it, and then save the pdf.

For the above links and additional information regarding Poster Presentations, visit the ISAAC website here.



More Conference Updates



PEDRO MOTA SOARES, MINISTER OF SOLIDARITY, EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY, GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL, TO WELCOME DELEGATES AT OPENING CEREMONIES

ISAAC is pleased to announce that Pedro Mota Soares, Minister of Solidarity, Employment and Social Security in the Government of Portugal, will be attending the ISAAC 2014 Opening Ceremonies. He will be officially representing the Prime Minister, People and Government of Portugal at our conference. We are grateful to his office, the Office of the Prime Minister, and the Embassy of Portugal in Ottawa (Canada) for their assistance in organizing this effort.

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THE OFFICIAL AIRLINE NETWORK FOR ISAAC 2014

The Star Alliance member airlines are pleased to be the Official Airline Network for ISAAC 2014. You can save up to 20% when booking your travel to the 16th Biennial Conference of ISAAC with one of Star Alliance's participating airlines. Details are available [here](#).

Please note that these savings are only available to ISAAC members, and Conference Sponsors and Exhibitors.

To book your airfare at reduced conference rates, please follow the steps outlined [here](#), in the Members Only section of the ISAAC website.

CEUs AT ISAAC 2014

ISAAC recognizes and supports the value of the availability of CE credits for all AAC and AT services professionals. The ISAAC 2014 Lisbon conference registration fees provide for each eligible attendee to complete professional development requirements and receive an ASHA Continuing Education Certificate as part of the educational program.

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) CEUs in speech-language pathology and audiology are awarded by ASHA CE Registry upon receipt of the CEU Participant Form from the ASHA Approved CE Provider. CEU Participant Forms will be available at the Conference. This program is offered for up to 2.6 ASHA CEUs (Various levels, Professional area.) Details and forms are available on the ISAAC Conference website, [here](#).

DISCOVER ACCESSIBLE LISBON

We are excited to be hosting ISAAC Conference 2014 in beautiful Lisbon, a city with a rich history, culture, and considerable charm. [Accessible Lisbon](#) is a guide to the city, compiled by our ISAAC 2014 conference hosts. In addition to an overview of what to see and do in Lisbon, you will also find information on accessibility and services for people with disabilities, including transportation and technical assistance.

Accessible Lisbon is posted on the ISAAC website [here](#).

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Support AAC in Developing Countries

BUILD BOOK DONATIONS PROGRAM AT ISAAC 2014

We will be distributing donated books, resource manuals, training DVDs or videos to ISAAC members from developing countries at the ISAAC BUILD meeting in Lisbon on Wednesday, July 23rd.

If you have AAC books or other related material that you no longer use, this is your chance to clean off your shelves and make valuable resources available to others at the same time! By donating resource material, you will be directly supporting the growth of AAC throughout the world.

You can either drop off your donations at the ISAAC booth in the Exhibit Hall or send us a list of the books or other materials that you are able to offer. At the ISAAC BUILD meeting on Wednesday, July 23rd in Lisbon, we will make this list available to people from developing countries. They will each be invited to draw the name of one book that they would really like to receive. We will then match you to the person from the developing country and ask you to mail the book directly to that person, via surface mail, to save costs.

For further information, contact the 2014 BUILD Book Donations Program Committee:

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THE SILENT AUCTION AT ISAAC 2014

Organized and led by the Friends of ISAAC, a Silent Auction is held at each ISAAC biennial conference to raise funds to support people who use AAC who wish to attend the next international conference. We are looking forward to hosting yet another successful auction in Lisbon.

Can you bring an item to donate? If you are able to let us know, it will help us to plan the space; it would be most helpful to know by June 30th. However, if you are not able to let us know, it doesn't matter. It's never too late to slip something into your suitcase!

Even if you won't be able to attend, you can help by publicizing the Silent Auction through Twitter or Facebook. Some of you already have (thank you!).

For further information, please [click here](#) or contact the 2014 Silent Auction Committee:

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News from ISAAC Members

ISAAC - Israel is looking forward to hosting its annual conference and celebration of learning on July 6 - 8 in Tel Aviv. The guest speaker this year is Dr. Pammi Raghavendra of Flinders University, South Australia. Pammi is a speech pathologist with over 30 years or research, clinical and teaching experience in working with children and adults with disabilities, especially those using AAC. For additional information, please contact israelaac@gmail.com.

Prof. Juan Bornman, Director of the **Centre for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (CAAC)** at the University of Pretoria, South Africa, is pleased to announce the release of the CAAC Annual Report 2013. The report emphasizes individual commitment to group effort, and highlights plans for 2014 as well as a review of the accomplishments of the previous year. [Click here](#) to view the CAAC Annual Report 2013. The April/May issues of Interface and Centre for AAC Newsletter is also available online [here](#).

Central Coast Children's Foundation (CCCF), one of ISAAC's [partner organizations](#), has just released its June 2014 [Augmentative Communication World Network \(ACWN\) Newsletter](#). Featuring articles on AAC around the world, it is a must-read digital resource. Back issues are available on the [CCCF website](#).

MORE TO DO AT ISAAC 2014...

Mark your calendar for the **Town Hall Meeting** on Monday, July 21st from 15:30 - 17:45 in the Lisboa Convention Centre. People who use AAC will gather to discuss topics of common interest. For more information, contact [Vic Valentic](#), ISAAC Leadership Chair for People Who use AAC.

Be sure to visit the **Exhibit Hall** when you have some spare time between session at ISAAC 2014. And while you are there, please drop by the ISAAC Booth to make a bid at the Silent Auction and to say "hello" to staff and volunteers at the booth.

To enter a draw for our exciting prizes, visit the ISAAC booth once each day during the main conference. We will scan your badge and you will be automatically entered to win. Please note that by scanning your badge to enter our draw, you are providing ISAAC with permission to share your contact details with our exhibitors and/or sponsors.

ISAAC'S BLOG

If you haven't had a chance to visit ISAAC's Blog, you can catch up [here](#). Recent posts feature Jane Farrell, Sally Clendon and Lisa Lehmann, three [ISAAC 2014 Pre-conference Workshop](#) presenters.

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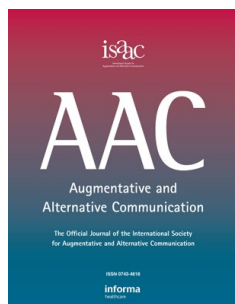
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(twsaac.blogspot.tw/)

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ISAAC E-News is published four times each year. Comments on this issue are welcome. Please contact Heather Stonehouse.



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.

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