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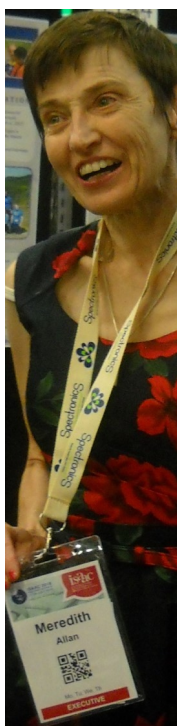
President's Message

Meredith Allan

ISAAC President

October 2018 - September 2020

Firstly, a big thank you to Gregor for his leadership of ISAAC over the past three years. Gregor has been a great mediator, making sure every person has their say and a consensus outcome is made. He treated his presidency as a co-presidency with me and I have appreciated the learning experience. I hope I can share my learnings with Juan Borman, President-Elect, in the same way.



The recent ISAAC conference in Australia has shown us that ISAAC has a strong vibrant base to build on and the message of communication access continues to grow. The theme of the conference "AACcess All Areas" spread throughout the Gold Coast as many businesses, hotels and the convention centre sent staff to two Communication Access training sessions held prior to the conference.

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Farewell Message

Gregor Renner

ISAAC President

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Looking back on four years on the Executive Board of ISAAC, there have been some interesting developments and also challenges. One of the main challenges was the decision of the German AAC Society to leave ISAAC. Even though I am a member of both, we did not manage to find a way to avoid this step. As a consequence, ISAAC lost half of its members and of course also a significant amount of money needed to work on ISAAC's aims. Communication between ISAAC and the German AAC Society has developed in a positive way. However, a return to ISAAC seems only possible in a long perspective.

Toronto, the birth city of AAC and ISAAC, was host of the 2016 ISAAC Conference. The ISAAC 2016 Conference Co-Chairs Shelley Deegan, Tracy Hunt and Tracy Shepherd as well as all other volunteers, the ISAAC staff and many others deserve our deep thanks. The conference venue on the shores of Lake Ontario provided stunning scenery. This conference was a record breaker in terms of participants. Our 1,200 delegates took the opportunity to meet, learn, present, discuss, and enjoy. The conference was also a financial success, so ISAAC remained on stable grounds.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, MEREDITH ALLAN ...CONTINUED

The ISAAC Council met on the Gold Coast and passed a new Strategic Plan 2018-2021. As part of this plan, I intend to focus on the long term financial sustainability of ISAAC. We are now able to look to the long-term goals, thanks to careful financial management over the past few years.

The ISAAC family is amazing. Each ISAAC member has a family of support behind them and they all become a part of our family. The Silent Auction at the 2018 conference highlighted this to me. Hoping to encourage interest (not that it was needed) in a pair of hand-knitted socks ("thneed" or "strømper"), I posted a photo on Facebook. Birgitte Brandt of Denmark saw my post and replied, "These ones are really rare because they are the last ones my mother knitted. She is 89 and had a stroke in April. I wouldn't ask her for socks for the silent auction because there were only so few left. But she said to me: usually you get socks to take with you to the ISAAC conference. She insisted that I brought these 3 pair with me." All three pairs were highly sought after and valued knowing the love that went into making them.

A new generation of people who use AAC are starting to emerge. My ageing body looks forward to the energy and vitality of the younger generation spurring me on to keep going.

With thanks to you all,

[Meredith Allan](#)

ISAAC President

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FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM GREGOR RENNER ...CONTINUED

The decision to choose Australia as venue for the 2018 ISAAC Conference included the aim to support the development of AAC in the Asia-Pacific Region. The Co-Chairs of this conference, Meredith Allan, Kate Anderson, Sally Clendon, Jane Farrall, and Gayle Porter, and ISAAC, took a number of measures to help AAC stakeholders from the region to present and participate, including travel funds, extended deadlines for presentations from the region, and translation services. The 2018 ISAAC Conference on Gold Coast, Australia, with over 1,100 delegates, exceeded by far our expectations and turned out to be the most successful ISAAC conference outside North America, with exciting feedback from participants, presenters, and exhibitors.

I hope that future ISAAC Conferences will also support the development of AAC and ISAAC in the respective regions. The 2020 ISAAC Conference in Mexico may turn the focus to Central and South America as well as Spanish-speaking communities. A Spanish-speaking ISAAC Chapter would be a great perspective for ISAAC. The 2022 ISAAC Conference in Rome, Italy, will be an excellent opportunity to showcase AAC in Europe, and maybe even in North Africa. And where the ISAAC Conference will go from there ... you will learn at the next conference.

It was an honour to serve ISAAC as president, and I want to thank all those dedicated people I had the chance to work with. Many thanks also to all ISAAC members and supporters. Without your engagement, ISAAC would not be the incredible organization it is. And very special thanks to Meredith Allan from Australia, our ISAAC President 2018-2020, and Juan Bornman from South Africa, our President-Elect 2018-2020, and ISAAC's new Executive Board.

We can look forward to exciting developments for AAC and ISAAC.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

[Gregor Renner](#)

ISAAC President, October 2015 - September 2018



...From the Executive Director

Messages from the ISAAC President, and the Executive Director can be found in translation on the ISAAC website, [here](#).

Welcome to the October 2018 edition of the ISAAC E-News. The ISAAC International office continues its work on behalf of the membership around the world, and is pleased to advise on the following initiatives:

Conference 2018

We are thrilled that Conference 2018, on beautiful Gold Coast Australia, was a tremendous success for ISAAC. We are grateful to the many people around the world who attended, and sent us all congratulatory messages! I would like to take this opportunity of thanking our Conference 2018 Co-Chairs and the ISAAC 2016-18 Executive Board for their leadership and volunteer efforts.

We are also in the process of sharing some of the images and recordings from Conference 2018, so make sure to visit the [ISAAC Conference 2018 website](#) regularly.

Conferences 2020 and 2022

ISAAC was able to announce at the Conference 2018 Closing Ceremony the host cities for Conferences 2020 and 2022! Conference 2020 will be held on the [Riviera Maya, Mexico](#) and Conference 2022 will be held in [Rome, Italy](#). ISAAC is excited and grateful for the positive commitments from the many volunteers in both host cities!

ISAAC Executive Board (EB), 2018-20

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all ISAAC staff, of offering personal

congratulations to Meredith Allan, ISAAC International's newest President. Meredith, we look forward to continuing the amazing work of this organization, now under your keen leadership!

At the same time, we warmly welcome our newest EB members, Gabriela Berlanga, Juan Bornman, Dorothy Fraser, and Signhild Skogdal. We offer our thanks and best wishes to our departing EB members, Aldona Mysakowska-Adamczyk, Gregor Renner, Tracy Shepherd, and Sarah Yong.

ISAAC International Financial Audit 2017

The audit process for 2017 is fully completed, along with the necessary government tax agency filings (Canada and the United States). All of the audit and tax filing information for 2017 and previous years can be found in the Members Only area of the website.

ISAAC Strategic Planning, 2018-21

The ISAAC Executive Board worked extremely hard over the past year reviewing the original ISAAC Strategic Plan (2012-17), and creating a new strategic plan for the organization (Strategic Plan 2018-21). This past July, at Council Meeting 2018, the ISAAC Council approved the new organizational strategic plan, which is posted on the ISAAC website [here](#).

ISAAC Membership Renewal, 2019

Membership renewal time is fast approaching! If you are one of our valued

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...From the Executive Director, continued

Chapter members, please respond to your Chapter in a timely fashion to ensure that your membership is renewed for 2019. If you are an ISAAC International member, you will be receiving an email reminder directly from the ISAAC International offices.

For 2019 and 2020, the ISAAC Executive Board approved the continuation of a “no additional cost” subscription to ISAAC’s scientific journal, AAC, for all Institutional and Corporate members.

****NEW for 2019**** In order to better meet the needs of our Chapters (current or future) in developing countries (as defined by the World Bank), the ISAAC Executive Board authorized

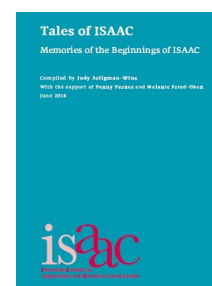
the creation of a new group of Chapter membership rates specifically for these Chapters.

All of the above-noted 2019 Membership Renewal information has now been forwarded to members of the ISAAC Council.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and feedback. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at franklin@isaac-online.org, should you require any further information or assistance.

Regards and thanks,
[Franklin Smith](#)

TALES OF ISAAC: MEMORIES OF THE BEGINNINGS OF ISAAC



This book was compiled, produced and generously donated by Judy Seligman-Wine, with the support of Penny Parnes and Melanie Fried-Oken, to celebrate ISAAC's 35th anniversary at ISAAC 2018. A PDF version can be downloaded [here](#).



2018 ISAAC SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who entered and supported the 2018 ISAAC Short Film Festival competition. The top 10 films were screened at the Conference 2018 Welcome Reception on July 23rd. The prize for the winning film was a one-year pre-paid membership to ISAAC for 2019, sponsored by ISAAC-Australia.

Congratulations to Cristian Rosas, whose film "My Grito" was selected by ISAAC 2018 delegates as the winner, for excellence in illustrating the conference theme, ACCcess All Areas.

To view "My Grito" and the other incredible film festival finalists and entries, please visit the [ISAAC website](#).

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Opening Ceremony Snapshots

(Top) Franklin Smith, ISAAC Executive Director, acknowledges and thanks our five Co-Chairs.
 (Middle) ISAAC 2018 volunteers were amazing!
 (Bottom) ISAAC is proud to have hosted 1,100 delegates from around the world

ISAAC 2018: A CONFERENCE OF FIRSTS

Delegates look forward to embracing new ideas and experiences at the ISAAC biennial conference — but we think ISAAC 2018, held on Gold Coast, Australia, offered a particularly noteworthy list of “firsts”!

First ISAAC Conference “Down Under”

First time providing a [Conference App](#) for participants

First on-demand [Easy English Conference Program](#)

First Asia-Pacific networking focus during an ISAAC conference

First time hosting “[Dare to Lead](#)” half-day workshop

First Main Conference featuring a Research Stream

First “Lightning Pitch” session during an ISAAC Conference (*details below*)

First Outstanding Consumer Lecture by a New Zealander — Mke Ninces (see page 7)

First sold-out [Exhibit Hall](#)

Highest [Sponsorship](#) revenues from an ISAAC conference held outside of North America

Did we miss any firsts? Drop us a line, at info@isaac-online.org

ISAAC 2018: THE LIGHTNING PITCH

Sponsored by Deakin University in Australia and moderated by Susan Balandin, Deakin’s Chair in Disability and Inclusion, Faculty of Health.

The [AAC Lightning Pitch](#) provided an opportunity for each of [13 successful applicants](#) to present a three-minute pitch for an AAC-related idea. Presentations were judged by a panel of three experts, according to the set criteria. The author of the winning pitch received expenses to the value of \$AU500 to spend on furthering their idea over the next 12 months.

Congratulations to Deborah Yong Xinyi (Singapore), with her winning pitch, “Training Caregivers, Empowering Communicators: Nurturing AAC on the Little Red Dot.”

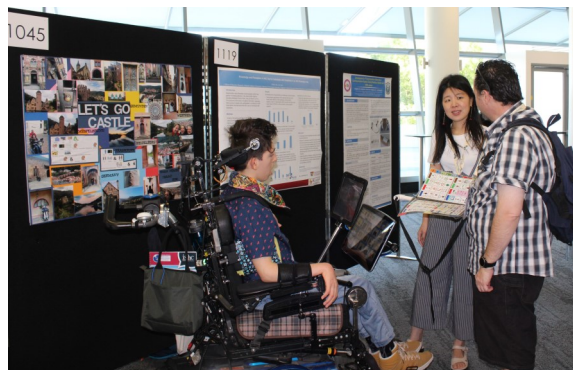
ISAAC 2018 Highlights, continued



Engaging talks by inspired presenters



Poster sessions, enabling rapid communication of scientific ideas



ISAAC 2018 videos online [here](#):

Outstanding Consumer Lecture,
Mke Ninces, NZ
Opening Ceremony
Closing Ceremony

For more photos, you can view the ISAAC 2018 Slideshow from the Closing Ceremony, [here](#).

Our busy Exhibit Hall!



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ISAAC OUTSTANDING CONSUMER LECTURE AWARD

Every two years the ISAAC Outstanding Consumer Lecture Award is presented to a person who uses AAC, who is then a featured speaker at the ISAAC Biennial Conference. Congratulations to **Mke Ninces** of New Zealand, this year's award winner. The title of her July 24th presentation: "Assumptions, Attitudes, and Adventures." [Click here](#) to view the recorded lecture.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Mke for her truly outstanding lecture. Special thanks to John Costello for his ongoing work and dedication on behalf of this biennial event, which is a highlight at each ISAAC conference.

To view previous Outstanding Consumer Lecture Award presentations, [click here](#).



(L) Mke is introduced by Gregor Renner, ISAAC President, and John Costello. (R) Mke's mantra: "It is the people".

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The purpose of this Committee is to encourage family-to-family exchange to support families of people with communication disabilities around the world. India Ochs, Chair of the Family Engagement Committee, hosted the meeting, called "Striving for Thriving: An Open Forum on Families of All Kinds." Keep up-to-date on future developments by joining [Family Engagement on Facebook](#).

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ISAAC 2018 Highlights, continued



Welcome Reception, July 23rd, at GCCEC



President's Reception, July 24th, at The Star Gold Coast



Social Event at Dreamworld Corroboree on July 25th

ISAAC 2018 RESOURCES

A flash drive was included in each ISAAC 2018 delegate satchel, featuring the Conference Proceedings and the 2018 ISAAC Membership Directory in PDF format. A limited number of flash drives are still available. Please contact send a request to info@isaac-online.org to make the necessary shipping arrangements.

AAC JOURNAL NEWS

ISAAC extends our heartfelt appreciation to Martine Smith and Bronwyn Hemsley for their tremendous leadership as editors of the **AAC Journal** over the past number of years. We warmly welcome Ralf W. Schlosser and Rajinder Koul, who will be taking over as editors in January 2019. Best of luck, Ralf and Rajinder!

ISAAC STAFF CHANGES

ISAAC will say good-bye to ISAAC's Membership Coordinator, [Teraiz El-Deir](#). We wish her much happiness in retirement. Teraiz has been a valued member of the ISAAC team since 2009, and her dedication and service to ISAAC will be missed.

ISAAC extends a warm welcome to Carol Silverberg, who will take over the role of Membership Coordinator as of January 2019.



Awards 2018: Recognizing Outstanding Achievement

Every two years at the ISAAC Biennial Conference a number of awards and scholarships are presented to ISAAC members who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to ISAAC's mission and achievement in the field of AAC.

At the Awards and Membership Meeting, held on Wednesday, July 25th, the following recipients were honoured:

- **Scope Australia** received the ISAAC Distinguished Service Award for their outstanding contribution to ISAAC and the field of AAC.



- **Patricia Gutiérrez** (Buenos Aires, Argentina) received The Bridge School / ISAAC Teacher in Residence Award, which sponsors her participation in a training program during 2018-19 at [The Bridge School](#) in California.

- Each year, the AAC journal's Associate Editors choose the most significant articles published in the journal during the preceding calendar year in two categories:

Most Significant Research Article **Most Significant Student Article**

The following authors were recognized by AAC Editors Martine Smith and Bronwyn Hemsley for their outstanding contributions to AAC during 2017:

MOST SIGNIFICANT RESEARCH ARTICLE

Presented to Jennifer Kent-Walsh, Kimberly A. Murza, Melissa D. Malani, and Cathy Binger for their article:

"Effects of Communication Partner Instruction on the Communication of Individuals using AAC: A Meta-Analysis." *Augmentative and Alternative Communication*, 31, December 2015.

MOST SIGNIFICANT STUDENT ARTICLE

Presented to Jennifer J. Thistle and Krista M. Wilkinson for their article:

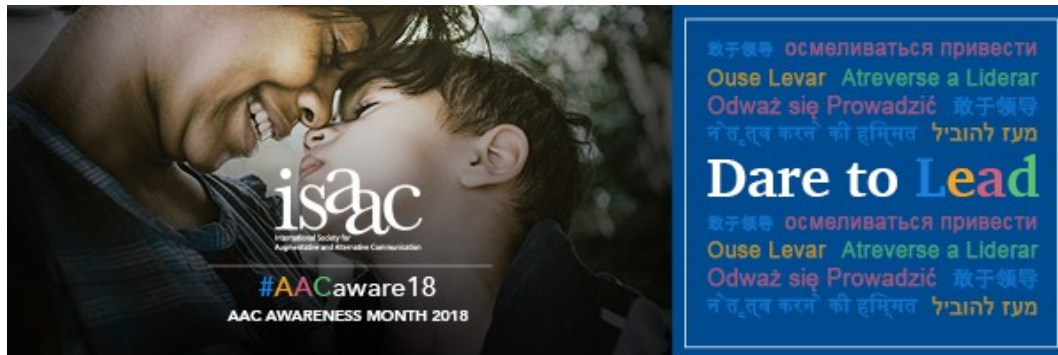
"Building Evidence-Based Practice in AAC Display Design for Young Children: Current Practices and Future Directions." *Augmentative and Alternative Communication*, 31, June 2015.

SILENT AUCTION 2018: FINAL TALLY

Organized and led by the many friends of ISAAC from around the world, a Silent Auction is held at each ISAAC biennial conference to raise funds to assist people who use AAC to attend future conferences.

Silent Auction 2018 raised more than \$5,400! Thanks to all who donated and purchased items, for making this the most successful ISAAC Silent Auction ever. Funds raised will be used to support people who use AAC who wish to attend the next international conference.

International AAC Awareness Month 2018



International AAC Awareness Month, themed **Dare to Lead**, is dedicated to raising awareness of AAC and to informing the public about the many different ways people communicate using high-tech or low-tech communication aids and innovative communication strategies. The month of celebration is also designed to sing the praises of people who use AAC and acknowledge their powerful leadership within their communities.

“AAC provides a way for people to communicate with their loved ones, employers, and community – making it possible to express themselves both in spoken and written form,” said Lateef McLeod, ISAAC Chair for the Lead Committee. “Thanks to the power of AAC, I am proudly one of those people able to make my voice heard and make an impact on the world around me.”

ISAAC’s goal is to create worldwide awareness about how AAC can help individuals with little or no speech, communicate using assistive technology tools and strategies to solve every day communicative challenges. To advance that effort, we invited our 15 Chapters around the world to plan and/or attend AAC awareness events in their communities or participate in online events during the month of October. Chapters are encouraged to shine a light on the visions and leadership capabilities of people who use AAC and encourage future leadership opportunities – locally, nationally or internationally.

Many individuals and organizations around the world have submitted their stories about AAC awareness activities held throughout October, and we have posted them on the [ISAAC website](#). We know there are many more! If you’d like us to add your event to our website, please send brief text and photos [here](#).

To find out more awareness activities worldwide, search #AACaware18 on Twitter.



International AAC Awareness Month 2018, continued

EMPOWERING COMMUNICATION PARTNERS OCTOBER 29, 2018 - 7 P.M. EDT

To celebrate AAC Awareness Month, please join us for an intriguing one-hour webinar, "Empowering Communication Partners: Practical Ideas to Support Individuals with Complex Communication Needs."

Presenters Jill Tullman (Principal, Jill Tullman & Associates,) and Joni Nygard (Vice President, Attainment Company) will discuss the foundations of AAC today that are embedded within research. They will also provide an introduction to several families who utilize AAC strategies, techniques, applications, and devices throughout their day. They'll share practical and empowering advice for communication partners to create successful interactions for individuals who rely on AAC. Video excerpts will illustrate easy-to-use strategies within daily routines or classrooms for individuals of all ability levels, across ages, including young adults. **A limited number of attendee spaces are available, so sign up without delay to reserve your spot!**

[Click here to register](#)

This webinar is presented by [ISAAC](#) and [USSAAC](#), in partnership with [Attainment Company](#), proud sponsors of AAC Awareness Month 2018.

"WHAT IS YOUR AAC STORY?" FEATURING BETH MOULAM

The 2018 theme of AAC Awareness Month is "Dare to Lead" and in that spirit we've reached out to Beth Moulam (UK) to find out her perspective on "What leadership means to me." For Beth, participation in sports is an exciting way to advance her skills in leadership and team building. Beth, who has used AAC all her life to communicate, tells us her AAC story:

"Other people may identify me as an AAC user. It's pretty hard not to when the first thing you see on meeting me is my power chair and Lightwriter. The world of AAC is important to me, it's where I feel accepted for who I am. It's where I can speak up, and out, and people wait to hear what I have to say. But AAC does not define me.

"Sport has changed my life. I am stronger, fitter and healthier. I am happier too, if someone could have told me before how much happier I would've been, I would have laughed at the thought of it. But I have to say that it's true, I am all these things.

"Thanks for all the people in my life who have supported me in my journey, and continue to do so, let's go onward and upwards. Here's to the next few years!"

To read more of Beth's AAC Story, please visit [ISAAC's Blog](#).



In Memoriam: Larry Weiss



Submitted by
Melanie Fried-Oken

You are invited to comment [here](#) so that together we can honour Larry and the AAC legacy he left us. Information about donations that will impact the AAC field in Larry's honour will be sent out in the future.



In August 2018 we lost one of the founding members of ISAAC, the founder and president of ZYGO Industries, and a relentless advocate for people who use AAC. Larry Weiss always challenged us

to do more, think outside the box, apply an open perspective to every problem, and offer what we could not yet imagine to those with severe disabilities. From the first day of its inception when Larry met a young man with cerebral palsy at the Fairview Training Center in Oregon (US), until the day that ZYGO closed its doors, Larry was the passion, vision, and determination that helped individuals around the world to communicate.

Larry led ZYGO Industries to design and manufacture some of the first mechanical, then electrical, and finally software-driven devices. He always enjoyed the discussions around finding just the right solution for each individual. He was never in a hurry when he worked. And if a person needed some critical component to complete their system you could count

on Larry to think on it for a long moment before suddenly brightening his eyes, raising his finger in the air, and running out without a word, to his Volkswagen bus where he would root around

to find or manufacture the missing piece. That is, only if he didn't already have that item in his pocket. He cared deeply for every person he served and recognized that his role in industry carried weight and influence beyond his individual customers – pushing our industry from a time when this industry didn't yet exist.

Larry was an international foodie before the word 'foodie' was invented. You could mention almost any city across the globe, and he could tell you about an amazing meal he found there.

Always in his ZYGO-logoed turtleneck shirts, driving in his Volkswagen Beetle or ZYGO Vanagon bus, and smiling when he arrived to do AAC, Larry was a force to be reckoned with. With the stature of a gentle giant, a mane of white hair, a dictionary in his pocket, and a sailboat in every port, he cast a long shadow that touched so many lives.

The international AAC community (his second family) will miss him dearly. We have created a place ([link at left](#)) to leave memories, stories, and kind wishes for Larry Weiss' family (Inez, Adam and Sara and their spouses and children), and his second family (the international AAC community).

Godspeed, Larry.

All of us at ISAAC send our deepest condolences to Larry's family.



MEET THE ISAAC EXECUTIVE BOARD 2018-2020

ISAAC President, Meredith Allan, on behalf of the ISAAC Council, is pleased to confirm the following Executive Board (EB) members for the next two-year term. The new EB assumed its responsibilities on October 1st, 2018.

Meredith Allan, ISAAC President, Australia

Juan Bornman, ISAAC President-Elect, South Africa

Nadia Browning, Chair of the Council, Brazil/Canada

Signhild Skogdahl, Chair-Elect of the Council, Norway

Gabriela Berlanga, Vice-President without Portfolio, Mexico

Sally Clendon, Vice-President without Portfolio, New Zealand

Dorothy Fraser, Vice-President for BUILD, Scotland, UK

Lateef McLeod, Vice-President for LEAD, USA

For contact information, please [click here](#).

Note: In addition to their new EB roles, Nadia Browning and Dorothy Fraser will continue as co-editors of the [Communication Support World Network \(CSWN\) Newsletter](#).

ISAAC MEMBERSHIP RATES 2019

ISAAC is pleased to announce that Membership rates for 2019 will remain at their 2018 levels. In addition, the no additional charge offer for AAC journal subscriptions will be extended for Institutional and Corporate members through 2019 and 2020. Membership renewal information will be emailed to current members in the near future.

CDAC COMMUNICATION ASSISTANCE COURSES ONLINE: FREE UNTIL JANUARY 2019

Communication Disabilities Access Canada ([CDAC](#)) has several online courses on various aspects of communication assistance, which are available free of charge until January.

- The Communication Assistance course is for people who work in disability organizations and want to know how to assist people communicating in their community.
- Working with a Communication Assistant is for people who have communication disabilities who want to learn how to work with someone who assists them communicating - it can be a family member, an attendant or (in Canada) a assistant hired through our database.
- Making Services Accessible for People with Communication Disabilities is for businesses, public, non profit organizations (including disability organizations), and government services on what they need to know to make their services communication accessible.

CDAC PRESENTATION ON COMMUNICATION ACCESS

On October 22nd, CDAC presented to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Bill C-81 (Accessible Canada Act), focusing on ways the proposed legislation can be strengthened for people with communication disabilities. For a copy of the brief, [click here](#).

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ISAAC has 15 Chapters worldwide. For information about how you can participate in ISAAC's mission, contact the organizations listed above, or ISAAC International for areas not listed.

ISAAC International
would like to extend
sincere appreciation
to everyone who helped make
ISAAC Conference 2018
a tremendous success.
Please stay tuned
for details about ISAAC
Conference 2020
in Riviera Maya, Mexico!



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ISAAC Chapters and members worldwide are invited to submit items of interest from your country or region. News, AAC practice tips, research, personal essays, in article format or as a link to online articles or resources, will be reviewed and made available on the ISAAC website as appropriate. Please send articles and photos to [Nola Millin](#).

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.

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

Executive Board 2018-2020

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