



**International Society for
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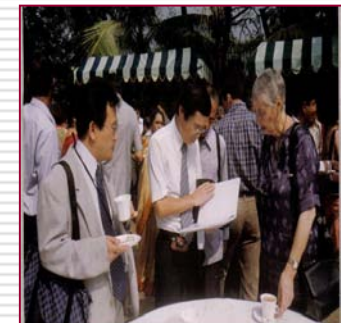
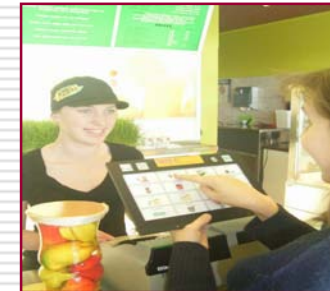
**Long Range Plans 2007- 2012
&
Operational Plans 2007-2008**

**Membership Meeting
Düsseldorf
3rd August 2006**

Our Vision

Established October 1983

**AAC will be
recognized,
valued and used
throughout the
world**



Our Mission

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International Society for Augmentative
& Alternative Communication

***To Promote the
Best possible Communication
for
People with Complex Communication
needs***

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- A membership organisation for people who use AAC, their families, professionals, students, and researchers**
 - 3549* members across 54 countries**
 - 14 Chapters**

***(ISAAC secretariat June 2006 figures)**

Canada

USA

★447 Members



Argentina

Brazil

Columbia

**Nederlandse
Antillen**

Mexico

Peru

★44 Members



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Austria
Belgium
Denmark
England
Finland

France
Germany
Ireland
Italy
Netherlands
Norway
Portugal
Scotland
Spain
Suisse
Sweden
Switzerland
Wales



Croatia
Cyprus
Faroe islands
Greece
Hungary
Malta
Poland
Russia
Slovenia
Slovak Republic

★2787 Members

★33 Members

Israel
South Africa



Egypt
Gambia
Morocco
UAE

92 Members

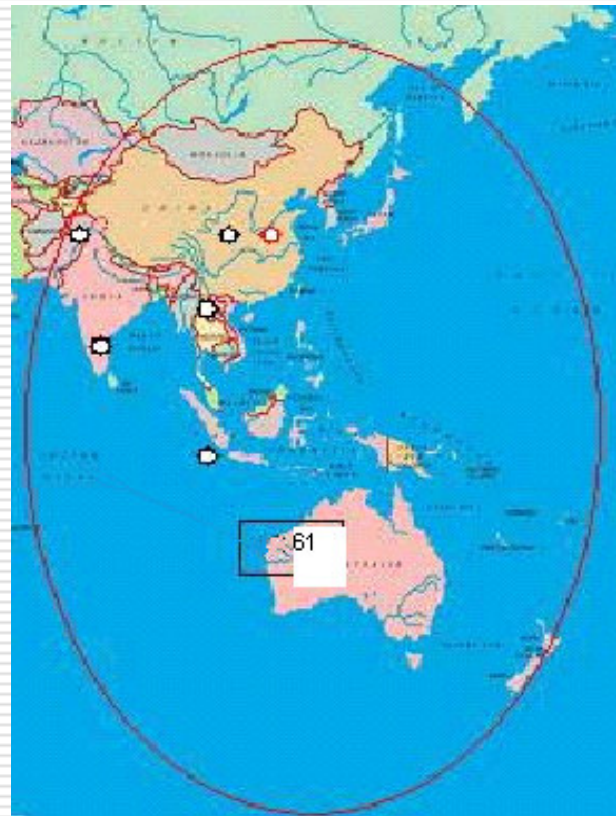
★14 Members

Australia

India

Japan

★ **108 Members**



Hong Kong

Korea

Singapore

South Korea

Taiwan

Thailand

★ **35 Members**

Present Structure

- Individual members
 - Chapters & Non Chapters
 - Board of Directors
 - Executive Committee
 - Secretariat in Toronto
 - Committees and Task Forces
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How does ISAAC work

- A long range plan is presented to the Board of Directors for agreement every five years
 - Budget is agreed, based on the operational plan
 - Committees and task forces support the work
 - The Board of Directors mandates the Executive Committee to develop an Operational Plan
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Long Range Plan 2007 - 2012

- Three factors that have been the focus of this Executive Committee Board in formulating these Operational plans are:**
 - 1. ISAAC's Economic stability**
 - 2. Clear Objectives linked to focussed Goals**
 - 3. A Governance Structure that maximizes the benefits and strengths of ISAAC.**
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Long Range Plan 2007 - 2012

**A shift
from
An Organisational Focus
to
An Action Focus**

Long Range Plan 2007 - 2012

- Built on the plans and performance of previous years**

 - Securing a sustainable financial base for ISAAC**

 - Validated in the recent Membership Survey**
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Membership Survey- highlights

Value that ISAAC brings to its membership:

- Professional development
 - Contact with AAC colleagues
 - International forum for networking
 - Belonging to an international community
 - Strength of the Chapter structures
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Membership Survey- concerns

- More involvement and participation of persons using AAC and their families in ISAAC's work
 - More focused information on AAC (both in terms of content and language)
 - Need to develop AAC in many countries.
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Long Range Plan 2007 - 2012

- Goal 1: To increase ISAAC's impact as a strong, collaborative organization***

 - Goal 2: To promote human rights of people who use AAC through full participation, equalization of opportunity and development***

 - Goal 3: To promote ISAAC as a strong, international organisation providing information and education on AAC***

 - Goal 4: To promote research & development in all areas of AAC***
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Long Range Plan (LRP) 2007 – 2012



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Main Focus

- Increasing awareness of AAC and ISAAC in all countries around the world

 - Developing a Global Partnership for Development, in order to promote good governance and contribute to the human rights of people using AAC.
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Long Range Plan (LRP) 2007 – 2012



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Main Focus

- Advocating active participation by people using AAC in leadership positions in ISAAC and their full participation in community life

 - Supporting the United Nations Millennium Development Goals in order to improve worldwide understanding of AAC and the needs of persons who use or need AAC
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Long Range Plan (LRP) 2007 – 2012



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Main Focus

United Nations Millennium Development Goals

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
 2. **Achieve universal primary education**
 3. **Promote gender equality and empower women**
 4. Reduce child mortality
 5. Improve maternal health
 6. Combat HIV/Aids/malaria and other diseases
 7. **Ensure environmental sustainability**
 8. **Develop a global partnership for development**
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Operational Plans 2007-2008



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Focus on 10 Objectives

- Within the framework of the 4 Goals of the Long Range Plan
 - 3 Projects planned to meet the objectives
 - Not in any order of priority but time bound
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Operational Plans for 2007-2008

FORMATION OF 3 ACTION GROUPS

- 1. Action Group 1: BUILD-AAC**
(Building AAC Communities Project)
 - 2. Action Group 2: LEAD –AAC**
(Leadership Project by & for Persons using AAC)
 - 3. Action Group 3: READ- AAC**
(Research.Education.Awareness.Documentation)
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Operational Plan- Implementation Steps:



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- 1. Executive Committee Board nominates 3 Portfolio Leaders for the 3 Action Groups**
 - 2. Action Groups Leaders to be mainly responsible for implementing the Goals & meeting the Objectives that focus on the activities related to their action group**
 - 3. Members will be actively involved in Task Forces to support the implementation of these plans**
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BUILD-AAC (Action Group 1)

(Building AAC International Communities)

Objective 1

- ISAAC will increase awareness of AAC and ISAAC in all countries, including developing and emerging AAC areas

Objective 2

- ISAAC will continue to maintain and develop links with organisations that share a vision with ISAAC and support international organisations concerned issues related to human rights
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BUILD-AAC (Action Group 1)

(Building AAC International Communities)



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Performance Indicators of Build AAC Project

By 2008

- List of ISAAC Volunteers for the BUILD-AAC Projects established**
 - Country Groupings established**
 - List of Trainers developed**
 - Training material identified/developed**
 - Training programmes initiated**
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BUILD-AAC (Action Group 1)

(Building AAC International Communities)

Performance Indicators of Build AAC Project

By 2008

- Membership numbers in Emerging AAC Nations increase**
 - Shared events/forums/list serve discussions**
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LEAD-AAC (Action Group 2): (Leadership for Persons using AAC)

Objective 3

- Persons who use AAC, their families and carers will participate actively in ISAAC, thus strengthening ISAAC's ability to advocate for full participation in society

Objective 4

- Develop and implement Leadership Training Programme for persons who use AAC to enhance their skills in promoting their rights as members of society
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LEAD-AAC (Action Group 2): (Leadership for Persons using AAC)

Performance Indicators of LEAD AAC Project

By 2008

- Increased skills and participation by persons using AAC in leadership positions**

 - Leadership training programmes on identified needs developed**

 - Participation in international disability conventions**
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READ-AAC (Action Group 3) **(Research, Education, Awareness, Documentation)**

Objective 5

- Information on AAC and ISAAC will be accessible to all members and available in a variety of media and formats and languages (spoken and symbolic) within the ISAAC membership as well as the larger Global community

Objective 6

- Provide information exchange within the ISAAC membership as well as larger global community on various aspects of AAC
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READ-AAC (Action Group 3)

(Research, Education, Awareness, Documentation)

Objective 7

- ISAAC will have a clearly expressed transparent mission statement, shared, and agreed by the members, evident in all publications and public access information

Objective 8

- The functioning of ISAAC will reflect the international identity of the membership
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READ-AAC (Action Group 3) **(Research, Education, Awareness, Documentation)**

Objective 9

- ISAAC will continue to promote research and development in all areas of AAC

Objective 10

- Research findings will be disseminated widely within ISAAC and into the disability community world-wide
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READ-AAC (Action Group 3)

(Research. Education, Awareness, Documentation)

Performance Indicators of READ AAC Project

By 2008

- Material for awareness , information & translation identified and made available to the membership**
 - A clear cut policy for ISAAC conferences**
 - Participation in regional conferences**
 - Chapters actively involved in dissemination of information amongst its membership**
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READ-AAC (Action Group 3)

(Research. Education, Awareness, Documentation)

Performance Indicators of READ AAC Project

By 2008

- A clear cut policy on Research projects –includes people using AAC as team members**
 - Research symposia at ISAAC conferences to have a special stream on persons using AAC**
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ISAAC now has a UN Consultative NGO status

**Let us together build Global partnerships for
development**

**To support people who use or need AAC
around the world**

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