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

To Promote the
Best possible Communication
for
People with Complex Communication needs
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
Israel
South Africa

92 Members

Egypt
Gambia
Morocco
UAE

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
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
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.
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
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
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.
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
Long Range Plan (LRP) 2007 – 2012

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.
Long Range Plan (LRP) 2007 – 2012

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.
Long Range Plan (LRP) 2007 – 2012

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
Operational Plans
2007-2008

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
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)
Operational Plan - Implementation Steps:

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
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
BUILD-AAC (Action Group 1)
(Building AAC International Communities)

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
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
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
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
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.
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.
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
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
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
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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