



## ISAAC Membership Benefits

The main benefit of ISAAC membership is to belong to an International community that focuses on improving lives of individuals with complex communication needs. ISAAC keeps you updated on what is going on around the world, and provides several ways for members to network, collaborate, and share information.

As ISAAC believes in disseminating information on AAC, many opportunities are also available to non-members to learn about AAC.

Website: <https://www.isaac-online.org>

1. Member benefits in networking and collaboration
  - Access to our annual online Membership Directory
  - ISAAC Biennial Conference proceedings -Free download
  - Link to organizations such as Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA). For a list of ISAAC partnerships, see <https://isaac-online.org/english/about-isaac/partnerships/>
  - Travel scholarships for person who use AAC to attend the ISAAC Biennial Conference
  - Awards to support Early Career Researchers to attend the Biennial Conference
  - Reduced member rates to attend the Biennial Conference

### *Members and non-members networking*

- ISAAC's YouTube Channel
- ISAAC's Blog
- Facebook
- @isaac\_aac on Twitter
- @isaa.aac on Instagram
- PWUAAC Online Chats
- ISAAC Film Festival
- Biennial Conference
- Virtual Event: "ISAAC Connect"



2. Member benefits in advocacy
  - AAC Awareness month pamphlets, brochures, material, videos
  - BUILD AAC Committee, supporting AAC in emerging countries
  - LEAD Committee, encourages and supports people who use AAC in taking a leadership role within ISAAC
  - Family Engagement Committee, encourages family-to-family exchange to support families of people with communication disabilities.
  - Human rights and AAC, documents shared on the website and through social media
  - ISAAC is a Non-Governmental Organization in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
  
3. Member benefits in education
  - Webinars (introductory and advanced webinars on a variety of AAC topics)
  - Biennial Conference registration discount for ISAAC members
  - Virtual Event: "ISAAC Connect," registration discount for ISAAC members
  - ATIA conference discount for ISAAC members
  - Travel scholarships (beginning researchers and researchers from emerging countries) to attend Biennial Conference

*Members and non-members education*

- Selected webinars (both live and archived) are open to all free of charge

4. Membership benefits in research
  - AAC Journal – ranked in the top 20 of all rehabilitation journals.
  - Guidelines regarding "Best practices for obtaining consent from persons who use AAC"
  - "ISAAC Policy for Recruiting Participants for Research via ISAAC Membership Email List" ref. <https://isaac-online.org/english/about-isaac/research/>
  - ISAAC Research Committee, which organizes a robust research agenda and symposium for the Biennial Conference



5. Membership benefits in information dissemination

- Special announcements ref. <https://www.isaac-online.org/english/news/>
- Book reviews
- Guidelines: Communication Access Symbol ref. <https://isaac-online.org/english/what-is-aac/communication-access-symbols/>
- Resources relevant to AAC
- Access to a global network of AAC professionals, researchers, manufacturers, people who use AAC, and family members ref. <https://isaac-online.org/wp-content/uploads/ISAAC-Directory-7-22-20-acc.pdf>
- Eligibility to apply for monetary awards, some of which include presentation opportunities, i.e., The Outstanding Consumer Lecture Award; The Bridge School / ISAAC Teacher in Residence Award <https://isaac-online.org/english/about-isaac/awards/>
- see *Membership Benefits in Networking and Collaboration*, and *Membership Benefits in Education*, above.
- Other publications – e.g., “Waves of Words” <https://isaac-online.org/english/publications/>
- Position Statements <https://isaac-online.org/english/members-only/position-statement-on-facilitated-communication/>

*Members and non-members*

- “The ISAAC Communicator,” quarterly e-newsletter
- “CSWN (Communication Support World Network) Newsletter,” twice annually

Your membership supports ISAAC to produce these resources and distribute them to all our members. Thank you!