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ISAAC Website Launch on October 6th, 2011

Good Day, ISAAC Members

ISAAC is pleased to announce that the major update to its website will be launched on October 6, 2011, to coincide with AAC Awareness Month. The new ISAAC website (<u>www.isaac-online.org</u>) has been designed with you, our members and users in mind, and include such features as:

- New streamlined appearance
- Built-in accessibility functionality
- A more straightforward navigation experience
- An updated "Members Only" section

Please note that the new website will not be visible until October 6th, 2011. Up until then, our existing website will continue to appear.

The ISAAC Council approved a proposal for the development of a new website in July 2010. "A new approach was needed in order to meet international accessibility standards while providing easier web navigation and updated information for ISAAC members worldwide. We are grateful to ISAAC's Website Development Committee, led by Eija Roisko of Finland, and we are excited about the progress to date," said Erna Alant, ISAAC President 2010-2012.

According to Eija Roisko, "Creating the new ISAAC website has been a collaborative effort conducted over the past 12 months by our website development and design team. Many ISAAC member volunteers provided ideas, content and feedback along the way. Thank you to everyone for your valuable input!"

A major enhancement to the website is in the Members Only section, which now supports individual member usernames and passwords. Your copy of the ISAAC 2011 Membership Directory, which you should be receiving next week, contains a welcome letter that includes your ISAAC Member ID (which also serves as your

Members Only website username) and secure password. I am pleased to also provide you with those details below:

ISAAC Member ID: [your Member ID number] Password: **COMP**

We will provide all members during the coming weeks and months with more information about our new website and on-going efforts to keep it a current and effective source of information. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to get in touch with me directly via email to franklin@isaac-online.org.

Many thanks for your support,

Franklin Smith, MBA, CMC Executive Director

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