



**International Society for
Augmentative and Alternative Communication**

Reporting Outcomes
Operational Plans
January 1, 2007 – July 1, 2008

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President

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 organization providing information and education on AAC**

 - Goal 4: To promote research & development in all areas of AAC**
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Operational Plans 2007-2008



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- Within the framework of the 4 LRP Goals
Operational Plans for 2007-2008 were presented**
 - Focus was on 10 Objectives**
 - 3 Projects planned to meet the objectives**
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Long Range Plan 2007 - 2012

- Three factors that have been the focus of this Executive Committee Board in implementing the operational plans that had been approved by the Board at Düsseldorf:**
 - 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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Major Outcomes 2007-2008



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- ❑ ISAAC's financial situation stabilized
 - ❑ New Governance Structure finalized and voted on by the Board
 - ❑ ISAAC has worked as a catalyst in linking members from different countries
 - ❑ Within our financial constraints many of the objectives set out for 3 projects met.
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ISAAC- financial position

2006	Deficit Budget
2007	Positive Balance with \$ 50,000 in reserve
2008	Projected budget with \$50,000 in reserve

Accomplished by:

- Reorganization of the Secretariat Office
 - EC taking responsibilities for different portfolios with support of Task Force members
 - EC meetings via skype on a fortnightly/monthly basis
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Operational Plans for 2007-2008

PORTFOLIOS



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International Activities

Sudha Kaul

ISAAC Secretariat

Mona Zaccak (Manager, ISAAC Secretariat & Membership Services)
& **Sudha Kaul**

Administration & Finance

Mary Blake Huer / Sudha Kaul & Finance Committee

Conferences

Mary Blake Huer & Cristina Larraz

Publications & IE/Website

Erna Alant / IE Editor/ Secretariat Staff

New Governance Structure

Discussion Group led by Hilary Johnson

Acknowledgements:

Task Force:

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- Arne Myklebust / Aina Ask (Norway)
- Shelley Deegan (Canada)
- Catherine Olsson (Australia)
- Janne Mottlau / Søren Vintergaard (Denmark)
- Yvette Abdel Malek (Egypt)
- Janet Scott / Liz Moulam (UK)

Friends of ISAAC

ISAAC Board

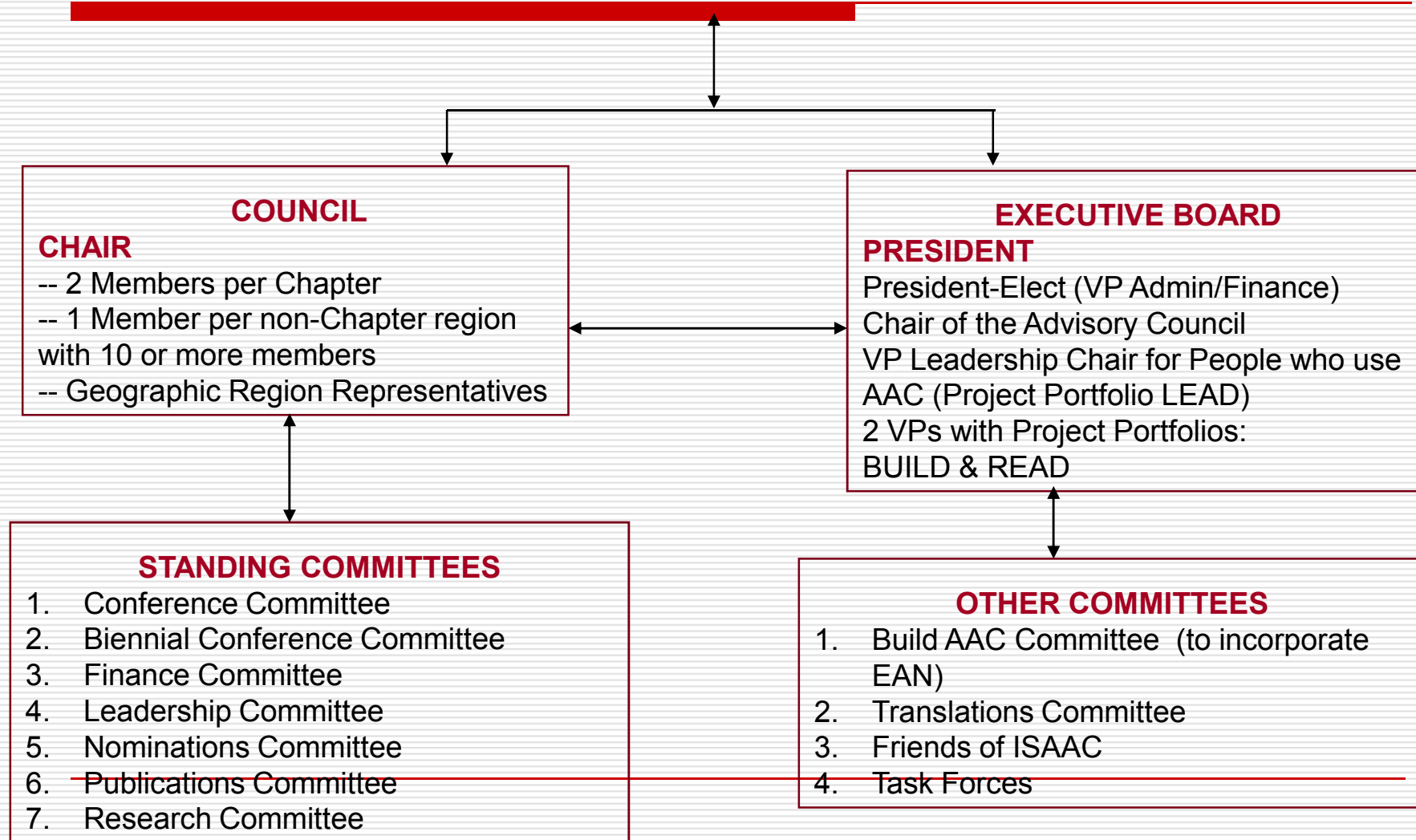
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Proposed Organizational Structure



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MEMBERSHIP



Outcomes 2007-2008



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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 organizations that share a vision with ISAAC and support international organizations concerned with issues related to human rights
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Outcomes 2007-2008

Building International Relations

- ❑ Erna Alant & Sudha Kaul at the 1st India ISAAC Chapter Conference in Kolkata, India
- ❑ Sudha Kaul at the 3rd Latin American Conference on AAC in Cusco, Peru.
- ❑ Erna Alant in Brazil & University of Sao Paulo
- ❑ Hilary Johnson at the 6th Eastern and Central European Regional AAC Conference in Prague
- ❑ Sudha Kaul & Mary Blake Huer at the signing of UN Convention in New York
- ❑ Erna Alant at International Rehabilitation Conference in Al Ain, UAE.
- ❑ Sudha Kaul at AAC Conference in Dubai, UAE
- ❑ Ann Sutton, Editor AAC Journal represented ISAAC at the ASHA Conference
- ❑ AAC strand included in IASSID Conference
- ❑ Tomas Lagerwall, RI Secretary General, Keynote Speaker at the ISAAC Montreal Conference
- ❑ Mary Blake Huer, President Elect, participating in the RI Conf. in Quebec

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Organizations that have sponsored EC Members' International Work



- SCOPE, Australia
 - Equip KIDS International, Canada
 - Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, India
 - The National Research Foundation, South Africa
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Outcomes 2007-2008

Building International Relations

- First International AAC Awareness Event was celebrated in October 2007 in 12 countries across the world. Detailed accounts on the ISAAC website.

Lead by Sarah Lever and the Leadership Task Force

- AAC Awareness website setup.
- 2nd International AAC Awareness Event in October 2008. Theme for this year: AAC and Literacy.”



MANY STORIES ONE VOICE
Reading Events Worldwide in October 2008

Outcomes 2007-2008

Memberships

- A membership organization for people who use AAC, their families, professionals, students, and researchers**
- An increase from 3549 members across 54 countries in 2006 to 3582 members from 60 countries in 2008**
- 15 Chapters**

***(ISAAC Secretariat June 2008 figures)**

Operational Plans for 2007-2008 PROJECTS:



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1. Action Group 1: **BUILD-AAC**

(Building AAC Communities Project)

Portfolio Leader ERNA ALANT

2. Action Group 2: **LEAD –AAC**

(Leadership Project by & for Persons using AAC)

Portfolio Leader SARAH LEVER

3. Action Group 3: **READ- AAC**

(Research. Education. Awareness. Documentation)

Portfolio Leader CRISTINA LARRAZ

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
 - Training programs initiated
 - Membership numbers in Emerging AAC Nations increase
 - Shared events/forums/list serve discussions
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BUILD-AAC (Action Group 1)

Outcomes 2007-2008



- An update on the Build Project will be presented at ISAAC 2008 Conference during the BUILD AAC meeting

 - A proposal has been developed to guide ISAAC BUILD projects around the work. This is available to all members.

 - ISAAC Website and Information Exchange contains information on the Project
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BUILD-AAC (Action Group 1)

Outcomes 2007-2008

- An international volunteer group has been established and the list is on the web for all to use

 - Country groups were identified:
India, South Africa, Egypt, Singapore, & UAE

 - A committee has been established to address resources on the web

 - ISAAC regional resource networks will follow from the committee activities
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BUILD-AAC (Action Group 1)

Outcomes 2007-2008



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- Training of trainers: this has been done through conference attendances/training in India, UAE, Peru
 - Collaborative projects within UAE & ISAAC being explored
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BUILD-AAC (Action Group 1)

Outcomes 2007-2008



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- Sponsorships for memberships have been promoted through applications to various companies

 - A committee to promote the identification of AAC intervention resources on the web has been established

 - Listserv interactions are also ongoing

 - Systematically growing presence of intervention resources for developing countries on the web
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BUILD-AAC (Action Group 1)

Outcomes 2007-2008

- 142 members from 25 Emerging AAC Nations

 - Membership has increased to 3580 from 60 countries of which 25 are from Emerging AAC Nations

 - India has become a Chapter
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LEAD-AAC (Action Group 2): (Leadership for Persons using AAC) Outcomes 2007-2008



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 Program 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): Outcomes 2007-2008

Performance Indicators of LEAD AAC Project By 2008

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

 - Leadership training programs on identified needs developed**

 - Participation in international disability conventions**
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LEAD-AAC (Action Group 2): Outcomes 2007-2008

- Recommendations by PWUAAC Committee to have a PWUAAC on all committees included in the new restructure document circulated to the Board.
 - Two PWUAAC on the Conference Committee 2008
 - PWUAAC on Chapter's Board of Directors or their Executive Committee throughout ISAAC are currently 14
 - 52 presentations by PWUAAC Conference in Montreal
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LEAD-AAC (Action Group 2): Outcomes 2007-2008

- Leadership Program Guideline developed by Task Force
 - Guidelines under review by PWUAAC and implementation plans in process
 - Presentation at Montreal Conference
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READ-AAC (Action Group 3) **(Research. Education. Awareness. Documentation.)** **Outcomes 2007-2008**



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)

Outcomes 2007-2008



Objective 7

- ISAAC will have a clearly expressed transparent mission statement, shared and agreed upon 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)

Outcomes 2007-2008



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)

Outcomes 2007-2008



- Translations available on the Website and the IE in 5 languages
 - Materials / information in other languages on the web
 - IE has links to translations in 5 languages
 - New Governance Document translated and available on the website
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READ-AAC (Action Group 3)

Outcomes 2007-2008



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 worldwide
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READ-AAC (Action Group 3)

Outcomes 2007-2008



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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Acknowledgements



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Members of the present EC

Board members both current and past

The Team at the Secretariat

Staff & Volunteers

ISAAC Chapters & Networks around the world

We continue to work towards....



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Established October 1983

OUR VISION

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

OUR MISSION

- To Promote the best possible communication for People with Complex Communication needs**
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