

Message from the ISAAC President

Yonit Hagoel-Karnieli

Dear ISAAC Family,

"A single hand cannot clap." — is an Arabic saying reminding us that without others, our actions and efforts often lack meaning and impact. It's only when we bring together our different talents, perspectives, and strengths that we can truly create something meaningful — whether that's building ancient cities, fighting for justice, or developing new ideas in the modern world.

We are stronger not in spite of our differences, but because of them. By opening ourselves to connection, by offering our strengths and accepting the strengths of others, we don't just achieve our goals — we create a world where empathy, resilience, and innovation can thrive. As we move forward, let's choose to go far — together.

As we embark on new journeys, face new challenges, and dream new dreams together, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the timeless value of human connection and collaboration.



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In present day, collaboration remains the foundation upon which meaningful progress is built. When we offer our strengths to one another, when we listen with empathy, and act with kindness, we create communities where every voice matters and every challenge can be overcome.

So, dear friends, let's carry this spirit with us: To walk beside one another, to lift each other up, and to not only build projects — but bonds that last.

I am pleased to share some updates from the past few months and highlight the important work happening within our organization.

Over recent months, we have been actively strengthening our international collaborations. In particular, we are proud of the growing partnership with the International Association of Communication Sciences and Disorders (IALP), which is fostering valuable connections between professional communities and families worldwide, and contributing to the global advancement of the field of AAC.

We have also established a promising collaboration with The Nika Project, embarking on our first steps together on new initiatives and training programs aimed at raising awareness and expanding access to AAC technologies in diverse communities.

Our upcoming ISAAC Virtual Event 2025, which will be held this AAC Awareness Month in October, promises to be an important and significant gathering.

So far, we have received a wide range of submissions covering diverse topics. The Research Committee is currently reviewing these proposals as we begin building the conference program. Meanwhile, the Conference Team is hard at work managing the technical and organizational details to ensure a successful and meaningful event for all. We anticipate an inspiring, diverse, and enriching event filled with meaningful professional and personal connections.

In addition, our Executive Board members are currently in the process of drafting the organization's Strategic Plan for the next four years. Together, we aim to update and refine ISAAC's vision, set clear and achievable objectives, and continue working to promote AAC and empower users, families, and professionals around the world. Once finalized and approved, I look forward to sharing the details with you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your dedication. This is also a good opportunity to remind everyone that ISAAC has many volunteer-driven committees working in various fields, all dedicated to supporting people who use AAC, their families, and the entire ISAAC community. We encourage you to visit [our website](#) to learn more about these important initiatives.

Every one of you can make a difference. We warmly invite you to stay connected and share your ideas, suggestions, and thoughts about the future. Your voice matters.

[Yonit Hagoel-Karnieli](#)
ISAAC President

From the Executive Director

Franklin Smith

Welcome to the June 2025 edition of The ISAAC Communicator.

ISAAC Membership 2025

I am thrilled to announce another very positive membership year for all of ISAAC International. With 1,800 + members worldwide so far during 2025, ISAAC membership this year is now outpacing recent previous years!

We appreciate each and every member who has renewed their membership for 2025. If you have not yet renewed, please do so, as ISAAC members are eligible for significant discounts on subscriptions to our journal [AAC](#), as well as associated Chapter publications.

In addition, ISAAC members can access significant discounts to our 2025 virtual event, to be held this October, entitled [Innovation, Inclusion, and Advocacy in AAC](#). This is going to be a “not to miss event” (see details below).

Finally, we here at the ISAAC International office are now hard at work on the 2025 edition of the



ISAAC Membership Directory. We anticipate releasing this year’s edition of the Directory during July 2025.

AAC Awareness Month 2025

AAC Awareness Month occurs in October of each year.

ISAAC was thrilled to host, in 2024, our first ever all virtual event, “Vibes of AAC,” consisting of a series of over 50 presentations from some of the biggest names in the field of AAC!

For October of 2025, ISAAC is thrilled to present its follow-up virtual conference, “[Innovation, Inclusion, and Advocacy in AAC](#).”

We have just closed our Call for Papers, and we are thrilled to announce that we will have a total of 120 papers submitted! This is a tremendous response, and ISAAC would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to submit their proposal.

With the assistance of the ISAAC Research Committee, we are now beginning the work of reviewing these papers, after which we will be able to release and announce a preliminary scientific program for this year’s event, so STAY TUNED!

In the meantime, our event registration system is now open and available for ticket purchases.

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Please [access our registration platform early](#), to take advantage of our lowest pricing, during our Early Bird period.

Ongoing ISAAC Financial and Operational Management

Things have been busy here at the ISAAC International office during both Q1 and Q2 of 2025.

We continue to work closely with the Executive Board and the Finance Committee in identifying new opportunities for ISAAC to promote the field of AAC, and to expand our reach around the world. In doing so, we can continue to leverage our online webinars and events, and to now begin to look in more detail at other aspects of our operations, namely membership and the AAC journal.

We look forward to announcing some of these initiatives in the coming months.

ISAAC has also now completed its 2024 audit, and the Finance Committee and the Executive

Messages from ISAAC's President and Executive Director are available in French, Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese translation on our [website](#).

Board are currently reviewing the results. The ISAAC membership will be pleased to know that the financial performance of the organization during 2024 generated positive net revenues, which was primarily as a result of the cost cutting measures implemented during the year, in addition to the positive journal, membership, and "Vibes of AAC" financial performance.

Strategic Plan, 2026-29

The ISAAC Executive Board has been engaged in the development of the next version of the ISAAC Strategic Plan, which will cover the 2026-2029 period. As Executive Director, I am pleased to be working with our EB members in this important aspect of guiding the strategic and operational elements of the organization.

The EB will be providing our ISAAC Council with a draft version of the new Strategic Plan for their input and comment, in advance of this October's called [Special Meeting of the ISAAC Council](#).

As always, I welcome your thoughts and feedback. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly, at franklin@isaac-online.org, should you require any further information or assistance.

Regards and thanks,
Franklin Smith

AAC Around the World



Editors Note:

"AAC Around the World" is a new, permanent section of the ISAAC Communicator, which now replaces the CSWN newsletter. ISAAC welcomes articles contributed for this section from around the world, that focus on AAC and assistive technology.

AAC: A Bridge to Communicating with the World by Chuang Fu-Hua

I am an AAC user, and I have relied on this communication method for 31 years. I have experienced moments of helplessness, misunderstanding, and frustration, but thanks to Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC), I have gradually been understood.

Although I have no communication barriers with my family, I still worry about my primary caregiver - my mother - as she ages and may not be able to stay by my side forever. Therefore, I work hard to train personal assistants. None of my personal assistants had prior experience interacting with AAC users,

which made the beginning very exhausting for me. We had to go through a period of adjustment, developing a mutual understanding so that communication could flow smoothly. This was no easy task. But there was something almost magical about AAC—my assistants were always willing to learn my communication methods, and they picked them up quickly. Along the way, we encountered amusing situations, sometimes talking past each other like a chicken and a duck. But as my needs changed in different situations, we developed special codes for art and music classes—an unexpected but wonderful outcome.

In May 2025, I traveled to Hong Kong with my communication device to participate in a concert and several sharing sessions organized by PMA Music Foundation. I used my AAC device to speak on the radio, sharing my story with the public. I also engaged with staff members from the Hong Kong Red Cross Margaret Trench School and had meaningful conversations with two fellow AAC users. When the rhythmic sounds of our AAC devices echoed in the room, expressing hopes and dreams one by one, everyone present was deeply moved.

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"True communication never requires a perfect body—it only takes a heart that never gives up."
For AAC users, the greatest desire is to be heard and understood.



Making Events Accessible for Everyone: How to Support People Who Use AAC in Online and In Person Events

by Yoosun Chung, Dana Lopez, Tracy Rackensperger, and Gabriela Rangel

(members of NAACA, The North American Alliance of Communication Access, a volunteer working group dedicated to improving USSAAC (U.S. Chapter of ISAAC), and CATIC in Mexico. NAACA's goal is to make sure AAC users can fully participate in conferences, meetings, and online events by promoting awareness, accessibility and inclusion.)

How can we ensure that individuals who use AAC fully participate and feel genuinely included in conferences, meetings and online events?

At the core of this challenge is communication access – making sure that everyone, regardless of their communication style, can engage and participate equitably in these settings.

In 2018, NAACA was engaged by ISAAC to help make ISAAC Conference Cancún *communication accessible* for delegates who use AAC. Building on a model and resources developed by Communication Disabilities Access Canada (CDAC) for the 2016 ISAAC conference (Toronto), NAACA implemented a two-pronged approach: (1) Raising awareness about communication access by training businesses, hotels, and essential services and (2) developing guidelines for accessible communication at in-person and online presentations/meetings.

To ensure AAC users had meaningful access to the conference and surrounding community, NAACA implemented a multi-layered strategy that included increasing communication awareness, equipping ambassadors to lead outreach efforts, and engaging businesses in accessibility initiatives.

- **Increasing Communication Access Awareness.**

NAACA's goal was to support people working in businesses and services around the conference area so they would be prepared to welcome and communicate with the AAC delegates attending ISAAC events. We conducted communication access training with three groups – (1) people in the conference setting itself, (2) staff in the hotels and local businesses, and (3) people in essential services such as hospitals,

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transportation and police. The initiative included: preparation of ambassadors to increase awareness of communication access; information for local businesses, and information for essential services.

- **Preparing ambassadors to increase awareness of communication access**

Ambassadors included people who use AAC and AAC professionals. The training began with two virtual pre-training sessions to prepare them for community visits and formal trainings. The first session focused on community engagement: how to raise awareness about interacting with AAC users, and how to approach businesses effectively. The second session prepared ambassadors for delivering training in professional settings.

To support the ambassadors' efforts, they received PowerPoint slides, sample scripts for their AAC devices, and strategies for effectively presenting key concepts. They were also introduced to materials they would use in person, including a brochure, a communication access symbol sticker, and a video created by NAACA. These resources provided practical insights for session participants and also gave ambassadors the confidence and tools they needed to advocate for communication accessibility.

- **Information for Local Businesses: Community Visits**

Ambassadors visited local businesses such as pharmacies, cafes, supermarkets. The purpose was to promote awareness of communication accessibility. Each visit lasted 10 to 15 minutes and focused on educating business owners and employees about "best practices" for interacting with AAC users.

Ambassadors encouraged businesses to support accessibility efforts and handed out brochures and shared links to videos and websites. Businesses received a "communication access" sticker, a simple but powerful symbol letting AAC users (and others) know: *You are welcome here. Efforts will be made to facilitate successful communication.*



Figure 1. Photo of ambassadors at a local restaurant and store during a community visit

During visits, community staff had a chance to engage directly with AAC users...many for the first time. These visits helped boost community staff confidence, showing them how natural and accessible communication with AAC users can be.

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- **Information for Essential Services (including event organizers)**

Ambassadors also led one-hour training sessions for service professionals, including hotel staff, police officers, hospitals, transport services and event coordinators. These sessions provided practical strategies tailored to each group's role in supporting AAC users. Participants learned how AAC works and why it matters. Also, service professionals had opportunities to talk about common misconceptions and practice respectful communication by engaging directly with AAC ambassadors.



Figure 2. Photos of formal sessions with ambassadors at hotels, police, and conference center

- **Communication Cards.**

As *Communication is a two-way process*, NAACA adapted a communication passport that AAC delegates could use during interactions with delegates and people in the community. This tool helped AAC users to guide others on how to communicate effectively with them.

Looking Ahead: Lessons and Recommendations

We learned that all participants appreciated the

training, reporting they gained not only knowledge, but also a sense of empowerment becoming advocates for communication access. NAACA continues to support and encourage ISAAC to maintain and assess a community-based approach to raising awareness about communication access at all its conferences and events (in-person and virtual).

A good place to start is to go on [ISAAC's website](#). You'll find helpful ideas, strategies, and resources to help you establish your own initiatives to expand communication access for all people who use AAC to participate equitably in conferences and events.

Building a More Accessible Future Together

Effective communication access training depends on collaboration. AAC users bring real-world insight. Practitioners contribute professional knowledge. Families, advocates, and service providers each offer essential support and perspective. When these groups work together, lasting change becomes possible.

Want To Take Action?

Whether you're an AAC user, a family member, other stakeholder, or a professional specializing in AAC, you can work to expand communication access in your own community. Get started by exploring [these resources](#).

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*Together, we are not just advocating for
accessibility...*

*We are creating a culture where every
communication style is
valued, supported, and celebrated.*



Photo of NAACA team at ISAAC Cancun Conference.

Suggested Guidelines for Communication Accessible In-Person and Online Presentations, and Meetings

Submitted by The North American Alliance of Communication Access (NAACA), a volunteer working group dedicated to improving communication access for people who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). NAACA includes members from Communication Disabilities Access Canada (CDAC), ISAAC Canada, USSAAC (U.S. Chapter of ISAAC), and CATIC in Mexico. NAACA's goal is to make sure AAC users can fully participate in conferences, meetings, and online events by promoting awareness, accessibility and inclusion.

NAACA proposes the following guidelines to enhance communication accessibility for individuals who use AAC during conferences, online events, and meetings. We encourage you to use or adapt these tips to make your events communication accessible.

Organizers

Ahead of time, tell us about the accessibility features you will provide. For example:

In-person events:

- Is the conference or space accessible?
- Will there be personal attendants and communication assistants or can we bring someone to assist us?
- Will there be a quiet room or space?
- Will there be sign language or real time captioning?
- Will the handouts be accessible or in electronic format?
- Will there be audio connection or microphones with stands for presenters using speech generating devices?
- Will there be tables or chairs for presenters who require a seated position and a table to place their AAC tools while presenting?
- Add a question on your feedback form to find out how accessible the event was and if we have suggestions for improvement.

Online events:

- Tell us what platform will be used
- Activate accessibility features before creating sessions
- Share information about the accessibility features such as keyboard shortcuts, closed captioning, sign language, enabling chat box for participation, and, whether the host will be able to enable microphone access for those of us who want to use our AAC device and can not type in the chat.

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- Tell us if there will be technical support if we experience difficulty.
- Add a question on your feedback form to find out how accessible the event was and if we have suggestions for improvement.
- Will the handouts be accessible or in electronic format?

Moderator or Chairperson

In-person events:

- Begin the session by reading an accessibility statement like. “We respect the communication access rights of people who use AAC. To ensure that participants who use AAC have equal access to this session, we ask that you be patient and give time to AAC participants when communicating”.
- [Alternatively you can choose to add a slide to your slide deck and read it aloud before the session.](#)

Online event:

- Begin the session by reading an accessibility statement like: “We respect the communication access rights of people who use AAC. To ensure that participants who use AAC have equal access to this session, we ask that you be patient and give time to AAC participants when communicating”.

- [Alternatively you can choose to add a slide to your slide deck and read it aloud before the session.](#)
- Tell participants who use AAC that they can signal that they want to communicate by using the raised hand icon, body language or by typing their message in the chat box and putting ROL (Read Out Loud) before their message.
- Designate someone or monitor and read items in chat box marked with ROL (Read Out Loud) in chat box, monitor the raised hand icon or body language indicating that an AAC user wants to communicate.
- If there is limited time for Q and As, ask if participants can meet with presenters after the session or via email.

Presenters

In-person events:

- If there is no moderator, begin the session by reading the accessibility statement (see moderator section).
- Use inclusive and respectful language.
- Speak clearly and at a reasonable pace and volume.
- Use a 22+ point font, ensuring high contrast between text and background for visual accessibility.
- Describe visual materials such as images, graphs and videos.
- Provide accessible or electronic based handouts.

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Online events:

In addition to above, if there is no moderator:

- Tell participants who use AAC that they can signal they want to communicate by using the raised hand icon or body language or by typing their message in the chat box and putting ROL (Read Out Loud) before their message.
- Designate someone to monitor and read items marked with ROL (Read Out Loud) in chat box, monitor the raised hand icon or body language indicating that an AAC participant wants to communicate.

Presenters who use AAC

In addition to guidelines for Presenters (in-person or online):

- Tell the organizer if you have accessibility requirements.
- Program your AAC system ahead of time.
- Make sure your AAC system is charged and working.
- Depending on how you are communicating, position your computer to pick up your speech, the speech from your device and / or your communication assistant.
- If possible, accompany your presentation with text on slides.
- Consider having a printed script as a backup in

- case of device issues, allowing someone to read it aloud if needed.

Participants

In-Person events:

- Signal that you want to communicate something during the interactive section by using speech, raised hand, body language, AAC system or communication assistant.
- If you think you may need extra time to formulate and communicate your message, it might be helpful to arrange a meeting with the presenter after the session.
- Be patient when other participants are formulating and communicating their messages.

Online events:

In addition to in-person events:

- Type ROL before a message in chat box that you want read aloud to the group.

Recommendations

We encourage you to field-test and adapt these guidelines for your events and to explore other ways to ensure accessible communication for all participants and presenters, especially those who use AAC.

[We also invite you to check out our One-Pager Guidelines for online and in-person events.](#)

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A Musical Afternoon with the Bliss I-Band

by Blissymbolics Communication Institute
Canada



**Blissymbolics
Communication
Institute
Canada**



On Sunday, May 25, Blissymbolics Communication Institute – Canada (BCIC) hosted an afternoon of films by the Bliss i-Band at Donway Covenant United Church. We are happy to make the recording available to those who were unable to join us. We had a very special time, with our Bliss i-Band members able to share many of their favourite songs with family and friends. Click the link below. We hope you enjoy!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ApfAHuT3ZX74zvYq37DYTi75eFNviwy9/view?usp=sharing>

The following slide was shown at the event but was not recorded.

It contained messages from several of the BCIC Helpers.

We have more pictures taken on May 25. Watch the Blissymbolics website for a new entry in early June.

<https://blissymbolics.ca/w532/blissful-thinking/>

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Communication Matters



Communication Matters International AAC Conference 2025

7th-10th September, University of Leeds, England



The Communication Matters [International AAC Conference](#) is the UK's leading annual AAC event bringing together researchers, professionals, suppliers and AAC users, their families and carers for a diverse programme of keynotes, plenaries, presentations, posters and networking opportunities.

This year we are delighted to announce a few small changes and some new exciting new additions including:

- [Pre-Conference Relaxed Exhibition:](#) on the afternoon of 7th September, we will be providing a time for conference delegates and the community who need a quieter and less busy space to meet with suppliers.
- [AAC Awards:](#) on the evening of 8th September, we will be hosting our biannual event celebrating all forms of communication, the people who use AAC, and the professionals, families and suppliers that support them. We are certain the awards, dinner and dancing will prove to be a fun and exciting night for all!
- [Post-Conference Research Study Day:](#) this additional day on 9th September is open to conference delegates and others who are interested in research focused strands delivered by an international cohort of researchers and academics.

Registration is open! Members of ISAAC receive a discount. Book early to take advantage of the Early Bird discount which expires on 11th July. Find out more [here](#).

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the opportunity, please email admin@communicationmatters.org.uk.

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Receive Updates from Communication Matters!

WELCOME TO COMMUNICATION MATTERS

Communication Matters exists to support people who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) in their basic human right to communicate, be included and heard in an equitable society.

Follow us on:     

Join our [AAC Forum](#) Google Group.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please email

admin@communicationmatters.org.uk.

ISAAC-Español



Resumen de las Jornadas de ISAAC-Español – Abril 2025

El pasado abril celebramos con entusiasmo las **Jornadas de ISAAC-Español**, un evento lleno de inspiración, aprendizaje y conexión en torno a la **Comunicación Aumentativa y Alternativa (CAA)**.

Durante la jornada, **profesionales, familias y personas que usan CAA** en países de habla

hispana presentaron estrategias, experiencias y recursos para promover la **inclusión y el acceso a la comunicación**.

Fue una oportunidad única para **aprender, intercambiar ideas y fortalecer la comunidad de la CAA en español**.

Estos son algunos datos que nos llenan de orgullo:

- 62 nuevas membresías a ISAAC Español
- 70 personas registradas a las jornadas
- 37 participantes en línea en vivo
- 25 miembros de envían respuestas a encuesta para seguir construyendo juntos ISAAC Español

[Si eres miembro de ISAAC y no pudiste asistir, ¡puedes acceder ver la grabación completa!](#)

Summary of the ISAAC-Español Conference – April 2025

This past April, we joyfully celebrated the ISAAC-Español Conference—an event filled with inspiration, learning, and connection around Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC).

During the conference, professionals, families, and AAC users from Spanish-speaking countries presented strategies, shared experiences, and offered resources to promote inclusion and access to communication.

It was a unique opportunity to learn, exchange

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ideas, and strengthen the Spanish-speaking AAC community.

Here are some highlights we're proud to share:

- 62 new ISAAC Español memberships
- 70 participants registered for the conference
- 37 live online participants
- 25 members responded to the survey to help us keep building ISAAC Español together

[If you're an ISAAC member and couldn't attend, you can still watch the full recording!](#)

Desde ISAAC-Español, presentamos con orgullo **ComuniCAAdos**, una iniciativa coordinada por Robinson Díaz (Chile) e Iván Davidovich (Argentina), dos personas que usan Comunicación Aumentativa y Alternativa (CAA) y que promueven activamente el derecho a comunicarse.

ComuniCAAdos es una comunidad virtual en español pensada especialmente para personas que utilizan sistemas de Comunicación Aumentativa y Alternativa (CAA). Este proyecto está liderado por personas que usamos CAA en distintos países de habla hispana. Nuestro objetivo es crear un espacio seguro, accesible e inclusivo donde podamos:

- Conocernos
 - Compartir intereses
 - Construir amistades y redes de apoyo
- Las actividades se adaptan a lo que le gusta al grupo e incluyen conversaciones temáticas, juegos, invitados especiales y recursos de CAA gratuitos baja tecnología, para quienes aún no tienen un sistema de CAA.

¿Por qué sumarse?

- Porque tenemos mucho para decir y queremos ser escuchados.
- Porque nos gusta encontrarnos con otras personas que se comunican como nosotros.
- Porque juntos aprendemos, crecemos y nos divertimos.

¿Quiénes pueden participar?

Personas que usan CAA (con o sin apoyo), de cualquier país de habla hispana. También invitamos a familias, profesionales e instituciones a ayudarnos a difundir esta propuesta.

¿Conoces a alguien que se comunica con CAA y habla español? ¡Esta invitación es para esa persona!

¿Quieres más información?

Esríbenos a: isaac.capitulo.espanol@gmail.com
Completa el [formulario](#).

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From ISAAC-Español, we are proud to present **ComuniCAAdos**, an initiative coordinated by Robinson Díaz (Chile) and Iván Davidovich (Argentina), two individuals who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and actively advocate for the right to communicate.

ComuniCAAdos is a Spanish-speaking virtual community designed especially for people who use AAC systems. This project is led by individuals who use AAC in various Spanish-speaking countries. Our goal is to create a safe, accessible, and inclusive space where we can:

- Get to know each other
- Share interests
- Build friendships and support networks

Activities are tailored to the group's preferences and include themed conversations, games, special guests, and free low-tech AAC resources for those who do not yet have an AAC system.

Why join?

- Because we have a lot to say and we want to be heard.
- Because we enjoy connecting with others who communicate like we do.
- Because together we learn, grow, and have fun.

Who can participate?

People who use AAC (with or without support), from any Spanish-speaking country. We also invite families, professionals, and institutions to help us spread the word.

Do you know someone who uses AAC and speaks Spanish? This invitation is for them!

Want more information?

Email us at: isaac.capitulo.espanol@gmail.com
Fill out the [form](#).



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ISAAC-Australia



ISAAC Australia has had an awesome start to 2025. Our national AAC Conference – the AGOSCI Conference – was held in Adelaide in March. It was great to catch up with ISAAC Members and the Australian AAC Community face-to-face.

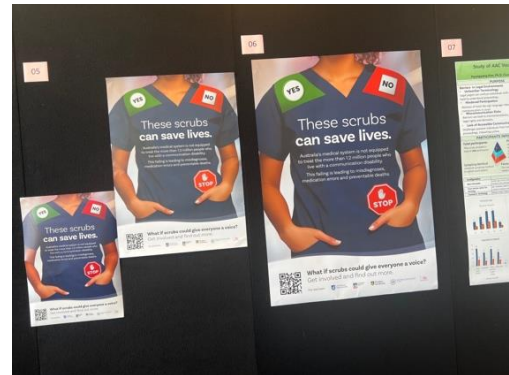
Traditionally, ISAAC Australia has run a silent auction to raise money to support people who use AAC to attend conferences. 2025 was no exception!



The silent auction covered three trestle tables in the end – and contained items donated by ISAAC members from Australia and the world (with a big thank-you to ISAAC-Canada in particular).

Two of our executives, Jane and Emma, were also on the AGOSCI Conference Committee – so it was very busy! We are really indebted to Meredith for holding the fort so often at the silent auction – and to Hunter and Lisa Lehmann for stepping in and helping as well.

ISAAC Australia former representative to the Council, B-J Price, also presented a poster on a project that ISAAC Australia has supported on Talking Scrubs.



Following our Annual General Meeting in May, our committee now consists of:

President: Jane Farrall

Secretary: Emma Grace

Treasurer: Meredith Allan

Rep to the Council: Lisa Lehmann

We are all looking forward to working together towards an awesome AAC Awareness month in October!

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AAC Journal



Augmentative and Alternative Communication has had an exciting first half of 2025!

In March, the journal celebrated the release of our first issue of the year, Volume 41, Issue 1, which assembled a wide range of AAC research from across the globe. Articles published in this issue consider forms and functions of embodied interaction, visual scene display versus grid display AAC for children with autism, Indian picture symbols for communication, Hebrew AAC core vocabulary, environmental factors' influence on spelling and graphic symbols for adolescents, AAC for post-stroke aphasia in South Africa, and AAC training programs for professional development.

In June, the journal released Volume 41, Issue 2, featuring more new and noteworthy research in the field of AAC. The issue presents work on self-created film as a semiotic resource in AAC, the interrelationship between AAC users and their devices, speech generating devices for autistic preschoolers, multimedia-enhanced learning settings, screening instruments for communicative competence, perspectives of people of color who use AAC, and AAC services through telehealth.

Look for an early release of Volume 41, Issue 3 (September)! We wanted to get this exciting issue

out to our readership as soon as possible. This is a special issue of the journal, titled "AAC Research: The Power of Collaboration," coordinated by guest editors, Drs. Janice Light and David McNaughton. This special issue, which has been in the works for the past year, includes 21 manuscripts based on papers presented at the Summit on the Future of AAC Research, which was held May 13-14, 2024, in Arlington, Virginia, USA. This special issue highlights perspectives on AAC users' lived experiences and reviews research in several areas. The issue amplifies the journal's mission to share lived experiences and diverse disciplinary approaches that can pave the way for meaningful impact. All those involved in producing this special issue demonstrated a high level of care and attention to detail, regardless of their role, and we thank everyone for their time and patience in making this publication a reality. All articles will be available via free access or open access.

Accepted articles continue to be published on a rolling basis online via Taylor & Francis. We'll share information about the AAC journal's new ISAAC website in the next issue of the Communicator. As always, the journal is grateful for the support of its many contributors, Associate Editors, and Reviewers; we thrive because of your ongoing commitment to expanding knowledge and understanding of AAC.

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