



**WELCOME TO PITTSBURGH &
WONDERFUL-OUTSTANDING-WORLDWIDE ISAAC 2012**

We are delighted to welcome you to the 15th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC) in Pittsburgh, PA, USA. Our theme of “Highest performance communication; best life experience – WOW!” focuses on ISAAC’s mission that people anywhere in the world who communicate with little or no speech deserve to the most effective communication possible in order to achieve their maximum potential. You are in good company, with well over 1000 attendees representing our ISAAC chapters from around the world. Wow!

ISAAC 2012 is full of biennial innovations. Our conference starts with the first 2-day AAC Camp with over 25 campers and families participating in activities focusing on “The Artist Within”. They will be treated to the opportunity to attend the Andy Warhol Museum and receive art lessons from the Warhol staff of volunteers. Wow!

ISAAC 2012 offers the first full program strand for augmented communicators and families that was organized by the People Who Use AAC (PWUAAC) committee. There are daily Town Hall meetings moderated by augmented communicators and daily Family Cracker Barrel sessions moderated by parents with children who use AAC. Wow!

ISAAC 2012 has the largest exhibition of any previous biennial, and for the first time the exhibit floor is open to the public during the main conference hours. In addition to the traditional research and clinical/educational presentations, the schedule has been organized to focus on four daily themes including: 1) policy and practice; 2) autism and literacy; 3) apps and artists; 4) BCIs, ALS and adults with acquired disorders. Wow!

Of course, we have complimented these innovations with the ISAAC “tried and true” preconference sessions and the Research Symposium. We know you will also be “wow’ed” by our social events and all the opportunities to network, catch up with old friends, and make new ones.

Enjoy the conference and the city! Pittsburgh - Wonderful-Outstanding-Worldwide – WOW!

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