



Dear ISAAC 2012 Conference Participants:

On behalf of ISAAC, I would like to thank you so much for taking part in this, our 15th Biennial Conference. Pittsburgh has been such an amazing city to work with and to hold our conference in. I extend to the City of Pittsburgh our thanks for being such fine hosts and, to all of you, our attendees, sponsors, exhibitors, and guests, the best wishes from ISAAC for a very successful conference.

An international conference of this magnitude does not happen overnight or by itself. First and foremost, it takes dedicated individuals such as AAC users, AAC family members, researchers, professionals in the field, and a myriad host of others to want to come together like this in the first place. It then takes more dedicated individuals, such as our Conference Co-Chairs and their teams, to turn the "dream" into "reality". I would like to thank Amy Goldman, Katya Hill, and Søren Vintergaard for their tireless efforts in taking on the strategic leadership role associated with Conference 2012, and their dedicated staff and volunteer teams.

As most of you know, I am a relative newcomer to the ISAAC world. As such, I have been so positively struck by the amazing energy, knowledge, experience, and passion exhibited by everyone associated with the AAC world. In my personal and professional travels, I have not found too many others who share these same qualities in such abundance! My wish for all of us is that we are able to continue like this, for many years to come.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in person during the conference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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