



International Society for Augmentative  
and Alternative Communication



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# **ISAAC Virtual Conference 2025**

**“Innovation, Inclusion, and Advocacy in AAC”**

**October 28 to 29, 2025**

## **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

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## Introduction

The conference theme for the ISAAC Virtual Conference 2025 is **“Innovation, Inclusion, and Advocacy in AAC”**. The conference focuses on advancing the field of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) by exploring cutting-edge research, technology advancements, and inclusive practices.

The event brings together persons who use AAC and their families, researchers, practitioners, engineers, vendors, and advocates to discuss communication access, self-determination, mental health, education, and global perspectives, fostering collaboration and driving meaningful change in the field of AAC.

Through lectures, interactive sessions, panel discussions, and virtual demonstrations, participants will gain insights into cutting-edge research, technological innovations, and real-world applications that empower persons who use AAC worldwide.

## Dates to Remember

- Online portal opens: March 31, 2025 at 12:00 GMT
- Online portal closes to NEW submissions: May 30, 2025 at 12:00 GMT
- Notification about the acceptance/rejection of your submission: by June 30, 2025
- Notification of presentation time, date, and final format of presentation by September 15, 2025 at the latest
- Author conference registration: no later than August 1, 2025

## Next Steps

- Review this document for submission guidelines
- Submit your paper through the online system [Oxford Abstracts | The Academic Conference Platform](#)

**Follow this link to learn about:**

- Individual requirements for each submission type
- Uploading the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) declaration form(s)
- Peer review and selection
- Copyright
- Ethical procedures

**Notification of Acceptance**

**Follow this link for more information about notifications for:**

- Date and time for acceptance/rejection of submissions
- Time, date and final format of presentations that have been accepted
- Author registration requirements for participation during the conference

**Conference Theme and Content Areas for ISAAC Virtual Event**

**Follow this link for more information about:**

- Conference Content Areas/Strands
- Types of presentations

<b>Content Areas</b>	<b>Examples</b>
<b>AAC Clinical Practice Across the Lifespan</b>	AAC clinical service provision across settings (educational, home, health, community) and across the lifespan.
<b>AAC Technology, Design and Innovation</b>	Innovative tools, resources and techniques that advance the field of AAC. Design considerations. AI and machine learning in AAC.
<b>Communication Partner Supports</b>	Family-centred and culturally adapted services, interventions, and practices to support communication partners across settings (families, educators, caregivers, therapists, businesses).

<b>Education, Language and Literacy</b>	Optimizing educational participation, language and literacy development for people who use AAC.
<b>Mental Health, Social, Emotional, and Self-Determination Aspects of using AAC</b>	Supporting emotional expression, self-identity, relationship-building, autonomy, and mental health in AAC speakers.
<b>Policy, Advocacy, and Inclusion</b>	Ensuring communication rights, equitable AAC access, and the development of inclusive policies and environments that enhance participation.
<b>AAC Research and Methodology</b>	Advancing AAC research through innovative methodologies, interdisciplinary approaches, and evidence-based practices.
<b>Global Perspectives in AAC: Contributions from International AAC Networks</b>	Regional insights and innovations, cultural adaptations, and international collaborations in AAC research and practice.
<b>Telepractice and Remote AAC Implementation</b>	Best practices for virtual AAC assessments, interventions, caregiver support, and expanding access through telehealth.
<b>Access to Health care</b>	Best practice for enhancing access to health care for persons who use AAC.

## Guidelines for Presentations

Guidelines have been provided to help you decide which format will be most appropriate for your submission to ISAAC Virtual Conference 2025, and how the reviewers will judge each category. Sections include information on preparing your abstracts and using the online form, and guidance on how to prepare your submission for the conference.

**Follow this link to learn more about:**

- Short presentations
- Interactive seminars
- Research panel discussions

## **Formal Requirements Pertaining to All Submissions**

**Follow this link for information that you will be required to submit regarding:**

- Type of Presentation
- Presentation Title
- Author Details
- Target Audience
- Content Area(s)
- Declaration of Interest Statement
- Abstract Format
- Learning Outcomes
- Accessible Summary

## **Selection Criteria**

All submissions will be reviewed according to specific criteria.

**Follow this link to see the selection criteria.**

## **ASHA Disclosure Form(s)**

ASHA members can gain Continuing Education Unit (CEU) points for attending your presentation. All submission information, including ASHA disclosures, must be made using our online Call for Papers platform.

**Follow this link to the online Call for Papers.**