



AACcess All Areas: ISAAC 2018 Gold Coast, Australia 21 – 26 July 2018

ISAAC Australia is very excited to announce that the International Society on Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC) Biennial Conference will be in Australia for the first time in 2018!

The ISAAC Conference examines communication options and outcomes for individuals with complex communication needs – which includes anyone who doesn't have enough speech to meet their daily needs. This might include individuals with autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, intellectual disability, stroke, Alzheimers, Motor Neurone Disease, and other developmental and acquired conditions which affect speech and language.

As well as AAC, the conference will have streams on a number of related issues. Practical sessions and the latest research around a range of areas will be presented. This will include a number of sessions by people who use AAC, and sessions on topics such as education, literacy, advocacy and self-advocacy, AAC and apps, AAC design and vocabulary selection, the latest in synthesized speech research and development and cutting edge assistive technology.

In addition to the main conference there will be pre-conference workshops presented by notable international presenters, some great social events and an AAC camp for people who use AAC of all ages!

This is a very exciting event for those in the Asia Pacific and Australasian regions as this is the first time this highly regarded peer reviewed international conference will be coming to our part of the world. ISAAC Australia hopes to see you there and welcomes everyone interested in being part of the international and regional AAC Community.

Preliminary information about the conference is now available at <https://www.isaac-online.org/english/conference-2018/>

ISAAC 2018 Conference Co-Convenors are:

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