

Hello ISAAC Canada members,

I wanted to send out this message prior to the ISAAC Cancun conference to let you all know about:



[ISAAC Canada's General Meeting](#)



This year in addition to having a face-to-face meeting at the ISAAC Conference we will be offering our membership the chance to join the General Meeting virtually!

If you are in attendance at Conference Cancun our meeting will be held from 12:45 pm to 2:00 pm (12:45 to 14:00) On the Program at a Glance Document, it is listed as:

Chapter Meetings (Group 1): ISAAC-Canada

Tuesday July 25
12:45 to 14:00
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Please join us as we would love to see you in person AND we have important business to attend to (see below)

If you are unable to be at Conference Cancun this summer (although early bird rates as still in effect, it is not too late!), please attend virtually by joining this Zoom meeting

Topic: ISAAC Canada General Meeting - CANCUN

Time: Jul 25, 2023 11:45 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83514937074>

Meeting ID: 835 1493 7074

Passcode: ISAACcan



At this meeting, we will be presenting an update on our work and most importantly **asking the membership to ratify our newly revised Terms of Reference.**

Also if you as an ISAAC Canada member have anything you would like raised at this meeting, please email me at kateconsulting@icloud.com or contact us at admin@isaac-canada.org and I will make sure we have time to talk about your ideas, issues, and address questions!



Canadians Presenting in Cancun



PRESENTATIONS:

Patricia West, Sarah N. Douglas from BC:

- Adaptation Among Families of Adolescents with Developmental Disabilities Utilizing Augmentative and Alternative Communication

Corinne Tuck, Rielle Dufour, Laura Ferguson from Alberta:

- Early Access for Children with Complex Communication Needs to High-tech SGCDs in a Group Setting

Corinne Tuck from Alberta:

- Teaching Two Switch Scanning: Pivoting from In person to a Virtual training environment

Kathy Howery from Alberta:

- Talking in Text Time: Experiences of Aided Speakers
- Mental Health and Complex Communication Needs: Let's Talk About It!
- The Demanding Device: Lived Experience of Speech-Generating Device Users
- Exploring the Essential Conditions for Educational Programming for Students with Complex Communication Needs
- Challenges and opportunities for AAC in schools: analyzing experiences from multiple countries (Panel: David Niemeijer, Barbara van 't Westende, Karen Erickson, Amanda Hartmann, Kathy Howery)

Tracy Shepherd, Anne Marie Renzoni, Virginia Wright, Samantha Afaro from Ontario:

- *AAC outcomes in school: Feedback on a new augmentative and alternative communication functional impact questionnaire*

Andrea Hatherell, Anne Marie Renzoni, Tracy Shepherd from Ontario:

- *Family Impact of Assistive Technology for AAC Scale (FIATS AAC38): Clinical Applications*

Seamus Burnham, Shane Pinder, Beata Batorowicz, Tracy Shepherd, Claire Davies from Ontario:

- Mitigating Midas Touch: How Graphic Symbol Semantic Distance Influences Eye-Tracking Usability

Darla Burrow from Ontario:

- Using tabletop roleplaying games to build social and communication skills for AAC users

POSTERS:

Bruce Helmbold from Alberta:

- Non-Linguistic Indicators of Device Use": A Rubric to Evaluate and Substantiate Purposeful Speech Generated Communication

Brett Adam, Aynsley Allen, Amy McCougall, Stacy McRuer, George Whelan from Manitoba:

- Communication Matters: Communication Strategies Pilot Project for Law Enforcement in Manitoba

Aynsley Allen, Alex Balfour, Ellen Contois, Amy McDougall, Stacy McRuer, Stephanie Van Haute, Evelyn Wood from Manitoba:

- Indigenous Languages Access in AAC

Sonja Bonar, Jillian Henderson, Seamus Burnham, Beata Batorowicz, Shane Pinder, Tracy Shepherd, Claire Davies from Ontario:

- Manufacturer and Technician Perspectives on the Design and Use of Augmentative and Alternative Communication

Jillian Henderson, Tracy Shepherd, Beata Batorowicz, Shane Pinder, Claire Davies from Ontario:

- Barriers to accessing augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) technology in Canada: A Scoping Review

Paulina Finak & Beata Batorowicz from Ontario:

- Use of AAC devices and artificial intelligence (AI) within a social context: Scoping Review

What an impressive list!! Go Canada!

If we have missed anyone, I am very sorry!

Please reach out to me at kateconsulting@icloud.com or to admin@isaac-canada.org, and we will make sure to add you to our list on the website!!

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