



Conference 2016

Request for Letters of Interest

ISAAC is currently seeking Letters of Interest from interested individuals, groups, or ISAAC Chapters, for our 2016 Conference.

ISAAC, the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication, works to improve the lives of children and adults who use AAC. ISAAC's vision is that AAC will be recognized, valued and used throughout the world. ISAAC's mission is to promote the best possible communication for people with complex communication needs.

ISAAC 2014 (the 16th Biennial Conference of ISAAC) is being held during July 2014 in Lisbon, Portugal. In accordance with ISAAC by-laws and operating practice, the 17th Biennial Conference (ISAAC 2016) will need to be held outside of Europe. We therefore invite interested individuals, groups, or ISAAC Chapters to submit Letters of Interest according to the following —

- Length of letter not to exceed eight (8) pages in total
- Letter, at a minimum, should identify the following for ISAAC Conference 2016:
 - Proposed city location and a description of why this would be a good hosting city.
 - Proposed venue location(s) for: pre-conference workshops, AAC Camp, the main conference, exhibit hall, and Research Symposium.
 - Identify proposed co-chairs including their professional/personal backgrounds, experience within the field of AAC, experience within ISAAC, experience with previous conferences (ISAAC or otherwise).
 - Available city and conference-related infrastructure, with a focus on that which will facilitate ease of access for all conference attendees.
 - Opportunities for providing attendees with a conference that offers: a range of social / sightseeing events, facilitates the gaining of cross-cultural, multi-cultural, or international personal experiences, and affords the opportunity to socialize in a friendly and welcoming environment.
- Relevant pictures of proposed host city, sightseeing opportunities, facilities, etc. (as appropriate) should also be included.
- Letter of Interest to be submitted as softcopy (electronic), in either Word or pdf format, by email to franklin@isaac-online.org, no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Time, October 31st, 2013.
- Following a review of all submitted Letters of Interest, the ISAAC Executive Board may invite one or more proponents to enter into discussions to determine whether a successful conference could be fully implemented and realized at the proposed hosting city. ISAAC, as part of this process, will provide proponents with more information and details at this point to ensure the availability of full information for decision-making purposes.
- Please note that the submission of a Letter of Interest does not guarantee that such an invitation will be extended to any particular proponent.