

Dear Friends

"International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication" (ISAAC) is an international body whose main objective is to create awareness and promote augmentative and alternative communication to individuals with complex communication needs. We are proud to inform that presently there is also an Indian chapter of ISAAC. "ISAAC - India Chapter" was established at Mumbai in April 2008. The following members are the founding committee members:

1. Shri R.Rangasayee, President (AYJNIHH, Mumbai)
2. Ms. Rajul Padmanabhan, Vice-President (Vidya Sagar, Chennai)
3. Ms. Usha Dalvi, Secretary (AYJNIHH, Mumbai)
4. Ms. Rubina Lal, Joint Secretary (SNDT Women's University, Mumbai)
5. Ms. Geetha Mukundan, Treasurer (AYJNIHH, Mumbai)
6. Ms. Reena Sen, Member (IICP, Kolkatta)
7. Ms. Manavi Jalan, Member (Aadi School, New Delhi)
8. Ms. Madhuri Kapur, Member (IICP, Kolkatta)
9. Ms. Kalpana Rao, Member (Vidya Sagar, Chennai)

The main objectives are:

- To function as ISAAC chapter for India.
- To promote use of AAC for empowerment of persons with complex communication needs
- To provide and conduct human resource development and adopt technologies, techniques and manpower development to meet the needs of the people who use AAC.
- To co-operate with the medical and allied associations connected with AAC in Indian Union or outside for the promotion of the field.
- To advocate and develop, technologies and techniques to meet the needs of the people who use AAC and to disseminate information.

Eligibility

Any professional working with persons with severe communication difficulties can apply for membership including:

- (a) **Professional Members:** They shall be those who hold a degree in Special education, Speech-Language and Hearing related discipline like Psychology/ social workers / Occupational Therapy / Physio Therapy / Engineering / Information Technology Professionals from a recognized University from India and abroad and having paid the membership fee.
- (b) **Persons with disability and family members / care-givers:** Those who are using any type of AAC system and their family members.

- (c) **Rehabilitation Personnel:** Those who are conducting / organizing community based programmes
- (d) **Student Members:** They shall be those who are undergoing under graduate training in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology / or allied disciplines, Occupational Therapy / Physio Therapy / Engineering / Information Technology / Special Education / Psychology and having paid their annual subscription fee.
- (e) **Institutional membership:** Open to non-profit groups such as schools, assistive technology centres, service delivery centres and academic programs in related fields.
- (f) **Corporate membership:** Open to any agency, commercial enterprise with an interest in AAC and
- (g) **Retired membership:** Open to past ISAAC members who retire from their work or new people interested in AAC who are no longer working.

Membership:

Subscription shall be paid in advance. For all categories of memberships, a processing fee of Rs. 50/- (for members in India) shall be charged. The annual fees is subject to change over time as deemed necessary.

- (i) Professional Membership: The annual subscription for the professional members shall be Rs. 2,000/- + Rs.50
- (ii) Student Membership: The annual subscription for the Student members shall be Rs. 1,000/- + Rs.50
- (iii) Person using AAC Users / Family Members: Rs. 750/- + Rs.50
- (iv) Institutional Membership: Rs. 7,500/- + Rs.50
- (v) Corporate Membership: Rs. 35,000/- + Rs.50
- (vi) Retired Membership: Rs. 1,000/- + Rs.50

Privileges:

Membership in the Association incorporates membership of ISAAC - the parent body as well as receipt of the bulletin / newsletter free of charge.

We invite new members to join us. New and existing members of ISAAC may please send their fees on or before February 28th 2010 in the form of DD in favour of "ISAAC - INDIA CHAPTER" payable at MUMBAI at following address:

Mrs. Usha Dalvi,
 I/c HOD
 Department of Speech-Language Pathology
 Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped,
 K. C. Marg, Bandra Reclamation, Bandra (West)
Mumbai - 400 050

ASSOCIATION OF ISAAC – INDIA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP FORM

(for the period January 1st – December 31, 2010)

Please complete all sections:

Name : _____
Affiliation : _____
Mailing Address : [] Office [] Home
(City) _____ (State) _____
(Country) _____ (Mailing code) _____
Telephone : (Office) _____ (Home) _____
Fax : _____ (e-mail) _____
Web site : _____

Please ensure we have your correct email address. Send an email to Usha Dalvi at ushadt@yahoo.co.in Thank you! Processing fees for all the categories of membership is Rs. 50. Excluding the membership charges.

Category:

Professional : Rs. 2,000/- + Rs. 50
People who use AAC and their families : Rs. 750/- + Rs. 50
*Student : Rs. 1,000/- + Rs. 50
** Institutional : Rs. 7,500/- + Rs. 50
Corporate : Rs. 35,000/- + Rs. 50
*** Retired : Rs. 1,000/- + Rs. 50

Enter Rs: _____/-

*For **Student Membership**, please complete the following:

[] 1. "I confirm that the above named is a full-time registered student at
_____ (Name of University/Institution)."

(Signature of Professor) (Date)

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*** **Retired membership** is for people who have been ISAAC members and retire from their work or new people interested in AAC who are no longer working.

Details of Payment

Please find enclosed Cheque / DD No. _____ dated _____ in favour of "SECRETARY ISAAC – INDIA CHAPTER" for Rs. _____ towards _____ membership.

SIGNATURE