

ISAAC Nordic Research Symposium 2011

Gothenburg, Tuesday May 24 2011

Location: Department of Psychology, Haraldsgatan 1, Gothenburg

Conference language: English

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to participate in this first ISAAC Nordic Research Symposium, to be held in Gothenburg, just before the AAC conference "Kommunikationskarnevalen". I am aware that there is short time to prepare for this occasion, but I still hope that we will get many contributions from all the Nordic countries. We are open for contributions on research and development related to AAC on all levels, as long as it is relevant to the four strands of the symposium. The strands are *Reading and writing*, *Linguistic aspects of AAC*, *AAC and adults* and *Manual signs and AAC*. Abstracts on other topics will also be considered, but for poster sessions, not oral presentations. We are waiting eagerly for your abstracts!

Welcome to Gothenburg!

Bitte Rydeman

chair of ISAAC Sweden

Preliminary program

- 09.00 – 10.00 Registration, coffee, fruit. Poster session.
- 10.00 – 10.50 Key Note: Stephen von Tetzchner, Research and Development in Augmentative and Alternative Communication from a Nordic perspective.
- 11.00 – 12.30 Parallel seminars
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| A. Reading and writing. | B. Linguistic aspects of AAC. | C. AAC and adults. | D. Manual signs and AAC. |
| <i>Moderator:</i>
<i>Annika Dahlgren - Sandberg</i> | <i>Moderator:</i>
<i>Bitte Rydeman</i> | <i>Moderator:</i>
<i>Susan Balandin</i> | <i>Moderator:</i>
<i>Kaisa Launonen</i> |
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch. Poster session.
- 14.00 – 15.30 Parallel seminars, continued.
- 15.30 – 16.30 Coffee, fruit. Poster session.
- 16.30 – 17.15 Closing: Future Directions.

Important dates:

April 11. Deadline for abstracts.

April 29. Confirmation to presenters.

May 6. Deadline for registration to the symposium.

May 24. ISAAC Nordic Research Symposium.

May 25 – 26. Kommunikationskarnevalen.

Call for papers – Instruction to authors

Abstracts shall include title, purpose, method, main results and conclusions. Write your abstract in English and use a maximum of 200 words. Send your abstract before April 11 to Ulrika Ferm at ulrika.ferm@vgregion.se. The program committee will select 5 contributions from each strand for oral presentations (15 minutes oral presentation + 10 minutes for questions and discussion). The remaining accepted contributors will be offered a poster session.

The members of the program committee are: Annika Dahlgren-Sandberg, Ulrika Ferm, Bitte Rydeman and Gunilla Thunberg.

Other information about the conference

Information about the conference will be posted at ISAAC Sweden's web site, <http://www.isaac-sverige.se/Researchsymposium2011.html> and be updated as soon as we have new information about the program, registration or other important issues.

The price for the Research Symposium will be 750 SEK (Swedish crowns) for ISAAC members and 1000 SEK for non-members. The registration price includes a lunch consisting of a filled baguette, fruit and mineral water + coffee and fruit at the coffee breaks.

The participants will be invited to a conference dinner on the evening of May 24, not included in the conference price.

For additional information you can contact Bitte Rydeman at bitte.rydeman@certec.lth.se