



AGOSCI 13th Biennial Conference

17-20 May 2017

The Grand Hyatt, Melbourne, VIC Australia



Paper Submission Guidelines

You are invited to submit abstracts for presentations and posters at the AGOSCI 13th Biennial Conference taking place in Melbourne from May 17th through to May 20th 2017. The opening date for submissions is July 4th 2016 (09:00 AET) and the closing date is October 31st 2016 (18:00 AET). Applicants will be notified of acceptance by December 20th, 2016.

Papers can be submitted by navigating to:
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*The conference theme 'Ready, Set, AAction' is influenced by the roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme. The theme highlights our **readiness** for the NDIS, how we are **set** to embrace the change and how our focus is to **act** in the best interest of AAC users. The conference will showcase new ideas for service delivery, how to plan for best communication outcomes and how to provide appropriate communication supports across all age groups.*

Similarly the conference is an opportunity for people who use AAC, their families, friends, work colleagues, and people who work within the area of AAC to come together. Keynote speakers will cover information about living with an acquired disability, best practice in educational settings and the personal experiences of using AAC.

A Mealtime Stream is also part of the AGOSCI conference with a focus on inclusive mealtime practices, communication, participation and respectful partnerships in supporting people with complex communication needs and their families at mealtimes.

We invite you to submit papers or presentations that address the following four streams and their key themes. Submissions covering other areas will be considered, especially approaches that influence community participation and public awareness.

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Four Streams:

A. Living with an acquired communication disability

Key Themes:

- People who use AAC - personal views and experiences
- Achieving communicative competence in AAC
- Innovative practices (assessment and interventions)
- Bridging life domains (collaboration across health, education, work, community and recreation sectors)
- Best Practice Frameworks

B. Readiness for work, play and life

Key Themes:

- People who use AAC - personal views and experiences
- How will NDIS best meet my needs?
- Participation across the lifespan - for learning, for working, for including/being, for creative expression, for recreation and leisure.
- Empowering AAC (advocacy and informed decision making)

C. Set for successful outcomes for communication and inclusion

Key Themes:

- People who use AAC - personal views and experiences
- The Team Approach to supporting AAC
- Innovative practices in early childhood, school-age and post-school options
- The planning process
- Best practice with aided and unaided AAC strategies

D. Inclusive mealtime

Key Themes:

- People who use AAC - personal views and experiences
- Making mealtimes meaningful
- Mealtime partnerships
- Mealtime journeys involving transitions to and from oral and non-oral options

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All proposals will be reviewed by the AGOSCI scientific committee who will make the final decision on acceptance or rejection of papers. The scientific committee will also allocate accepted papers into streams. Proposals will be selected based on relevance, quality, content area, importance, and program balance. Only unpublished abstracts may be submitted, and those deemed to be submitted solely for marketing will not be accepted.

All program presenters are expected to follow ethical procedures to protect the privacy and confidentiality of people mentioned in their presentations. Images and likenesses including audio recordings and photographs or video data must only be used with the permission of the person depicted. Real names or initials may only be used with participant's permission; otherwise pseudonyms stated as not being the person's real name must be used.

AGOSCI will own the copyright of all abstracts accepted for the conference. The abstracts will be published in the Conference Proceedings and provided to all Main Conference registrants during the event. Authors accepted to the program are expected to register their attendance for the event.

To Submit a Proposal

To submit a presentation or poster online, please go to the website: www.agosci.org.au



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Submission Requirements

You will be asked to provide the following information:

1. Submission Title (maximum of 15 words)
2. Author(s) First Name
3. Author(s) Last Name
4. Author(s) Affiliation (University, Workplace, etc)
5. Primary Author Country of Residence
6. Primary Author Email Address
7. Primary Author Additional Contact Information (address, telephone, etc)
8. Presenting Author(s)
9. Paper Key Words (3 words/terms with the key themes of the paper)
10. Paper Presentation Preference(s):
 - a. 1 hour workshop (limited availability)
 - b. 20 minute presentation (includes 5 minutes for questions)
 - c. Poster presentation
11. A/V equipment needs, Presenter Accessibility Needs, etc. NOTE: If you are an AAC user, indicate here if you need more time for your presentation

Required Inclusions for Abstracts:

- Maximum of 250 words, no references, plain text (can be copied from a word document and pasted into online submission form)
- Research papers must include Aim, Method, Results, Conclusion
- Anecdote/personal experience or reflection papers must include Background, Key Points
- Product or Industry/commercial paper must include Main focus and Purpose of paper
- Workshops must include Aim, Learning Goals, Format
- Posters must include either Aim, Method, Results, and Conclusion, OR Background and Key points depending on the content
- Declaration of Interest Statement:
 1. The authors disclose they have **no** financial or other interest in objects or entities mentioned in this paper.
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