



PERSPECTIVES on

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From the Coordinator

I hope you enjoy this issue of *Perspectives* and that it makes its way to the top of your summer reading list. Guest Editor Joanne Cafiero recruited a number of important articles on AAC and Autism Spectrum Disorders that represent a diverse set of topics. Thanks to Joanne for her hard work in putting together such a wonderful resource and to our article authors for their contributions!

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Once again, DAAC is a co-sponsor of the ASHA Schools Conference. We hope to see many of you in Pittsburgh this summer. Gail Van Tatenhove will be presenting two very practical sessions on language intervention for students who use AAC. In addition, DAAC will have a booth in

the exhibit hall, so stop by, say hello, check out our give-aways, and register for door prizes.

The DAAC Steering Committee (SC) will be meeting in September to update the Division's Strategic Plan. If you have thoughts on future directions for the Division, please contact me or any other member of the SC. All input is appreciated.

I'm pleased to share that Jan Bedrosian is the next Program Chair for the next two DAAC Conferences. The theme of our February 2008 Conference is "Toward Linguistic Competence in AAC-Building and Re-Building Language." It features adult and pediatric tracks with presentations on assessment and intervention in each track.

As has been our tradition, the DAAC Conference organizers invite speakers from outside the field of AAC to give us a fresh perspective on key issues. The keynote presentation on child language will be given by Marc Fey. Leonard LaPointe will serve the keynote adult language issue.

Please submit poster proposals via e-mail to Richard Lytton by December 10, 2007 (e-mail:

rlytton@nemours.org; phone: 302-651-5621). Thanks to Jan and Conference Coordinator for Dick Lytton for putting together such a strong program.

I look forward to hearing from you at zangaric@nova.edu or 954-262-7706. Best wishes for a safe and happy summer!

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