

AAATE

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY IN EUROPE

The AAATE is the interdisciplinary pan-European organisation concerned with all aspects of assistive technology. This includes the use, research, development, manufacture, supply and provision of assistive technology.

Members of the AAATE are dedicated to the association's mission:

To stimulate the advancement of assistive technology for the benefit of people with disabilities, including elderly people.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Assistive technology is any product or technology-based service that enables disabled or elderly people in their daily lives, education, work or leisure.

The AAATE takes a broad view of assistive technology which encompasses technology for therapy, overcoming impairment, enhancement of ability or facilitating participation in society. It is concerned with products and technology-based services and devices targeted at meeting the specific needs of people with disabilities and elderly people. Further, its interests include issues of accessibility relating to these people's ability to use and benefit from mainstream technology products.

AREAS OF ACTION

The AAATE undertakes activities to:

- create awareness of assistive technology
- promote research and development of assistive technology and related services
- facilitate the exchange of knowledge within the field
- widely disseminate information about assistive technology and related issues

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Some of the specific activities of the AAATE are:

- A major international conference – held every 2 years – on all aspects of assistive technology
- Special Interest Groups (SIGs) on various topics
- “Technology and Disability”, the official scientific journal of AAATE (Published by IOS Press)
- Seminars, workshops and information days
- A regular newsletter for members
- A website
- A discussion List reserved to members

- Liaison with other International organisations, such as RESNA, RESJA, ISAAC and ARATA, bodies of the European Union, consumer, user and industry groups in pursuit of its mission
- A network of national contacts throughout Europe
- Co-operation on a wider international level with key organisations in the field.

AN ASSOCIATION DRIVEN BY ITS MEMBERS

The AAATE is a non-profit organisation. It is an organisation of and for its members and relies on their efforts to put its mission into practice.

Individuals, institutes, universities, companies, public authorities, affiliations, networks etc. supporting the mission of the AAATE can become members.

The governing board is elected by the members at the annual assembly.

REASONS TO JOIN AAATE

- To support the mission of the association
- To be part of an international interdisciplinary network
- To receive the particular benefits of membership which include:
 - Reduced subscription to the official AAATE journal "Technology and Disability"
 - Special rates for conferences, workshops, seminars, etc. of AAATE and related organisations (e.g. RESNA, ARATA, RESJA)
 - Newsletter
 - Special area on AAATE website for members only

How to JOIN AAATE

You can join the AAATE by completing the form enclosed or the form available on the AAATE website and sending it by mail or fax to the AAATE office.

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