





## Why join AAATE?

- Because you feel inspired by its mission;
- Because you like to share resources and results in an international interdisciplinary network and to grow professionally.

# As a member, you receive additional benefits including:

- Free 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;
- Access to the restricted members' area on AAATE website.



## Please visit the website for more detailed information on:

- Membership information and fees;
- Activities;
- News and special initiatives;
- Special interest groups;
- National contact persons;
- Institutional member organisations;
- Actual board members and past presidents.

## **How to join AAATE**

You can join AAATE by completing the form available on AAATE website.

http://aaate.net/membership-application

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#### What is 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, manufacturing, supply and provision of assistive technology. Members of the AAATE are committed to the association's mission: to simulate the advancement of assistive technology for the benefit of people with disabilities, including elderly people.

Assistive technology is any product or technology based service that enables people with functional limitations in their daily lives, education, work or leisure. This includes technology for rehabilitation and education, for overcoming activity limitations and participation restrictions and for the enhancement of abilities.

Consequently the interest of our members is in enabling solutions (mainstream and special technologies and environments), accessibility and universal design, services and service delivery systems, including procurement and outcome measurement.

#### **Areas of Action**

AAATE undertakes activities to:

- promote research and development of assistive technology and related services;
- facilitate the exchange of knowledge and collaboration within the field;
- disseminate accurate information about assistive technology and related issues;
- create awareness of assistive technology among all stakeholders, including policymaking bodies;
- further the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of people with Disabilities, in particular the articles related to assitive technology, Accessibility and Universal Design.

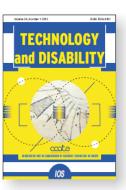
## **Ongoing Activities**

Some of the specific activities of the AAATE include:

- A major international conference held every 2 years – on all aspects of assistive technology;
- "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 with a restricted member's area containing additional activities and information;
- Collaborations with other international AT membership organisations in the framework of

the International Alliance of AT Organizations (IAATO);

- A network of national contacts throughout Europe;
- Liaison with other international organisations, such as the WHO, EASPD, bodies of the European Union, end user and industry groups in pursuing its mission.



### **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.

All individuals or organisations supporting the mission of the AAATE can become a member. The Board is elected by the members during the annual assembly.