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CALL FOR PAPERS

Assistive Technology Outcomes and Benefits

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Submission deadline: March 31, 2006

Assistive Technology Outcomes and Benefits is a peer-reviewed, cross-disability, transdisciplinary journal that publishes articles related to the outcomes and benefits of assistive technology (AT) across the lifespan. The journal's purposes are to (a) foster communication among vendors, AT Specialists, AT Consultants, and other professionals that work in the field of AT, family members, and consumers with disabilities; (b) facilitate dialogue regarding effective AT practices; and (c) help practitioners, consumers, and family members advocate for effective AT practices.

Call for Papers for Volume 3:

Assistive Technology Outcomes and Benefits invites you to submit manuscripts of original work for publication consideration. Only original papers that address *outcomes* or *benefits* related to assistive technology devices and services will be accepted. These may include (a) findings of original scientific research, including group studies and single subject designs; (b) marketing research conducted relevant to specific devices having broad interest across disciplines and disabilities; (c) technical notes regarding AT product development findings; (d) qualitative studies, such as focus group and structured interview findings with consumers and their families regarding AT service delivery and associated outcomes and benefits; and (e) project/program descriptions in which AT outcomes and benefits have been documented.

The third issue of this peer-reviewed journal will include a broad spectrum of papers on topics specifically dealing with AT outcomes and benefits issues, in (but NOT limited to) the following areas:

- Transitions
- Employment
- Outcomes Research
- Innovative Program Descriptions
- Government Policy
- Research and Development
- Low Incidence Populations

For information on how to submit manuscripts see the *Guidelines for Authors* at <http://www.atia.org/>

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Submission Categories

Articles may be submitted under two categories—*Voices from the Field* and *Voices from the Industry*.

- *Voices from the Field*. Articles submitted under this category should come from professionals who are involved in some aspect of assistive technology service delivery with persons having disabilities, or from family members and/or consumers with disabilities.
- *Voices from the Industry*. Articles submitted under this category should come from professionals involved in developing and marketing specific assistive technology devices and services.

Within each of these two categories, authors have a range of options for the type of manuscript submitted. Regardless of the type of article submitted, primary consideration will be given by the journal to work that has *quantifiable results*.

Types of articles that are appropriate include:

- **Applied/Clinical Research**. Original work presented with careful attention to experimental design, objective data analysis, and reference to the literature.
- **Case Studies**. Studies that involve only one or a few subjects or an informal protocol. Publication is justified if the results are potentially significant and have broad appeal to a cross-disciplinary audience.
- **Design**. Conceptual or physical design of new assistive technology models, techniques, or devices.
- **Marketing Research**. Industry-based research related to specific AT devices and/or services.
- **Project/Program Description**. Grant projects, private foundation activities, institutes, and centers having specific goals and objectives related to AT outcomes and benefits.

In all categories, authors **MUST** include a section titled ‘Outcomes and Benefits’ in which a discussion is provided related to outcomes and benefits of the assistive technology devices/services addressed in the article.

Manuscript Preparation Guidelines for Submission to Assistive Technology Outcomes and Benefits

(Note: These guidelines apply to all *Voices from the Field* and *Voices from the Industry* submissions)

All articles submitted will be refereed by the Editorial Review Board. Recommendations on suitability for publication will be taken as final by the Editor.

All other items would not be reviewed, but the editors reserve the right to refuse or (with the approval of contributors) to edit copy.

- Each manuscript must reflect style guidelines of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th edition, 2001).
- Manuscripts should be **no more** than 25 pages in length (**double-spaced**), including references, tables, and figures. Due to the electronic format of the journal, all submissions should be submitted as email attachments in either Microsoft Word or rich text (RTF) formats. The following information should be provided on the cover page of each manuscript:
 - Author'(s)' full name(s) and title(s)
 - Name of corresponding author
 - Job title(s)
 - Organization(s)
 - Full contact information of the corresponding author, including email address, postal address, telephone and fax numbers
 - Each manuscript should have at least the following components:
 - Title (up to 10 words)
 - Abstract (75 to 150 words) presenting the main points of the paper and the contributor's/s' conclusions regarding outcomes and benefits
 - Four keywords
 - Main body of paper
 - **Outcomes and Benefits section**
 - References
- Submissions should be double-spaced.
- Articles should be subdivided into unnumbered sections, using short, meaningful headings according to *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th edition, 2001).
- Footnotes and endnotes are **not** accepted; all such information should be included in main text.
- The keywords (just after the abstract) should be separated by **commas**, and each keyword phrase should have initial caps (for example, Communication devices, Families).
- Authors should not use underline to highlight text, but rather use *italics* instead.
- For figures, BMP, GIF, and JPG are the preferred formats. Figures should be included in the text at appropriate places and centered horizontally. Captions (maximum 6 to 8 words each) must be provided for every figure (below the figure) and must be referenced in the text. The figures must **NOT** be larger than 500 pixels in width. **Authors must supply separate**

figures in one of these formats even if they are embedded in text. In the event that the file(s) can't be opened, the Editor will contact the corresponding author by email and request that the appropriate format be provided.

- Tables should be included in the text at appropriate places and centered horizontally. Captions (maximum 6 to 8 words each) must be provided for every table (below the table) and must be referenced in the text.
- The References section should contain appropriate citations noted in the APA Manual (5th ed.)

Sample citations

Journal article

James, P., & Tatem, J. J. (2003). Assistive technology benefits. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 39, 336-337.

Paper presentation

Stuart, S. K., & Kemp, L. M. (2003, January). *Native Americans and AAC issues*. Paper presented to the Annual Meeting of the Assistive Technology Industry Association, New Orleans, LA.

Book

Kalyanpur, M., & Harry, B. (1999). *Culture in special education. Building reciprocal family-professional relationships*. Baltimore: Brookes.

Book chapter

Soto, G., Huer, M., & Taylor, O. (1997). Multicultural issues in augmentative and alternative communication. In L. Lloyd, D. Fuller, & H. Arvidson (Eds.), *Augmentative and alternative communication* (pp. 406-413). Boston: Allyn and Bacon.

Legislation (please cite any law that is described in the manuscript narrative; see p. 404 of APA Manual)

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 *et seq* (West, 1993).

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-336, § 2, 104 Stat. 328 (1991).

Web site

Institute for Matching Person and Technology. (2003). *Matching person and technology (MPT) assessment process*. Retrieved February 27, 2004, from

<http://members.aol.com/impt97/mptdesc.html>

- The Editor will acknowledge receipt of a submitted article immediately.
- Authors are encouraged to write in the third person and use “person-first” language, i.e., the individual *precedes* the disability. For example, phrases such as “persons with disabilities,” “students with mental retardation,” “and “adults with cognitive impairments” are more appropriate than such phrases as “the disabled,” “learning disabled students,” or “mentally retarded adults.” Consumers and family members who submit manuscripts describing specific practices may use the first person.
- A cover statement in the submission should indicate that the manuscript has not been published in whole or substantial part by another publisher and that it is not currently under review by another journal.

All submissions for the third volume of *Assistive Technology Outcomes and Benefits* are due by March 31, 2006.

After a manuscript has been accepted for publication and subsequent to making all changes recommended by the editorial review board, authors must send a copy of the revised manuscript and a computer file to the Editor via email to: hpparet@ilstu.edu or via mail (on CD or 3.5” floppy) to: Dr. Phil Parette, Special Education Assistive Technology (SEAT) Center, Illinois State University, Campus Box 5910, Normal, IL 61790-5910

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