



The GAATO AT Outcomes and Impacts Summit

@RESNA 2020

23rd & 24th September 2020

What is GAATO?

The Global Alliance of Assistive Technology Organizations ([GAATO](http://www.gaato.org)) is a new world body based in Geneva, Switzerland, representing global assistive technology (AT). GAATO works strategically and globally towards a world where all people can access the assistive technology they need. GAATO members have a strong track record of advancing people's rights to appropriate assistive technology through practice, research, education, advocacy, and knowledge exchange. Membership is open to legally established membership organisations, and a key GAATO mission is to support the development of assistive technology organisations in low- and middle-income countries. Joining GAATO opens the gate to partnerships and collaborations – come talk to us!

GAATO@RESNA

There has never been a better time to be local and think global, than at the 2020 RESNA Conference, held virtually from North America. **The GAATO AT Outcomes and Impacts Summit** is an exciting opportunity to join some of the world's leading outcomes researchers discussing the future of international outcomes research.

Hosted by Professor Luc de Witte, GAATO President and members of the GAATO Board. Professor Marcia Scherer & Professor Roger O. Smith will deliver the plenary address, *Different Strokes for Different Folks: Different Outcomes are Valued by Different Stakeholders*.

The GAATO AT Outcomes & Impacts Initiative

GAATO has placed the theme of "AT outcomes and impact" high on its list of priority themes and wants to start a global discussion about how to measure and improve outcomes and impact. Come join us as we begin these discussions. We will be opening the door for continued discourse as a global community and to generate future opportunities for sharing experiences and collaborative projects.

How can I participate?

Book your place now through the RESNA Conference website or register for the FREE GAATO@ RESNA Virtual Opening Forum. Details below.



GAATO @ RESNA Global AT Outcomes & Impacts Summit

Programme in short

GAATO @ RESNA Virtual Opening Forum on AT Outcomes & Impacts

Wednesday, 23rd Sept at 8:30 - 9:45 am ET (Eastern Time: North American Eastern Standard Time)

Register **for free** [here](#)

Registered participants will receive a Zoom link from Monash University, host of the Opening Forum, prior to the meeting.

Within RESNA's expansive program, GAATO is proud to host the following 3 AT Outcomes and Impact Streams as part of the summit*:

1. Global AT Outcomes/Impacts - Live Chat Poster Session*

Showcasing cutting edge AT endeavours in Romania, India, Spain, Australia and Africa.

Wednesday, 23rd, 10:00 - 11:20 am ET

2. Global AT Outcomes/Impacts – Emerging Concepts*

Kenya, Australia, and Global

Join speakers from across the globe sharing their work. Emerging concepts covers digital manufacture in low income settings, and critical concepts in describing, discussing, and evaluating AT.

Thursday, 24th, 9.30 -10.20 am ET

3. Global AT Outcomes/Impacts – Practices*

El Salvador, Uganda, North America

Presenters from the global south and north showcase person-focussed partnerships and developments across diverse practice settings.

Thursday, 24th, 10.30 -11.20 am ET

*Note: RESNA full conference [registration](#) required for these sessions!

Reduced rates for **members of GAATO members** and students. To obtain the reduced rate, members of GAATO member organisations should sign up for a registration code [here](#).

RESNA conference registrants will have full access to the entire RESNA conference and 3 GAATO sessions real-time/synchronous. Plus, RESNA is recording sessions to make them available to all registrants for 30 days following the conference.

**For the full RESNA conference programme:
<https://www.resna.org/Events/Annual-Conference>**



GAATO @ RESNA Global AT Outcomes & Impacts Summit

Extended programme

CONFERENCE DAY 1: Wednesday, 23rd of September 2020

8.30 - 9:45 am ET (Eastern Time: North American Eastern Standard Time)

GAATO @ RESNA Opening Forum

Free session. Register [here](#)

Zoom hosted by Monash University, Australia

Setting the Scene

Professor Luc de Witte, GAATO President and GAATO Board Panel

Launching the GAATO AT Outcomes & Impacts Initiative

Professor Roger O Smith

Plenary address:

Different Strokes for Different Folks: Different Outcomes are Valued by Different Stakeholders

Professor Marcia Scherer & Professor Roger O. Smith

The summit continues within the regular RESNA conference programme.

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CONFERENCE DAY 1: Wednesday, 23rd of September 2020

10:00 - 11:20 am ET GAATO Summit - POSTERS

*Live chat GAATO Poster Session (with RESNA posters)
(posters are up 24/7 full conference)*

International Assistive Technology Service Case Report: Outcomes of a Romanian and Huntington University Collaboration

Authors: Laryn O'Donnell, Jeanne Sowers

- Region: Romania

Assistive Technology awareness and utilization of its potential among lower limb amputees of Delhi, India

Authors: Chitra Chander Shekhar, Srinivasan Kannan

- Region: India

Outcomes or Impact? When the difficult to measure results appears: The experience in Spain

Authors: Thais Pousada, Estibaliz Jiménez, Emiliano Díez

- Region: Spain

Addressing data gaps to improve evidence on AT outcomes – an update from Australia

Authors: Emily J. Steel

- Region: Australia

Development, validation and impact of a suite of outcomes tools to give triangulated data on the appropriateness of wheelchairs designed for use in low-income settings

Authors: Karen Rispin, Vicki Sheafer, Natasha Layton, Larry Raymond

- Region: Africa

Other relevant international events on Day 1.

11.30 am ET

RESNA International Plenary with Antony Duttine

CONFERENCE DAY 2: Thursday, 24th of September 2020

9:30-10:20 am ET GAATO Summit Platform Session 1

Global AT Outcome/Impact – EMERGING CONCEPTS

Join speakers from across the globe sharing their work. Emerging concepts covers digital manufacture in low income settings, and critical concepts in describing, discussing and evaluating AT.

Moderators: Silvana Contepomi, Roger O. Smith, Esther Dakin-Poole, Natasha Layton



Uncovering unexpected impacts: the case of digital manufacturing of wheelchairs in Kenya
Authors: G. Barbareschi, S. Daymond, J. Honeywill, D. Noble, N. Mbugua, I. Harris, C. Holloway

- Region: Kenya/Africa

Person-centred approaches to evaluation of assistive technology products and outcomes:
An Australian policy and practice perspective

Authors: Natasha A Layton, Libby Callaway

- Region: Australia

The Value of Vocabulary Standards to Discuss AT Outcomes and Impact

Authors: Linda-Jeanne Elsaesser, Sajay Arthanat, Stephen Bauer, Emma Friesen, Takenobou Inoue, Emily Steel

- Region: Global

10:30-11:20 am ET GAATO Summit Platform Session 2

Global AT Outcome/Impact - PRACTICES

Presenters from the global south and north showcase person-focussed partnerships and developments across diverse practice settings.

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Wheelchair User's Voice: Evaluation of Appropriate Wheelchair Provision in El Salvador

Authors: Jonathan Pearlman, Megan D'Innocenzo, Yasmin Garcia-Mendez, Perth Rosen, Virginia Rodriguez

- Region: El Salvador

A partnership between researchers, an established NGO and an overseas manufacturer to address chronic problems with prosthetics supply in Uganda

Authors: K. Rubango, L. Ackers, R. Ssekitoleko, L. Kenney, D. Howard

- Region: Uganda

Assistive Technology for People with Cognitive Disabilities A 5 year follow-up on an interdisciplinary cognitive rehabilitation clinic focusing on its development, evolution, and expansion

Authors: Amy Pacos Martinez, Timea Tozser, Christopher Stavisky, Nancy Dukelo, Lisa Walther, Sheryl Maier and Jamie Campeau

- Region: U.S. North America

Other relevant international events on Day 2

11.30 am ET

RESNA International Plenary with Mac MacLachlan