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RSCH-12: Don't Perish, Publish! Peer-Reviewed Publishing with ATOB

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Learning Objectives

1. **Describe three submission categories for articles, and types of articles appropriate for each.**

2. **Identify three ways to contribute to the AT community via ATOB.**

3. **Demonstrate knowledge of the six major stages of the ATOB publication process.**

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ATOB History

- **First published in 2004**
- **Partnership between ATIA and The Special Education Assistive Technology (SEAT) Center at Illinois State**
  - Editor-in-Chief: Howard P Parette
  - Production Manager: Brian Wojcik
  - Focused Issue Editors: Multiple contributors
- **Archived issues available on ATOB webpage**
  - www.atia.org/atob

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Purpose and Audience

- *"…to advance the AT industry by*
  - *(a) fostering communication among stakeholders interested in the field of AT, including manufacturers, vendors, practitioners, policy makers, researchers, consumers with disabilities, and family members;*
  - *(b) facilitating evidence-based demonstrations and case-based dialogue regarding effective AT devices and services; and*
  - *(c) helping stakeholders advocate for effective AT devices and services."*

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Assistive Technology Outcomes & Benefits, ATIA's open-access, online, annual journal of peer-reviewed papers, highlights new information on the outcomes and benefits of assistive technology for persons with disabilities.

Subscribe for free and download past issues in multiple accessible formats. Printed copies are available for a fee through Lulu, an online print-on-demand service.

ATOB Updates

New Publication! Volume 11 is available

New Publication! Volume 11 'Maximizing the Benefits of Evolving Assistive Technology Solutions' is now available for free download. Click here to download your copy of ATOB Volume 11.

Volume 13 Call for Papers will open in Spring 2018.

The Call for Papers for Volume 13 will be announced in early 2018. Sign up for our mailing list to stay current with newly available ATOB publications and open calls.

Authors interested in submitting a manuscript should review ATOB's Editorial Policy and Manuscript Preparation Guidelines for Authors to learn more about the publication. Sample Outlines are available for reference in drafting scientific and technical papers and consumer and caregiver-perspective papers.

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All issues from 2004-2017 are online and open-access:
https://www.atia.org/at-resources/atob/

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Archived Issues

2016: Vol. 10, Issue 1, "*Assistive Technology Outcomes: Meeting the Evidence Challenge*"
Editor-in-Chief: Jennifer L. Flagg, Center on KT4TT, University at Buffalo (SUNY)
Associate Editor: Carolyn P. Phillips, Georgia Institute of Technology

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2015: Vol. 9, Issue 1, Focused Issue: "Knowledge Translation and Technology Transfer in Assistive Technology"
Editor: Joseph P. Lane, MBPA, University at Buffalo (SUNY)

Download Winter 2015, Vol.9, Issue 1 PDF
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Accessible Word and PDF formats

Editorial Policy - Key Points

- **3 Submission Categories**
  - Field, Industry, and Academia

- **Types of Articles**
  - Applied/Clinical Research; Case Studies; Design; Marketing Research; Project/Program Description; Approaches to Service Delivery; Consumer and Caregiver Perspectives.

- **Open Access Policy**

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ATOB Consumer Perspectives

- **ATOB welcomes submissions from individuals with disabilities, their family members, or caregivers.**
  - Intended to highlight the user's perspective and opinions about AT.
  - When sharing experience and opinions, avoid generalizations.
  - Sample outline available.

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Manuscript Submission Process

1. **Initial Submission**
2. **Desk Acceptance**
3. **Peer Review & Revisions**
4. **Copy Editing**
5. **Galley proofs**
6. **Publication**

The ATOB Editorial Board is available to provide assistance at any point in the process.

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Publishing Guidelines

- **Each manuscript must reflect the style guidelines of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th edition, 2009).**

- **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 a Microsoft® Word format.**

- **See detailed *Manuscript Preparation Guidelines for Authors* for more information on formatting requirements and submission instructions.**

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Institutional Review Board

- **An Institutional Review Board (IRB) is a committee established to review and approve research involving human subjects. The purpose of the IRB is to ensure that all human subject research be conducted in accordance with all federal, institutional, and ethical guidelines.**

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10 Tips for Producing a Quality Paper

1. Begin with a well-defined, relevant question – move the AT field forward
2. Follow IRB Guidelines
3. Use person-first, disability positive language
4. Make sure your document is in accessible format
5. Figures & tables should be adequately labeled – understood on their own
6. Make it clear & concise
7. Cite appropriately
8. Be candid about your work's limitations
9. Acronyms should be spelled out in the first instance
10. Revise, revise, revise. Step back, & then revise again.

- Thanks to Kara Kockelman University of Texas, Austin

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Peer Review Process

- **All manuscripts are initially reviewed by two individuals.**
  - One or both reviewers may be asked to reconsider a revised manuscript.
- **Reviews are focused on answering three main questions:**
  - Does this paper make an important substantive contribution to the field of assistive technology?
  - For research studies, does the methodology (design and execution) permit one to draw the conclusions the author wishes to make?
  - Is the paper well organized and complete in explaining what was done and why and how it was done?
    - **APA, Kazdin, 1998**
- **Manuscripts are reviewed by individuals who are in the author's peer group.**

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Peer Review Evaluation Criteria

- Significance of the manuscript to the field
- Relevance to focused topic area
- Adequacy of discussion regarding state of the practice
- Organization
- Clarity
- Appropriateness of the research design, data analysis, and interpretation of results (if applicable)
- Outcomes and Benefits
- Relevance to Readers

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Become a Peer Reviewer

- **We are seeking subject matter experts from diverse backgrounds.**

- **Email atobeditor@atia.org**
  - Name
  - Company/Organization
  - Email Address
  - Peer Group (Field, Industry, Academia, Consumer)
  - Area of Expertise (Education, ADL, Workplace, etc)

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What's New with ATOB?

- **Volume 11 available for download!**
  - Assistive Technology Outcomes: Maximizing the Benefits of Evolving Assistive Technology Solutions

- **Volume 12 available Summer 2018**
  - Implementing AT in Practice: New Technologies and Techniques

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ATOB Volume 13

- Call for Papers will open in Spring 2018.
- Theme:
  - **Successful Assistive Technology Development: The Intersection of Research and Product Innovation**
- Sign up for our mailing list to receive notice.
- review ATOB's Editorial Policy and Manuscript Preparation Guidelines for Authors to learn more about the publication.

ATOB Volume 13
2018 Timeline

- **Feb 2018- Volume 13 theme announced at ATIA conference**

- **April 16, 2018- Open call for papers begins**

- **June 15, 2018- Open call for papers closes**

- **Summer/Fall 2018- Peer review, publication decisions, and revisions**

- **Fall 2018- Copy editing**

- **Winter 2018/2019- layout**

- **Spring/Summer 2019- Publication**

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Thank you for attending!

- **CEUs – Session Code: RSCH-12**
  - More info at: https://www.atia.org/conference/education-program/ceus/
  - For ACVREP, AOTA and ASHA CEUs, hand in completed Attendance Forms to INFORMATION DESK at the end of the conference. Please note there is a $15 fee for AOTA CEUs.

- **Session Evaluation**
  - Please help us improve the quality of our conference by completing your session evaluation form in the mobile app.

- **Handouts**
  - Handouts are available at: www.atia.org/orlandohandouts
  - Handout link remains live for 3 months after the conference ends.

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Questions?

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