

CAA Germany
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CAA-DE

CAA Germany was turned from an informal organisation to an official association („Eingetragener Verein“ regarding to German law), mainly for financial (i.e. tax) reasons. This was decided in October 2010 and completed on 5/02/2011 at the annual workshop of CA Germany in Mainz.

The annual workshops of CAA Germany (starting 2010 in Bonn) have been very successful local meetings with an increasing number of participants. They are organised as 2-half-day-meetings (starting Friday at lunch time, ending Saturday at lunch time) and are usually followed by software tutorials on Saturday afternoon. While Bonn hosted around 60 participants (more than we expected, given the still relatively low standing of computer related research in German archaeology), the workshop in Mainz (4-5/2/2011) was attended by around 80 people, mainly students and young scholars as we aim to specifically target for a beginners audience. The workshop 2012 was hosted by Bamberg University from 20-21/01/2012 and attracted >100 participants, tutorials were given for R statistical software and for gvSIG GIS software. Both in Mainz and Bamberg, 14 talks were presented. In Bamberg a poster session was introduced, with six posters. The prize for the best contribution in Bamberg went to a paper on an implementation of a SKOS thesaurus for archaeological terms.

We plan to proceed with this kind of meetings, the next workshop will be hosted by the TOPOI project and Berlin Free University in early 2013, again followed by a software tutorial.

The constitution of CAA Germany foresees biannual elections of the 3 chair offices. The actual chairs (Axel Posluschny, head of CAA-DE; Tim Kerig, co-chair; Irmela Herzog, treasurer) have been elected 2011 in Mainz, the next elections will be part of CAA's annual general meeting alongside the Berlin workshop next year.

Currently, the webpage of CAA-DE is very basic. In Summer 2012, we plan to improve this site by applying a CMS.

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