

Computer Applications and quantitative methods in Archaeology: Special Interest Group

CAA SIG 3D Spatial Analysis: Annual Report 2020

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Membership

Following the creation of the 3D Spatial Analysis SIG at CAA Tubingen 2019 the year focused on the forging of a committee to manage the SIG and developing the mailing list.

The mailing list, maintained by GN, contains 31 individuals. The group has been promoted at various meetings:

- CAA UK (October 2019)
- Sharing Practices: Archaeological 3D Visualisation in the Netherlands <http://www.3dvisualisationpractices.nl/> (Feb 2020)

Many people are interested in the group, yet are reluctant to join the organising committee. A call for 'applicants' brought in JT and AJ. In light of diversity the group put out a second call inviting students and female colleagues. Despite members coordinating their own initiatives there is hesitance in joining the SIG committee, particularly from female colleagues and students working in this area. It is proposed that the SIG committee holds open positions for these groups.

Events

An initial meeting was planned for the CAA 2020 to confirm the goals and committee of the SIG. Depending on interest it would have been proposed to have a CAA session in 2021 to bring together CAA members working in this area, building on sessions of previous years. Due to Covid-19 this meeting could not take place, however we still plan to coordinate a session at CAA 2021, inviting presenters through the mailing list and from across the broader CAA membership. During the proposed session we will discuss the potential future

CAA workshops aligned with the aims of the SIG.

Future planning

Discussions are ongoing regarding developing a web resource to collate research and projects active in this arena.