

Annual report CAA Germany chapter 2020

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2020

The Corona crisis also impacted the CAA German Chapter strongly, as (among other hindrances) we had to cancel our planned annual meeting at the University of Ulm because the preparation time for a purely online meeting was too short. Due to the uncertain situation in autumn, we also refrained from organising a session at the German Archaeology Congress in Kiel. The focus of our activities was the virtual holding of a legally secure general meeting on 6 November 2020, which was attended by 20 members.

Fortunately, the (online) Joint Chapter Meeting with CAA Netherlands-Flanders from 4-6 December 2020 at Saxion University of Applied Sciences in Deventer proved to be a great success, with almost 190 participants and slightly more than half from Germany. This was probably due to the online nature of the event, which made travel unnecessary. Four sessions were held on Machine Learning, Remote Sensing and Geophysics, Gaming, AR and VR, and little "Minions". We would like to thank our co-organisers Ronald Visser, Devi Taelman, Jitte Waagen and Alex Brandsen from CAA-NL-FL.

2021

As the Corona crisis dragged on into 2021, the Board decided to stimulate CAA community building through monthly online webcasts - essentially, we invited speakers to present a specific topic (see list below) and then opened the space for discussion between all participants on the topic presented. A concept that was quickly and well received by our members. A first webcast took place in February. As this was also the 10th anniversary of CAA DE, a total of five former CAA board members were interviewed and provided motivational and anecdotal content from those 10 years and earlier.

Since then, 4 more webcasts have been held, each with 30-90 participants.

5.2. Jubiläums Webcast

12.3. QGIS in der Praxis

23.4. LiDAR in der Archäologie

28.5. SfM und Auswertung von 3D-Modellen

At the end of May we introduced two new formats: an online practice SfM tutorial on the 27th (limited to 30 participants), and an open workshop on the 4th of June. The idea of the workshop is that students have the opportunity to present their current research and possible problems with it to get feedback from the community. We had 4 presenters during the event and about 30 participants.

The events were so well received that membership increased to 332 and the number of newsletter subscribers to 716. We have used the momentum to improve the website with an automated registration system for the events and a forum, which is currently still in "experimental" mode. We therefore plan to continue with this event format, but want to hold another annual meeting on site a little later in the year.

To further support the work, we have put together an editorial board responsible for suggesting topics, maintaining content etc. for the webcasts. The board currently consists of: Nadine Alpino, Michael Teichmann, Johanna Röver, Brigit Danthine and Hubert Mara.

The German chapter is further supported by its advisory board consisting of these distinguished members: Marco Block-Berlitz, Benjamin Glissmann, Hubert Mara, Moritz Mennenga, Georg Roth, Sophie C. Schmidt, Dirk Seidensticker, Florian Thiery, Martina Trognitz and Armin Volkmann.