Report for the CAA National Chapter of Germany

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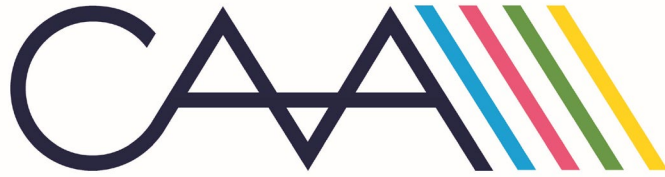**Update on the National Chapter Activities:*** *(Please insert additional pages, if needed)*

As COVID continued to raise issues with face-2-face meetings, it was decided to not organize a physical workshop in 2021. Instead, a separate general assembly was organized timely and according to our constitution. Participation was voluntary to reduce infection risk and the full and detailed meeting minutes were distributed electronically, allowing for comments and feedback. 8 members participated and no objections were raised by any other member. Since 2021 was also board election year, it was unanimously decided to delay the election for 1 year, hoping that the COVID situation will have improved by 2022.

As already mentioned in the last report, the CAA Germany decided to initiate a series of online events to stimulate the community and for continued exchange between interested parties. These "webcasts" took the form of online presentations, panel discussions and / or hands-on tutorials. Over 2021, we organised a total of 8 such events with 20-90 participants:

- o 5.2. anniversary webcast, celebrating 10 years CAA Germany
- o 12.3. QGIS
- o 23.4. LiDAR
- o 27. & 28.5. Structure from Motion workshop and webcast
- o 4.6. open workshop
- o 24.9. Automation
- o 3.12. Unicorns/Linked Data

All details are available on the CAA Germany website and it is planned to upload selected webcasts to YouTube.

Further to this, the CAA Germany supported several project applications with its expertise and willingness to support these projects in an advisory fashion, should they be funded. According projects and commitment was carefully selected on basis of their relevance for archaeology and political neutrality. One such project was NFDI4Objects which will be directly relevant for future

discussions on curation of archaeological finds and should further foster the exchange between archaeology and computer science.

Similarly, the CAA Germany decided to increase its participation and visibility in scientific decision making boards, such as the DFG. This is planned for 2022.

It is furthermore planned to hold the next CAA Germany workshop in conjunction with the German – Dutch/Flamish Joint Chapter Meeting towards the end of 2022. First plans have been laid out and Prof. Eleftheria Paliou from University of Cologne has volunteered to host the event. The workshop in Ulm will accordingly be shifted to 2023. During the workshop in 2022, board election will be held according to plan.

Due to its success so far, it is also planned to continue the online webcasts in 2022. To support this work, we have put together an editorial board responsible for suggesting topics, maintaining content etc. The board currently consists of: Nadine Alpino, Michael Teichmann, Johanna Röver, Brigit Danthine and Hubert Mara.

The board also enjoys the support of an advisory board with consisting of these distinguished members: Marco Block-Berlitz (Dresden), Benjamin Glissmann (Tübingen), Hubert Mara (Heidelberg), Moritz Mennenga (Wilhelmshaven), Georg Roth (Berlin), Sophie C. Schmidt (Bonn), Dirk Seidensticker (Gent), Florian Thiery (Mainz), Martina Trognitz (Wien), Armin Volkmann (Heidelberg).