



Report for the CAA National Chapter of Switzerland

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Update on the National Chapter Activities:

Conference and General Meeting

The long-awaited Grand Opening of CAA Switzerland took place on 5 May 2023. Under the slogan "Digital Processes", more than 30 people from different parts of the country and institutions came to the National Museum Zurich for the first conference and general meeting of CAA Switzerland. Lisa Fischer (President of CAA International) gave a warm welcome. Eight presentations provided a direct insight into the networking and digitisation projects of various Swiss institutions. Also, the CAA introduced itself in detail and our special interest group «Arbeitsgruppe digitale Grabungsdokumentation (DIG)» gave an overview of its current work. Finally, the successful start was celebrated with an aperitif. Many thanks to all participants and to the Swiss National Museum and Zurich Cantonal Archaeology for their support.

Other activities

In the run-up to the conference, the new CAA Switzerland logo was introduced in the Swiss national colours. The homepage was also to be changed to a new layout. However, this will be delayed until 2024. In February 2023, CAA Switzerland announced its new, official mission station for its Twitter account. We want to actively help spread thematically relevant tweets further among our followers. However, the rebranding of Twitter to X in July 2023 led to great uncertainty regarding the impact, ethics, and future of the app service. As a result, our mission also came to a standstill in the second half of the year. We will decide on how to proceed at the next general meeting.

Board appointments

The previously interim Board was confirmed for the first time at the General Assembly on 5 May 2023. This included a spontaneous adjustment: Emmanuel Clivaz joined the Board as the first representative of French-speaking Switzerland, taking over the position from Susanne Rütishauser. Susanne was a founding member and Vice Chair. She is leaving the Board and is thanked for her great commitment. The current Board is now made up as follows: Kristin Kruse (chair), Emmanuel Clivaz (vice chair), Martin Hinz (secretary), Christian Weiss (treasurer) and Timo Geitlinger (actuary and representative of "Archäologie Schweiz (AS)").