

Report for the CAA National Chapter of Czech Republic/Slovakia

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

The activities of CAA Czech Republic/Slovakia did not cease even during the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the measures in place and the preference for face-to-face meetings over holding the conference online (as was the case in 2020), in 2021, the conference was moved from the traditional spring date to autumn. This was the 20th anniversary of the meeting, which was organized by the Institute of Archaeology and Museology of Masaryk University in Brno, as the initiator and organizer of the first conference. The meeting took place on 25-27 October 2021 in Bořetice, South Moravia. Due to the recent passing of a prominent member of the CAA community, regular participant and excellent archaeologist Evžen Neustupný, the conference was dedicated to his memory. The papers were divided into sessions on (1) theory; (2) public presentation; (3) artifact studies; (4) artifacts and rituals; (5) 3D documentation; (6) landscape studies; and (7) remote sensing. There was also a poster session and a keynote lecture by Zuzana Hofmanová on data processing in archaeogenetics (https://archeo-muzeo.phil.muni.cz/ppa2021).

By agreement of the organizers, the next meeting was scheduled for the spring of 2022, so that the conference would return to its usual date. The 21st meeting was thus held at the brewery in Kostelec nad Černými lesy on June 1-3, 2022, and organized by the Institute of Archaeology of the Czech Academy of Sciences in Prague, with the support of Institute of Classical Archaeology of the Charles University. The main theme of the conference was Open Data Archaeology. Due to the short time gap from the previous meeting, the conference was supplemented by a series of workshops that formed its backbone: (1) Everything you want to know about radiocarbon dating but are afraid to ask; (2) Data management in archaeology; (3) Working with AIS CR tools; (4) LiDAR data processing – from point clouds to rasters. These were complemented by two blocks of papers, a poster session and a keynote talk by Jiří Cajthaml and Tomáš Janata on the use of a wide range of data in landscape reconstruction of the Vltava River valley (https://amcrinfo.aiscr.cz/ppa2022/).