



Report for the CAA National Chapter of UK

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

The 21/22 year saw the continued influence of COVID on the CAA-UK chapters ability to deliver as normal. To overcome this, a two-day conference was delivered, online, between the 10th and 11th December 2021. The free to attend conference saw 67 participants join a variety of speakers who presented 12 papers and one discussion panel. Of the 12 papers given, four of these were delivered by postgraduates participating in the first CAA-UK Postgraduate Award. Here, participants were invited to deliver a 20 minute presentation on their own postgraduate research. The committee were over the moon with the interest for the award, and each paper were commended for being of very high standards. The winner of the first CAA-UK Postgraduate Award, and receiver of a £100 prize, was Alastair Nock, for his paper entitled 'Inclusive Virtuality - Facilitating Access to Inaccessible Cultural Heritage Sites for the Physically Disabled through an Application of Multi-Sensory Virtual Environments'. Of the other papers, Daisy Turnbull also received commendation for her paper entitled 'Extrapolation of individual artefact data from in-situ deep-sea archaeological remains; quantitative analysis of a submerged artefact assemblage in the Black Sea.'. Two keynote papers were also provided across the conference. The first by Thomas Flynn, Cultural Heritage Lead at Sketchfab (3D Digitization & publishing: The past, present, & future), and Dr Chiara Bonacchi of the University of Edinburgh (Heritage and Nationalism: Understanding populism through big data).

During the online conference a AGM was held, this received updated from the relevant officers and included a note on the chapters finances which currently stand at £2100. Additionally, the committee welcomed a new member, Ulla Rajala, who was voted in as Web and Media Officer for the chapter.

The UK Chapter were very pleased that the CAA International conference was able to be held in our home country, in Oxford, in 2022. Whilst personal circumstances prevented many of the committee from attending, all the feedback we received after the event was very positive and we would like to thank John and the team for representing us so well.