# CAA National Chapter Information and Report

**National Chapter\*:** France

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*Please complete the following information about your national chapter. The information in fields with asterisks (\*) will be published on the CAA International website. All other information will not be publicly shared. Reports should be emailed to CAA’s Secretary at* [*secretary@caa-international.org*](mailto:secretary@caa-international.org)*.*

## Chapter Organisational Details

### Chapter Leadership

**Term Dates for the Current Steering Committee:**

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| **Name\*** | **Chapter Position\*** | **Email Address** |
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*All National Chapters must have at least three officers according to CAA’s Constitution. Any time there is a change in your chapter’s leadership, please notify the CAA Secretary.*

**CAA Steering Committee Representative\*:** anyone from the board

This is often the chair, but any member of the chapter’s leadership can be designated as the Steering Committee representative. However, the Steering Committee representative **must be a member of CAA International** while serving in this capacity**.**

## Chapter Membership

**Total Number of Current Members:** 19

**If you have different categories membership categories for Full Members, Students, and/or Low Income Members, please provide the numbers of members at each level:**

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| **Membership Level** | **Number of Members** |
| Full members | 19 |
| Friends (on a separate mailinglist) | 46 |

## Chapter Contact Information

**Chapter Website\*:** [https://caafrance.hypotheses.org](https://caafrance.hypotheses.org/)

**Chapter Social Media Channel(s) (optional):**

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| **Platform\*** | **Handle\*** |
| Github | <https://github.com/CAA-France> |
| Members mailing list | <https://framagroupes.org/sympa/info/caa.france> |
| Friends mailing list | <https://framagroupes.org/sympa/info/caa.france.info> |
| LinkedIn |  |
| YouTube |  |

**General Contact Email for the Chapter\*:** caa-fr@caaconference.org

*If you do not have a general chapter email address, please contact the secretary to have one created. The email can be set up as a separate inbox or as a forwarding account.*

## Chapter Description

**Brief Description of Your Chapter\*:**

*Please provide a few sentences or a paragraph describing your chapter, such as the kinds of activities you organise, when it was founded, who should join, etc. These descriptions should not include specific details about upcoming activities as they are meant to be “evergreen” and to drive traffic to your chapter’s website to learn more.*

CAA France aspires to be a hub for guidance and direction for all individuals and entities engaged in the intersection of computer sciences and archaeology in France. It serves as a platform to facilitate connections between:

• French students and professionals in the field of computer sciences and archaeology;

• Various European CAA Chapters;

• French actors and the CAA International community.

It is also a centralized resource for compiling French-speaking materials related to computer sciences and archaeology, including documentation, tutorials, software, and training programs.

In France, computer applications in archaeology feature a paradoxical situation: on the one hand, they boast a long and rich history but, on the other hand, these accomplishments are poorly known and recognized abroad. Just as France has a history of pioneering advancements in the computer industry (e.g., Bull Gamma 60, CERN's first World Wide Web), the French-speaking computational community appears to encounter challenges in scaling its capabilities.

Today, there is a consensus that several networks and various individual initiatives regarding computer and quantitative applications in archaeology exist in France, albeit in a fragmented manner. These networks are primarily organized around chrono-cultural specialties and macro-regions, making it challenging to comprehensively track all computer applications being developed in French-speaking archaeology. The establishment of the French chapter aims to enhance collaboration among individuals and existing networks, foster community promotion, and enhance the visibility of French-speaking computer applications in archaeology within the broader European and international CAA communities and connect individuals practitioners working in computer science applications in archaeology into national community.

Subscribe to our external mailing-list: https://framagroupes.org/sympa/info/caa.france.info.

**Translated Description in Your Chapter’s Language(s)\*:**

*If you would like to include the same description in your chapter’s language(s) as well, please provide the translation.*

# Report for the CAA National Chapter of France

**Reporting Period\*:** April 2024-October 2024

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

The chapter was created this year, 2024. A website was also created and we are preparing a launching event, planned for January 2025.

## Updates for CAA’s ESC

**Is there any information about your chapter or its activities that you would like to tell CAA’s Executive Steering Committee? This information will only be shared with the CAA’s officers and will not be made publicly available.**