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### CAA Australia 2013 National Chapter Report

During 2013, the CAA Australia National Chapter undertook the following activities:

**Legal incorporation:** The founding Members completed the legal incorporation of the CAA National Chapter (Constitution was emailed last year to the Secretary) and the registration of CAA Australia for an Australian Business Number needed to operate as a not-for-profit entity in Australia. CAA Australia is now legally registered and run.

**International Conference:** The flagship activity for our inaugural year was the organisation of the International conference in Australia - the first time in the southern hemisphere. CAA Australia secretary, Arianna Traviglia, organised and chaired the CAA 2013 conference *Across Space and Time* in Perth (25-28 March 2013). The conference was very successful, achieving a much higher number of participants - 250 - than was expected, given the financial situation all over the world and the lack of travel funding impacting many of the academics normally attending the conference. The conference offered a significant number of bursaries, as well as a Poster Prize sponsored by CAA Australia.

**Accounts:** Following the conference, Arianna Traviglia took care of the accounting and settled pending transactions with CAA International. The portion of membership fees collected during the CAA conference registration process after the EarlyBird deadline was transferred to CAA International and the Treasurer confirmed receipt. The accounting showed a profit that will be used in the coming years to run a local conference and seminars and promote the goals of CAA.

**Membership and mailing list:** CAA Australia Chair (Ian Johnson) and secretary (Arianna Traviglia) have worked toward the creation of a mailing list including the Australasian scholars who attended the conference, numbering around 130 people. An email will soon be sent to confirm their interest in joining the national chapter. We have decided to waive membership fees for 2014 to encourage take-up.

**Future conferences:** CAA Australia Chair and secretary had preliminary contacts with Prof. Paul Arthur from University of Western Sydney, who will chair the Digital Humanities conference in Sydney in 2015, and discussed the possibility of the CAA Australia local conference being held in conjunction with the DH2015 conference. Prof. Erik Champion (Curtin University, CAA Reviewer) expressed his interest in hosting a 2017 CAA Australia conference in 2017.

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