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4th Workshop of CAA-D in Berlin

Every year, CAA-D invites German speaking researchers dealing with computer applications or quantitative methods in archaeology to present their work at a two-day conference. The organisers especially welcome newcomers, e.g. students, who want to discuss their approaches. The presenters are asked to make sure that their talks or posters are intelligible to an audience with fairly basic knowledge of CAA topics. The conference fees are kept to a minimum (typically about 25 EUR, with reduced fees for low-income attendees and presenters). The conference language is German.

Nearly 120 people attended the 4th Workshop of CAA-D in Berlin on February 15th and 16th, 2013. The conference was hosted by the excellence cluster TOPOI, a research network investigating how space and knowledge were formed and transformed in ancient civilizations. The conference programme consisted of 14 talks and a poster session presenting seven posters. After the talks, two software tutorials were offered. The local organisers provided the opportunity to record the talks on video. The videos of those speakers consenting to this procedure are available online. Moreover, TOPOI invited participants giving talks, presenting posters or a tutorial to submit their paper for open access publication. Nine contributions were submitted, but unfortunately the proceedings volume has not appeared yet.

At the membership meeting in Berlin, chair Axel Posluschny and vice chair Tim Kerig resigned from the board of CAA-D. Both of them had been on the board since 2003 and did a great job. The new chair is Karsten Lambers, while Matthias Lang took the position of vice chair. The third board member, treasurer Irmela Herzog, was re-elected.

Session with focus on Computer Applications in Landscape Archaeology in Lübeck

CAA-D also contributed a session to the Conference of the North-west German Association for Archaeological Research (Tagung des Nordwestdeutschen Verbandes für Altertumsforschung) held in Lübeck, September 2nd to 6th. This session consisting of nine talks was attended by about 65 participants.

Additional activities in 2013

The web page of CAA-D was completely redesigned, including a news-feed. The web team also created a new logo for CAA-D.

At the end of 2013, 110 names were on the membership list of CAA-D. Currently, CAA-D does not raise membership fees.

More detailed information concerning CAA-D activities can be found on the web site of CAA Germany at http://www.caa-d.de/ (in German).

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5th Workshop of CAA-D in Tübingen

About 100 people attended the 5th Workshop of CAA-D in Tübingen on February 14th and 15th, 2014. The conference was hosted by the E-Science-Center of the Eberhard-Karls-Universität in Tübingen. The conference programme consisted of 16 talks and a poster session presenting nine posters. After the talks, three software tutorials were offered dealing with different applications of GIS.

CAA-D – CAA-NL/FL: Third Joint Chapter Meeting

About 80 people attended the 3rd biannual Joint Chapter Meeting of CAA Netherlands/Flanders with CAA-D in Cologne on October 3rd and 4th, 2014. The conference was hosted by the Laboratory of Dendrochronology at Cologne University. The conference had two topics: Six talks dealing with the topic "Teaching digital archaeology – digitally teaching archaeology" were presented on October 3rd. On October 4th, ten talks dealt with the topic "Identifying patterns, calculating similarities".

Session at the German Archaeology Congress in Berlin

Immediately after the Third Joint Chapter Meeting, the German Archaeology Congress was held at the Free University and the Max-Planck-Institute in Berlin. This joint congress of the three regional German Associations for Archaeological Research takes place every three years and serves as a meeting point for archaeologists from all over Germany. In 2014, more than 700 people attended the congress. Undine Lieberwirth of the excellence cluster TOPOI in Berlin supported CAA-D in organising a session consisting of eight talks covering different topics. About 65 people attended this session, held on October 10th. Two other sessions at this congress dealt with CAA topics: (i) open access / open data; (ii) long-term repositories and data structures for archaeological data.

Preparations for the 6th Workshop of CAA-D in Dresden

Currently, CAA-D is preparing for the 6th annual Workshop in Dresden, scheduled for February 6th and 7th, 2015. The workshop will be hosted at the State Office for Archaeology in Dresden. Participants are offered the opportunity to take one of two guided tours through the State Office before the official start of the programme on Friday afternoon. The conference programme includes 14 talks and a poster session presenting seven posters. On Saturday afternoon, after the talks, three tutorials will be offered.

Additional Activities

It is the aim of CAA-D to establish an open access platform for publishing talks, papers and selected tutorials presented at CAA-D meetings. The papers submitted will be peer-reviewed and will be published within reasonable time after the submission. Matthias Lang is currently working on preparing such a platform in collaboration with University of Tübingen´s library.

The 7th Workshop of CAA-D will be held in Hamburg in February 2016.

In December 2014, 135 names are on the membership list of CAA-D.

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