

To my fellow CAA members,

My name is Cesar Gonzalez-Perez and I would like to stand for the office of Membership Secretary of CAA. I am proposed by Mercedes Farjas and seconded by Stephen Stead.

But let me tell you about me and my plans. I attended CAA for the first time in 1997, fifteen years ago. I was then a PhD student working on the theoretical and methodological commonalities shared by cultural heritage and software engineering, so CAA looked like an excellent place to be. My involvement with CAA has only increased since then; for the last few years, I have led an average of three contributions (papers, sessions, workshops) to the conference per year. Now, I kindly solicit your support to become part of CAA's steering team.

These days, I am a tenured Staff Scientist (roughly equivalent to a Senior Lecturer in the UK system) at the Institute of Heritage Sciences (Incipit) of the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), one of the largest and most active research-only organisations in Europe. Here I lead the strategic research line entitled "Semantic Technologies for Cultural Heritage", which focuses on the development of the necessary theories, methodologies and technologies for the construction of meaning around the information that is obtained within cultural heritage endeavours.



I keep an extensive network of international contacts, especially in the UK, Australia, France, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile, which places us, from our Mediterranean position, in the context of a multicultural and multilingual web. In addition, at Incipit we have active projects in four continents and involving up to 15 nationalities, which opens the door to new, large audiences (such as South America) towards which CAA could be promoted. I am also the creator and manager of the group "Information Technologies and Cultural Heritage" on LinkedIn, the largest group on this topic, which I believe would be an invaluable resource for raising awareness about CAA.

I am 44 and live in beautiful Santiago de Compostela, and I'd love to volunteer some of my time as Membership Secretary of CAA. Please talk to me in person at the CAA meeting, or by email on cesar.gonzalez-perez@incipit.csic.es, if you have any questions or suggestions about my standing. I'll be delighted to discuss them with you.

See you in Southampton!

Cesar Gonzalez-Perez

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