

Proceedings of the 21st International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies (CHNT) held in Vienna, Austria, November 16-18, 2016.

We are proud to present you with the *Proceedings* of the 21st International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies (CHNT), which took place from November 16 to 18, 2016 in the extraordinary setting of Vienna's City Hall. The theme of the conference was "Urban Archaeology and Archaeological Data: Preservation Re-use and Repurposing."

Archaeological data are created digitally with increased regularity. Digital data are more flexible and versatile than analogue data. Nine sessions, poster presentations and three round tables dealt with different aspects of the year's theme.

Since 1996, the conference has been a valuable platform for discussion, exchange and presentation. Conference participants come from many countries and represent many fields: archaeologists, cultural scientists, representatives of government authorities, institutions and universities, researchers and decision makers. The conference offers a unique opportunity to create synergies between the field of Cultural Heritage, its documentation and preservation, and the latest technical applications and methods. Up-to-date methods, questions of applicability and future changes are the focus of workshops, lectures and exhibitors.

For the first time, the *Proceedings* of CHNT are being published in the peer-reviewed, Open Access online journal, *Studies in Digital Heritage*, published by Indiana University's Virtual World Heritage Laboratory and University Library. It was a challenge! As always, a new undertaking means difficulties, misunderstandings and problems. But after very hard work, sleepless nights, and hundreds of e-mails between the various volunteers responsible for producing the journal, we can show a great result!

Special thanks are owed to the journal's editors-in-chief, Bernard Frischer and Gabriele Guidi, and also to Kelly McClinton, Jane Crawford, and the technical magician, Richard S. Higgins. You have done a truly wonderful job.

Special thanks are also owed to our many peer reviewers (listed [here](#)). We are grateful to you for so selflessly volunteering your time and expertise to make sure that only the best papers were published. Last but not least, we thank our many authors for their contributions, cooperation, and patience.

Thank you!

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