

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Board of directors re-elected in 2021

The nonprofit international CAN in Automation (CiA) users' and manufacturers' association hold its annual general assembly in 2021 again as online meeting, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



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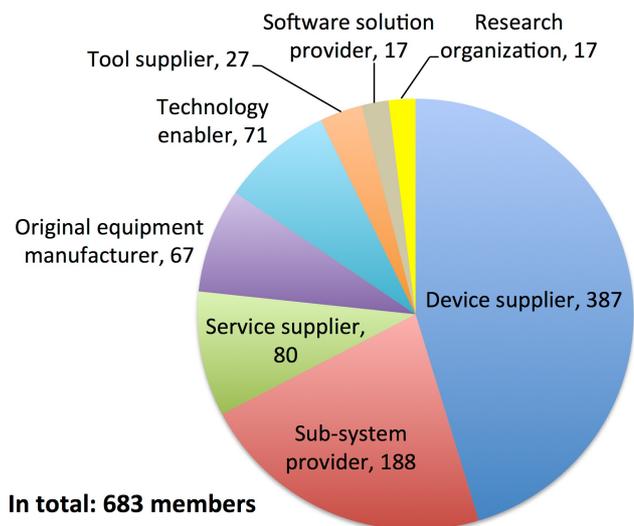
2021. All technical group meetings take place virtually, too.

The CiA budget 2021 was accepted and will be adjusted to the circumstances caused by the coronavirus. The organization continues to provide services such as answering technical inquiries as well as performing webinars and technology days. It also publishes the CAN Newsletter, and distributes community news by means of email. The organization provides also information on selected social media. CiA tweets on [Twitter](#) (@CANopen) and uploads videos on its [Youtube channel](#). Since September, the association posts also on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#). They are also active on Wechat (@CANinAutomation), however only in Chinese. Social media has become more important in times of Covid-19 to keep contact with the CAN community, explained the group.

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The members re-elected the board of directors as well as the members of the CiA business committee and the CiA technical committee. Uwe Koppe (Microcontrol) was confirmed as CiA Technical Director and Christian Schlegel (CS Consulting) as CiA Business Director. Holger Zeltwanger is furthermore the CiA Managing Director. The nonprofit organization with about 700 members develops currently the CAN XL specifications, the third generation of CAN data link layer protocols. It also maintains the classic CANopen and CANopen FD specifications. There is also a CAN FD Light specification under development.

The elected members of the CiA business committee are Emotas, Janztec, ESD, Microcontrol, and Vector. The CiA technical committee comprises the following elected members: Emotas, Emsa, ESD, HMS, and Bosch. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the CiA marketing activities are limited to online events, this includes the [17th international CAN Conference](#) (iCC) scheduled on June



CiA member classification: Most of the members are device suppliers; technology enablers offer semiconductors, IP cores, protocol stacks, and interface units without application behavior such as dongles, for example (Source: CiA)