IVOA Full Meeting (Supplementary): FM23-S

17 May 2007: 18.00 - 20.15 Beijing Local Time

Notes: NAW

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Glossary

ArVO - Armenian VO	http://www.aras.am/arvo.htm
AstroGrid - UK VO initiative	http://www.astrogrid.org
Aus-VO - Australian Virtual Observatory	http://www.aus-vo.org
CDS - Centre de Donnes Astronomiques de Strasbourg	http://www.cdsweb.u-strasbg.fr
China-VO - Chinese Virtual Observatory	http://www.china-vo.org
CVO - Canadian Virtual Observatory	http://www1.cadc-ccda.hia-iha.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/cvo/
Euro-VO European Virtual Observatory	http://www.euro-vo.org
F-VO - VO-France	http://www.france-vo.org
GAVO - German Virtual Observatory	http://www.g-vo.org
HVO - Hungarian Virtual Observatory	http://hvo.elte.hu
VO-India - Indian Virtual Observatory	http://vo.iucaa.ernet.in/~voi/
VObs.it - The Italian Virtual Observatory	http://vobs.astro.it/
JVO - Japanese Virtual Observatory	http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html
KVO - Korean Virtual Observatory	http://kvo.kao.re.kr
NVO - National Virtual Observatory	http://www.us-vo.org
RVO - Russian Virtual Observatory	http://www.inasan.rssi.ru/eng/rvo/
SVO - Spanish Virtual Observatory	http://www.laeff.esa.es/svo/
IVOA - International Virtual Observatory Alliance	http://www.ivoa.net

Agenda:

1. Exec Committee response to the IVOA Assessment.
2. Turnover of Working Group Chairs and TCG Vice-Chair nomination
3. Exec Committee response to Schade/Arviset report on Implementation of IVOA standards
4. Location of the Autumn 2008 InterOp meeting.
5. AOB
6. Summary of New Actions

NEXT MEETING : Telecon Thurs 12 July 2007 @ 15.00 GMT

1. Discussion of the IVOA Assessment

FG introduced this further discussion session of the IVOA Assessment. She noted that various computer networking issues had slowed down the distribution of the assessment returns to the Exec.

FG discussed the presentation that will be given during the IVOA Assessment session - Friday 18 May 2007.

a) The web site:
DS, BH, DY, AL, AK, MO indicated that they will help FG in addressing the format and content of the IVOA website - with the focus on whether it is 'fit for purpose'

Action FM23-S-1A: FG+DS, BH, DY, AL, AK, MO: check web site that goals and aims of the IVOA are clear enumerated.

b) Proceeding towards our goals:
- The projects need to fund staff to work on IVOA goals
- Reinforce the role of the Technical Coordination Group (TCG) [Note this name was **AGREED** here - the body has been previously known as the TCC].
  - o appoint a vice chair
  - o firm up the charter and role of the TC
  - o formalise regular TCG telecon meetings
- Write a charter for the Exec

DS suggested that there should be an indication of how science use cases feed through into the work of the TCG

BH: there needs to be some statement in the IVOA Exec charter re explicitly linking science usage to standards development. The IVOA Exec and TCG should act to ensure the relevance of the IVOA standards in enabling key science cases.

Action FM23-S-1B: All Exec: all projects provide feedback on whether the actions in Table 1 fit the requirements of each project.

c) Review of Exec pages on the Website

d) WGs/ IGs
- Important to see regular rotation of the Chairs.
- Suggestion (NW) to reform the Stds+Process-WG to develope process recommendations for operational topics of the IVOA.

e) Standardisation process

- Needs to be speeded up where possible

f) Format of the Interops
- Focus and effectiveness of the Autumn interop.

g) Communication
- Give an opportunity (at Interops) for VO Projects to update the IVOA of their current status and progress.
- Issue of the focus of a possible IVOA Newsletter. What should its focus be.

Action FM23-S-1C: DY+FG Investigate the possibility of 'News from the IVOA' to be issued after the Autumn interop.

The viewgraphs of FG which were discussed were **AGREED** for publication and discussion during the Interop plenary session Friday 28 May 2007.

2. Turnover of Working Group Chairs and TCG Vice-Chair nomination

The rotation of the chairs and vice-chairs of the following groups were discussed by the IVOA Exec.

- DAL-WG: chair (Keith Noddle), vice-chair (Markus Dolensky) : **AGREED**
- DM-WG: chair (Mireille Louys), vice-chair (Anita Richards) : **AGREED**
- GWS-WG: chair (Matthew Graham), vice-chair (TBC) : **AGREED**
- DataCP-IG: chair (Bob Hanisch), vice-chair (TBC) : **AGREED**
- AstroRG-IG: chair (TBC), vice-chair (TBC) : 2 week proposal period for suggestions
- TCG: vice chair (Christophe Arviset) : **AGREED**
- InterOp organisers: (Serverin Gaudet), (Marie-Lise Dubernet) : **AGREED** (in addition Nicholas Walton stays on for continuity).

All changes are effective from the end of this May 2007 InterOp, thus the transition should begin now.

FG clarified that the expectation is that the TCG vice chair will take over the role of Chair.

FG thanked the outgoing chairs and vice chairs for their important work in progressing the IVOA standards work. The Exec fully agreed with this.

3. Exec Committee response to Schade/Arviset report on Implementation of IVOA standards

This item will be discussed at the next IVOA Exec meeting.

Action FM23-S-3 Exec: Comments required (to FG) by 7 June 2007

4. Location of the Autumn 2008 InterOp meeting.

This will be discussed further at the next IVOA Exec Telecon.

However there was some brief discussion that as the 2009 Autumn ADASS would be in Japan, that it as a venue for an InterOp in 2008 might be inappropriate. However there was some suggestion of organising a VO/Grid meeting in Japan in 2008.

5. AOB

None

6. Summary of New Actions

Action FM23-S-1A: FG+DS, BH, DY, AL, AK, MO: check web site that goals and aims of the IVOA are clear enumerated.
Action FM23-S-1B: All Exec: all projects provide feedback on whether the actions in Table 1 fit the requirements of each project.
Action FM23-S-1C: DY+FG Investigate the possibility of 'News from the IVOA' to be issued after the Autumn interop.
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Meeting closed: 20.15