IVOA Exec Full Meeting: FM40 Supplementary

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Glossary:

ArVO - Armenian VO	http://www.aras.am/Arvo/arvo.htm
AstroGrid - UK VO initiative	http://www.astrogrid.org
Aus-VO - Australian Virtual Observatory	http://aus-vo.org.au/
BRAVO - Brazil Virtual Observatory	http://www.lna.br/bravo/
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
VAO - Virtual Astronomical Observatory (USA) http://www.us-vo.org
RVO - Russian Virtual Observatory   http://www.inasan.rssi.ru/eng/rvo/
SVO - Spanish Virtual Observatory   http://svo.laeff.inta.es
IVOA - International Virtual Observatory Alliance   http://www.ivoa.net

Agenda:

1. Roll Call and Agenda (MA)
2. Expiring Chairs and Vice-Chairs
3. Brazilian VO (BRAVO) status (AC and PC)
4. Large Projects and the VO (PP, all)
5. Possible New IVOA members (PP)
6. October 2011 Interop (AK)
7. Future Interop Meetings (All)
8. IVOA and the OGF (FP)
9. IVOA Web pages (AL)
10. AOB
11. Summary of Actions (MA)

A. Appendices - reports from VO projects, WGs and IGs, see the wiki at:
    http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM40

NEXT MEETING: to be determined by email poll.

1. Roll call and Agenda
The participants names were recorded. The agenda follows on from the meeting earlier in the week. Items about the IVOA and the OGF, and the IVOA Web pages were added to the agenda. The discussion on Expiring Chairs and Vice-Chairs initiated in FM40 was continued.

2. Expiring WG Chairs and Vice-Chairs

The positions of Chair and Vice chair were discussed for the Working Groups whose chair and/or Vice Chair terms were near expiration.

The following proposal for Chairs and Vice-Chairs was AGREED.

Data Models
Chair: Jesus Salgado (ESAVO), Vice Chair: Omar Laurino (VAO)
(effective 5/2011)

Applications
Chair: Mark Taylor (AstroGrid), Vice Chair: Enrique Solano (SVO)
(effective 7/2011)

GWS
Chair: Andreas Wicenec (AusVO), Vice Chair: Andre Schaaff (VOFrance)
(effective 5/2011)

Semantics
Chair - Sebastien Derriere (VOFrance), Vice Chair - Norman Gray (AstroGrid)
(both extended for one year to 6/2012)

VOEvent
Chair: Matthew Graham (VAO)
(effective 5/2011)
Vice Chair: Anastia Alexov (pending her acceptance, effective 10/2011)

Theory
Chair- Herve Wozniak (VOFrance) (extended by one year to 5/2012)
Vice chair: Franck Le Petit (VOFrance) (effective 5/2011)

Discussion on TCG Chair and vice chair:

The exec extended their thanks to CA and SG for doing an amazing job managing the TCG.

CA and SG left the room for the discussion about the TCG leads.

It was AGREED to extend both CA and SG as Chair and Vice Chair of the TCG. The current process in the TCG works very well and there is a strong desire to maintain the current momentum. It was noted that some effort will be required to organize a smooth transition to new leadership of the TCG.

ACTION FM40S-1 : PP to circulate the proposals for new and extended Chairs and vice-chairs to the exec via email

[Subsequent email discussion including exec members not at the meeting agreed on all of the proposals. At the closing plenary PP extended his thanks on behalf of the whole IVOA to the outgoing Chairs and Vice-Chairs for their hard work in these positions]

3. Brazilian VO (BRAVO) status (AC and PC)

AC and PC described the renewed effort in the BRAVO project as a 'new BRAVO'. A detailed report is available on the meeting web page. Funding of 200-300k is available for the next few years. The first initiatives will include a workshop, and also a 'Use Case' program where BRAVO will support selected projects by hiring professional IT services.

BRAVO is planning a VO School in the 1st semester of 2012, and has consulted with a number of people at the interop meeting about VO Schools conducted by various VO projects.
It was noted that the BRAVO activities will likely provide opportunities for contact between other South American VO projects.

PP welcomed the new BRAVO effort.

4. Large Projects and the VO (PP, all)

PP made a presentation on the need for improved coordination between the IVOA and the large projects that will soon be producing large quantities of data.

DS and all noted that more effort was needed to demonstrate VO benefits to large projects.

AL and all agreed on the importance of participation of technical people from these large projects in IVOA meetings.

DDY suggested targeting a few specific projects to come to IVOA meetings. AL suggested having sessions (similar to the EPO session at this interop) at the next interop to focus on large projects.

AW suggested that the information in the presentations (and extended during the discussion) could be organized into spreadsheet form to better assess the needs and approach of IVOA toward large projects.

ACTION FM40S-2 - PP to circulate information about the current status of large projects for discussion

5. Possible New IVOA members (PP)

PP reported that he has interacted with representatives from Serbia at this meeting and they have sought information on how to apply to become a member of IVOA.

Representatives from Ukraine had intended to participate in this interop meeting. Ukraine intends to make a formal application for membership in IVOA.

6. October 2011 Interop (AK)

AK outlined the preparations being made for the Interop in Pune. The meeting date is October 17-21, 2011. Some accommodation (25-30 rooms) will be available on the grounds of the meeting location, and it is expected that direct booking of hotels will be provided by the local organisers. The local organisers also anticipate providing transport to Pune from Mumbai with an expected cost of ~$40 per car.

A web page for the meeting should be available in mid June.

AK indicated that the idea of a science workshop connected to the interop meeting is being considered.

7. Future Interop Meetings (All)

BH indicated that VAO would like to host the May 2012 interop meeting in the US, but there is not yet a specific proposal for the location.

PC and AC proposed that the Oct/Nov 2012 interop be hosted by BRAVO in a location close to São Paulo.

ACTION FM40S-3 : AC and PC to confirm that BRAVO can host the Oct/Nov 2012 interop meeting.

8. IVOA and the OGF (FP)

Following from ACTION TM35-2 FP outlined his report (sent to exec May 15, 2011) "Report on the creation of an IVOA-OGF Liaison Group". The report was APPROVED and it was AGREED to follow the option (labelled 2a) to establish:

'a proper IVOA group (Liaison Group), preparing a charter for the group's activities and polling the IVOA community for participation; this group would be called "OGF LG" on the IVOA side, while on the OGF side the activities of the Astro-RG group could be restarted; '

with FP as the convenor.

9. IVOA Web pages (AL)

AL outlined the current progress on updating the IVOA web pages.
The deployers section remains to be done. There are some ideas for how to provide information for public and students.

BH and all commented that the new front page is a definite improvement on the old pages.

ACTION FM40S-4 : AL to compile a summary and to-do list for the update of the IVOA web pages.

[see :- http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/RevisedWebsiteDesign]

10. AOB

VAO Project Scientist:

BH announced that Dave De Young will relinquish his role as VAO project scientist and thanked him for his contributions.

PP and all thanked DDY for his work in IVOA including serving as Chair of IVOA and for being instrumental in establishing the Committee on Science Priorities.

Interop Meeting Attendance:

SG noted that there were 103 attendees at this interop meeting.

11. Summary of Actions (MA)

New Actions:

ACTION FM40S-1 PP to circulate the proposals for new and extended Chairs and vice-chairs to the exec via email

ACTION FM40S-2 PP to circulate information about the current status of large projects for discussion

ACTION FM40S-3 AC and PC to confirm that BRAVO can host the Oct/Nov 2012 interop meeting.

ACTION FM40S-4 AL to compile a summary and to-do list for the update for the update of the IVOA web pages.

Other actions including revised status on some actions

ACTION FM40-1 PP to talk to the relevant current WG chairs
CLOSED - Done during interop meeting

ACTION FM40-2 PP to email exec asking for suggestions for new Chairs/Vice-Chairs
CLOSED - Done

ACTION FM40-3 DDY to revise the CSP report
CLOSED - Done, see mail to exec by DDY 19 May 2011

ACTION FM40-4 BH to email NOVA and BRAVO contacts with links to VO publishing materials

ACTION FM40-5 CA to email NOVA and BRAVO contacts with links to VO publishing materials

ACTION FM40-6 FP to email NOVA and BRAVO contacts with links to VO publishing materials

ACTION TM39-4 AK to collate information on the logistics for the Pune Interop
CLOSED

ACTION FM38S-3 BH and FG to check with AA on how the process would work, in particular for the bibcode.
ONGOING

ACTION FM38S-4 Document Coordinator (after ACTION FM38S-3) to submit all existing RECs.
ONGOING

ACTION FM38-5 TCG next meeting should discuss implementation and validation tools for data centres to takeup VO Standards.