IVOA Exec Full Meeting: FM44

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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. Minutes of TM43 (MA)
3. Review of Actions (MA)
4. Project Reports [Significant Events Only]
5. Report of the TCG meeting and TCG status (SG)
6. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]
7. TCG, WG and G Chairs and Deputy-Chairs with expiring terms
8. 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/IvoaExecMeetingFM44

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 23 May 2012, 12:30-14.00

1. Roll Call and Agenda
The participants' names were recorded. MD is standing in for Joachim Wambsganss (GAVO), BB is a VAO representative.

Two items were identified for the AOB: AL on IVOA web pages. ALL to discuss state of IVOA.

2. Previous Minutes

The TM43 minutes were **APPROVED.**

3. Status of Actions

The actions were read and a number of the items were discussed.

ACTION TM43-2 AC to inform exec about the best week for the interop meeting.

ACTION TM43-3 MA to finalize collating lists, and present to the exec before the next exec meeting.
CLOSED - list to presented at this meeting

ACTION TM43-4 FG to go ahead submit a message of intent for IVOA to join WDS.
CLOSED
FG noted that the form for networks is still to be completed. MO indicated that he attended the opening ceremony of WDS on May 9.

ACTION TM43-5 - VAO to organize a telecon with POC, MA, FG
CLOSED - managed via email

ACTION FM42S-3 All IVOA members to collate lists of data centres that have or will publish to the VO - **CLOSED**

ACTION FM42S-4 CA to consult TCG on format changes to the interop meetings

CLOSED - Meeting format discussed in TCG, no major changes deemed necessary

4. Project Reports

A number of project reports are available on the meeting web page.

EuroVO - FG reported that EuroVO is in negotiation for funding of a project called CoSADIE with approval likely. The project will continue EuroVO activities (travel) and will look at sustainability of VO. The project is connected to AstroNet. It will include a data Centre Forum.

VO-India - AK reported on a number of collaborations with US in more general areas in which Astronomers are sometimes invited. these relationships sometimes lead to resources becoming available. VOindia is also in discussion about serving the CRTS data.

CVO - DS highlighted the CVO report on the web page, in particular the use of the Common Archive Observation Model, and the connections to large projects (SKA, CFHTLS). TAP is being used heavily. The CADC has made a big effort to make their VOSpace implementation robust, in order to handle the 40TB/week data flow.

 VObs.It - FP reported more involvement with large projects in particular Euclid. And that this involves other IVOA members ESA, (AstroGrid), Canada.

AusVO - AW reported that various funding lines are being sought. The AusVO website will be moved to AAL.

5. Report of the TCG meeting and TCG status

SG reported on the TCG meeting that was held just before the current Exec meeting. Details of the status of standards development is provided in the TCG Minutes. ([Minutes](#))

TCG discussed Utypes, in terms of their 'parsability', and what the use cases are. The TCG identified the need for a 'Tiger Team' to make progress in this area, specifically to gather use cases and to assess current usage.

ACTION FM44-1 Exec to consider Tiger Team for Utypes

SG described the priority issue of monitoring services for validation of standards compliance.

There was some discussion on the need for policies and how this relates to technical implementation.

ACTION FM44-2 AL to define a group who will develop policy recommendations in the are of service validation and standard compliance.

ACTION FM44-3 Registry WG to summarize validation processes and the current levels of compliance

SG described the web pages for 'Publishing Data in the VO'. These are currently incomplete, and SG called for contributions to the content of these pages.

The TCG meeting also included a presentation on science priorities from the CSP, and a discussion on SEDs.

The exec expressed its gratitude and thanks to Christophe Arviset and Severin Gaudet for their outstanding leadership of the TCG.

Members of the TCG attending the Exec meeting were released at this point.

6. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]
No new items requiring approval at this exec meeting. Requests for approval of standards by the exec is now mostly done via email.

7. TCG, WG and IG Chairs and Deputy-Chairs with expiring terms

AK described the following positions as being open, and that nominations had been sought by email (May 9, 2012).

Chair and Deputy Chair - Technical Coordination Group (TCG).

Chair and Deputy Chair - Semantics Working Group

Chair - Theory Interest Group

AK reported that a number of nominations had been received but that it would be beneficial to have more nominations before the Wednesday exec meeting.

Another position has also become open for the Applications WG Deputy Chair due to E. Solano stepping down after 1 year. Given the timing it was **AGREED** to allow more time for nominations for this position, up until June 1, 2012.

The position of Liaison Committee Chair was also noted as open.

The need for changeover in the Program Organizing Committee (POC) was also discussed.

Some discussion was held on the position of TGC chair and deputy chair.

ACTION FM44-4 MA to email exec with reminders about the call for nominations for the open TCG, Semantics WG and Theory WG positions, and to announce a call for nominations for the Apps WG Deputy Chair.

8. Summary of Actions

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