IVOA Exec Meeting: FM53

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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

ChiVO – Chile Virtual Observatory   http://www.chivo.cl
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 Astrophysical Virtual Observatory   http://www.g-vo.org
HVO - Hungarian Virtual Observatory   http://hvo.elte.hu
NOVA – Argentina Virtual Observatory   http://nova.conicet.gov.ar
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/
SA^3– South Africa Astroinformatics Alliance   http://www.sa3.ac.za
SVO - Spanish Virtual Observatory   http://svo.cab.inta-csic.es
UKR-VO - Ukraine Virtual Observatory   http://www.ukr-vo.org/
IVOA - International Virtual Observatory Alliance   http://www.ivoa.net

Agenda:

1. Roll Call and Agenda (JE)
2. Minutes of TM52
3. Review of Actions
4. Project Reports [Significant Events Only]
5. TCG status
6. WG Chairs/Vice Chairs status
7. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]
8. Review expiring Working Group Chair/Deputy Chair positions

A. Appendices - reports from VO projects see the wiki at:

http://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM53

NEXT EXEC MEETING: Wednesday May 21 2014, @1:30PM

1.   Roll Call and Agenda

The participants' introduced themselves and their names were recorded.

2.   Minutes of TM52

The TM52 minutes were accepted.

3.   Review of Action Items

ACTION FM44-3 Registry WG to summarize validation processes and the current levels of compliance
CLOSED – GG reports this action was closed in Heidelberg

ACTION FM50-3 BH to review the terms and conditions of the IVOA membership and update so that it's more suitable for the future.

CLOSED – BH on agenda to brief Exec on status of VO efforts in the US post-VAO

ACTION 52-1: BB to report on Document & Repository transition progress at Madrid Exec meeting
CLOSED – BB on agenda to brief Exec on Doc & Repository transition progress

ACTION 52-2: DS to work to find long-term coordinator by Madrid Exec meeting
CLOSED – DS worked issue prior to interop and presented results at Exec mtg

ACTION 52-3: Project Leads/WG Chairs come forward with suggestions to fill expiring working group chair/deputy chair positions
CLOSED

4. *Project Reports*

Project reports from BRAVO, China-VO, CVO, GAVO, VObs.it, Japan-VO, VAO, SVO are included in the meeting wiki page.

In addition:

FG reported on the new European Framework Programme, Horizon 2020. There is an open call for proposals including one about the clustering of research infrastructure, in which Euro-VO could participate, and others but none focussed on building disciplinary e-infrastructure.

LM noted that SALT data was available through VO interfaces. SA[3] and CDS, with help from SA Centre for High Performance Computing (CHPC), have installed a mirror copy of VizieR and are in the process of testing it before announcing it publicly.

BH provided several highlights covering the end of the VAO project and his move to NIST. For the VAO, project will end in Sept 2014. There is an ambitious schedule in the last year and the team is working hard toward the final schedule goals. A closeout review with the funding agencies is planned for July. The review includes a briefing of the entire VAO project that spanned several years. BH followed with information about his career transition and new job at NIST. NIST is the US agency in charge of standards. They have a wide portfolio covering data and informatics. The new position starts at the End of July. He has plans to stay involved in astronomy.

5. *TCG Status*

Severin reported on the latest TCG activities. The status of standards in the RFC process is that VOUnits 1.0 is in Exec review. There were late comments in the review process. The WG chairs have discretion in accepting or turning down late comments. Reminders of participation early in the review process will be presented during the Plenary Sessions at InterOps. MOC 1.0 has finished TCG review and planned to be sent to the Exec this week. TCG review of the Parameter Definition Language (PDL) is nearly complete. Discussions have centered on having both technical and conceptual representations of data models in documents. The plan is to get it to the Exec this week. The Relational Registry (RegTAP) 1.0 RFC is complete. RegTAP will be discussed at this InterOp. RFC for Spectral DM 2 was initiated earlier this month.

The VO-DML standard has impact outside of the DM WG. Other groups may use VO-DML to model data in their WG. There is a possibility that VO-DML code may "leak out" of the WG to DAL or Apps. VO-DML WD still requires input and improvement. Four stakeholders have been identified with regard to Data model serialization – Apps, DAL, DM, and CSP. There is a fundamental disagreement on the serialization document that is holding back advancement.

In the area of TCG general discussions, FG led the identification of "strong" notes: errata and implementation notes. An overview process was discussed where the WG would oversee the creation and maintenance of these documents with TCG review. A modification to the Standards and Processes document will be proposed describing the process for "strong" notes. Discussion of WG/IG participation in Focus Sessions was led by MA. MG reviewed the IVOA Roadmap for 2014. SG presented an update of the IVOA architecture. MT discussed codebases and repositories. With regard to review of Publishing data in the VO page Ref. IVOA action FM3805, PLS took an action to ask for an update to this page.

6.   WG Chairs/Vice Chairs Status

The WG chairs for Apps, DAL, DM, Grid/Web, Registry, and DCP provided brief highlights from each of their areas. The working group reports are available, see the wiki at:

http://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/PlenarySessionsMay2014

7.   Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]

VOUnits 1.0 was sent to the Exec on May 17.   PDL 1.0 and MOC 1.0 were distributed on May 19.

DS reported the Exec approved VOUnits, MOC, and PDL as IVOA recommendations during the Interop week on May 23.

8.   Review expiring Working Group Chair/Deputy Chair positions

The terms up for expiration were reviewed. They are:

- Application Chair: Mark Taylor
- CDP Chair: Alberto Accomazzi (already has a one-year extension)
- DAL Chair: Pat Dowler (already has a one-year extension)
- DM Chair: Jesus Salgado
- DM Vice-chair: Omar Laurino
- GWS Chair: André Schaaff
- GWS Vice-Chair: Andreas Wicenec
- Registry Chair: Gretchen Greene
- Registry Vice-chair: Pierre Le Sidaner

It was noted that decisions would happen later in the week or even possibly outside of this week's Interop meeting if candidates were not in attendance. DS outlined the names of

several people for several positions that were given to him prior to the meeting. No decisions were made on Sunday.

The following agenda items were moved for discussion to the Supplementary meeting on Wed, May 21:

9.   *IVOA Web Page and Document Repository transfer*
10.   *Status of VO efforts in the US post-VAO*
11.   *Date of Next Exec Meeting*
12.   *AOB*
13.   *Review of Action Items (JE)*