

IVOA Exec Meeting: FM66

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Glossary:

NOVA – Argentina Virtual Observatory <http://nova.conicet.gov.ar>
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-ihp.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/cvo/>
ESA-VO – European Space Agency Virtual Observatory
Euro-VO - European Virtual Observatory <http://www.euro-vo.org>
GAVO - German Astrophysical Virtual Observatory <http://www.g-vo.org>
HVO - Hungarian Virtual Observatory <http://hvo.elte.hu>
JVO - Japanese Virtual Observatory <http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html>
OV-France - VO-France <http://www.france-vo.org>
RVO - Russian Virtual Observatory <http://www.inasan.ru/eng/rvo/>
SA³– South Africa Astroinformatics Alliance <http://www.sa3.ac.za>
SVO - Spanish Virtual Observatory <http://svo.cab.inta-csic.es>
UkrVO - Ukraine Virtual Observatory <http://www.ukr-vo.org/>
USVOA – US Virtual Observatory Alliance <http://usvoa.cfa.harvard.edu>
VO-India - Indian Virtual Observatory <http://vo.iucaa.ernet.in/~voi/>
VObs.it - The Italian Virtual Observatory <http://vobs.astro.it/>
IVOA - International Virtual Observatory Alliance <http://www.ivoa.net>

Agenda:

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5. Overall TCG Status
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7. Non-responding Registry entries
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9. Renewal of the IVOA Chair and Vice-Chair
10. Update on Northern Spring 2017 – Shanghai, China (May 14-19)
11. Future Interop
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A. Appendices - reports from VO projects see the wiki at:

<http://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM65>

NEXT EXEC MTG: *Tue, Dec 20 @15:00 UTC*

1. Roll Call and Agenda

The participants' names were recorded.

2. Minutes of TM65

The TM65 minutes were accepted.

3. Review of Actions

ACTION T65-1: CA: Asked his colleague (Debbie) to work on a November 2016 Newsletter.

DONE – She has already sent email to Interop requesting inputs

ACTION T65-2: CA: Draft text for an open call to the IVOA for names for the Newsletter Editorial/Social Media group – **OPEN**

ACTION 63S-1: CA – Ask Baptiste to create a draft charter for potential creation of the Solar System Interest group. Consider International interest in the charter and in particular Plasma Physics. **OPEN – Baptiste preparing for Shanghai interop**

4. Project Reports [Significant Events]TCG

Project summaries for Australia-VO, China-VO, GAVO, and USVOA, are available at the following link:

<http://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM66>

Several members of the committee provided the following highlights:

- PF/CXC/USVOA – There will be a splinter meeting at the AAS on Wed, 4 Jan 2017 9:30-11:30am titled Flexible Multi-dimensional Modeling of Complex Data in Astronomy. Fitting with Sherpa and Iris and VO compatibility will be demoed to participants along with a Q&A during the session. Also a business meeting for the USVOA is planned on Thu, 5 Jan 2017, 2:00-3:30pm. All are welcomed.
- AL/Astrogrid – AL is taking part in a data handling collaboration with Thailand. He noted that they were interested in a Thai VO project.
- AW/Aus-VO – AW has a MOU with Thailand and they are planning a workshop that includes VO topics in March 2017
- JW/GAVO – JW updated the group that the GAVO funding will end in Jun 2017; They in the process of planning to apply for new funding.

5. Overall TCG STATUS

PD presented the status of current TCG efforts and the state the following documents currently under review:

- 2 new documents awaiting TCG approval:
 - VTP-1.0, SimDAL-1.0
- 1 updated documents awaiting TCG approval:
 - SSO-2.0
- 5 updated documents in TCG review:
 - DocStd-2.3, ObsCore-1.1, SimpleDALRegExt-1.1, VOSI-1.1, DALI-1.1
- 2 new PR under RFC review:
 - SODA-1.0, VO-DML-1.0

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

The IVOA Exec reviewed and approved UWS 1.1. 18 email responses were received from an email sent to the Exec by CA on Oct18. All members present at the meeting unanimously approved.

The latest version of the document can be found at:
<http://www.ivoa.net/documents/UWS/20160505/index.html>

The RFC page can be found at:
<http://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/UWS11RFC>

7. *Non-responding Registry entries*

In response to an email CA received from Pierre Le Sidaner (forwarded to the Exec on Oct20), Pierre asked for the Exec to take a position on non-responding registry entries. Pierre noted: "We have one resource (SCS) in the registry non responding since more than 492 days, we have sent already two messages to the service owner without answer or effect." He requested for Exec approval to set the resource to "inactive".

FG suggested that the Exec be notified of the in-active respondent and then given one week to try to resolve. In this case, she knows the person well. She expressed concern that the problem could be as simple as changed email address. She volunteered to work it.

BG noted that human handling is labor intensive and there should be a process in place that makes a registry entry in-active automatically if no response in 500 days.

CA took an actions to send the email to FG since she knew the contact and to give her a chance to resolve it. CA then suggested that we go through the process a few times with human handling and then decide if it should be automated. He also noted that if the account goes inactive, then there should be a final email sent to the user to notify them.

ACTION 65-1: CA – Send email to FG with information so she can try to contact and resolve the inactive registry entry matter.

8. *IVOA Newsletter editorial/social media team renewal*

CA noted that he had spoken with Deborah Baines who has agreed to work on a November IVOA Newsletter. She already sent email requesting contributions. Follow-up includes setting up a Newsletter editorial/social media group.

9. *Renewal of the IVOA Chair and Vice-Chair*

The IVOA Exec unanimously approved Pepi Fabbiano as IVOA Chair and Mark Allen as IVOA Vice Chair with terms starting after the current Trieste meeting.

There was a general discussion to take a look at the Guidelines for the IVOA for discussion and update by the Exec as needed. PF/MA took an action to lead the review and report finding/recommendations for update to the Exec.

ACTION 65-2: PF/MA – Review Guidelines of the IVOA. Report findings/recommendations for update to Exec.

10. Update of Northern Spring 2017 – Shanghai (May 14-19)

Chenzhou Cui who was unable to attend the IVOA meeting in person, provided the following update by email on Oct20: “The preparation of IVOA Spring Interop in 2017 is smooth. Funding applications have been submitted to Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and NSF of China. The meeting website will be open by the end of the year.”

11. Future Interop

- Northern Autumn 2017 - Santiago, Chile (Oct 27-29)

MS of ChiVO presented an enthusiastic early overview of plans for the Northern Autumn 2017 meeting in Santiago, Chile. The IVOA meeting will follow ADASS and will be held at the same venue. MS had a travel brochure that he passed out to Exec members.

Several proposals for future meetings were offered with no decision taken at this time:

- PF offered Boston for Spring of 2018 or any other upcoming slot
- DS offered Victoria for Spring of 2018
- MA offered Strasbourg in Spring of 2019 or one of the next open slots

CA noted that ADASS was planned for Washington DC in Northern Fall of 2018 with the IVOA to follow that meeting. Peter Teuben is leading the LOC. Some coordination of the IVOA meeting in Maryland or Boston is a possibility after that meeting. There was also concern expressed by FG of more than one US meeting in the same year.

CA noted the current ADASS meeting location plans: Chile (2017), Washington (2018), Potsdam(2019), S Africa (2020), Holland (2021).

12. Date of Next Exec Meeting

- Thu, Dec 20, 2016 @15:00 UTC (Note: 1 hour earlier than usual)

13. AOB

AOB1: Astroinformatics; CA noted that the conference dates were on same dates as IVOA. The goal is for better coordination in the future. Several key IVOA people attended Astroinformatics – Matthew Graham, Kai Polsterer. Matthew communicated that being more involved would help prevent schedule conflicts from happening next time. FG noted that it is a problem if Astroinformatics gets chairs from IVOA to attend the meeting.

AOB2: FG provided highlights of the RDA. They meet twice a year – in March and September. This year the Sept meeting there was a pre-RDA meeting in which we had a session was organized by CODATA and WDS. CA, FG, and a few others attended. They proposed a session that was accepted. The session was about building a disciplinary, world wide data interoperability framework. Various disciplines participated: astronomy/IVOA, Earth Sciences, Crystallography, Materials science, Digital Humanities,

CLARIN/Languages, ...) followed by an interactive discussion with the audience. The session raised very good discussion that needs to continue. Follow up discussion might continue in the context of an RDA Interest Group. If that were to happen, then a case statement needs to be prepared and astronomy could get involved. It could be one person from the Exec (but not FG because she is already chair and too involved). DS noted that there have been several Cross-discipline Canadian meetings. He said astronomy is competing with health for example and that is hard for astronomy. He suggested that it would be a stronger situation if groups were partnered. FG noted that DS has been involved in RDA and suggested that he could be a good contact. She added that RDA would be meeting next in Barcelona and then Montreal and that perhaps a BOF in Barcelona on the topic would be good. She suggested that DS and others in the Exec consider it.

AOB3: MA informed the group of a reformed IAU commission B2 that is led by Mike Wise on Data and Documentation for Software. MA was asked and accepted to lead the Working group on Virtual Astronomy and Data Centers. MA plans to propose that the group be a contact point for IVOA/ADASS in the IAU and plans to send an email to the ADASS list and IVOA list seeking members. He noted it brings a group presence to the IAU.

In conclusion of the meeting, the Exec members thanked Christophe for his dedication and work on behalf of the Exec and IVOA during his term.

14. Review of Actions

New:

ACTION 65-1: CA – Send email to FG with information so she can try to contact and resolve the inactive registry entry matter.

ACTION 65-2: PF/MA – Review Guidelines of the IVOA. Report findings/recommendations for update to Exec.

Old:

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