IVOA Full Meeting: TM24

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Notes: NAW

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There was no representation from the Aus-VO

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
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 (USA)   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. Roll Call and Agenda
2. Review of Minutes: Minutes of FM23 & Minutes of FM23Supp
3. Review of Actions
4. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]
5. Status of the IVOA assessment (FG/DDY)
6. WG/IG
6.1 Charter of the Data Curation and Preservation IG (BH) - Proposed charter - Previous charter
6.2 Nomination for Astro-RG IG chair
6.3 Discussion about vice-chairs
7. Standardisation process
8. Status of the Assessment of Implementation of IVOA standards in Data Centres (DS/CA)
9. Status of the preparation of the Cambridge Autumn 2007 Interop meeting (NW)
10. Future Interop meetings
11. IVOA presence at the next IAU General Assembly
12. Schedule of other IVOA-related events (all)
13. New Deputy Chair
14. Date and Venue of the next Exec meeting
15. AOB
16. Summary of Actions

A. Appendices - reports from the VO projects - see the wiki at
http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM24

NEXT MEETING: Thurs 27 Sept 2007 @ IoA, Cambridge, UK

1. Roll Call

The participants - as listed above - introduced themselves, with apologies noted.

BH reported that Reagan Moore has now resigned from the NVO Executive committee and that he would no longer attend IVOA Exec meetings.

MO reported that the VO-Korea project has ceased.

NEW ACTION TM24-1 FG: to check as to the status of VO-Korea

2. Previous minutes.

Notes from meeting 2007-05-13 and 2007-05-17 at
http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaRepMin/ivoa-fm23-20070513.pdf
and http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaRepMin/ivoa-fm23-supp-20070517.pdf

FG noted that she would stand down at the end of Aug 2007 – thus before the next September 2007 Interop meeting. Therefore the minutes at FM23-11.2 would need to be updated.

It was **AGREED** that the IVOA chair period would run from end Aug to end August in future.

The minutes were then **AGREED**

2.1 Reports from VO projects and WG/IGs (to be uploaded to web page)

FG encouraged all to upload reports if not yet done. All reports at
http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM24

3. *Review of Actions and their current status*

ACTION FM20-3D RW/FG - generate draft procedure to be followed in terms of delivery of draft specifications c.f the WG roadmap, and the procedure to follow when specifications are delayed.

CLOSED: it was **AGREED** that this procedure would be closed out within the TCG.

ACTION: FM20-8B TCG: review status of WG/IG Chairs - report at the May 2007 Exec meeting.

CLOSED: New chairs/co-chairs appointed May 2007 - see
http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaRepMin/ivoa-fm23-supp-20070517.pdf. See also **ACTION FM23-6C.**

ACTION TM21-6.4: FG/ DdY - to generate a proposal for selection/ renewal of Chairs - by end Feb 2007. Agreement on this at the May 2007 InterOp.

CLOSED: FG would add the text available on the wiki.

NEW ACTION TM24-3A DDY: add to the wiki the collated process for selection of chairs and vice-chairs.

ACTION TM21-9B EXEC - suggestions to FG re possible venue/ form of a Oct 2008 meeting.

ONGOING: see agenda item 10 of this meeting.

ACTION TM22-6.1 RW/BH - to check that the submission process as defined at
http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/#process is proving to be sufficient in practise.

CLOSED: It was noted that with currently seven proposals going through the RFC process now, this should be reviewed at the next Exec, with a report from the TCG. See also new action under item 7.

NEW ACTION TM24-3B RW: organise a telecon to discuss the role of the TCG

ACTION TM22-6.3 RW - to discuss with the DM-WG the route forward with the STC std - and whether there is a place for a subset of STC for operational use in some cases.

ONGOING: see discussion under item 4

ACTION TM22-7 EXEC/ WG/IG Chairs - send suggestions to FG/RW as to possible follow-on Chairs. Review in May 2007.

CLOSED: replaced with **ACTION FM23-6C**

ACTION FM23-5A DY: will email all public responses to the IVOA questionnaire to the Exec

CLOSED: questionnaire sent by DDY 12 July 2007

ACTION FM23-5B FG: during the DataCP-IG meeting, a discussion will take place to assess its future role.

CLOSED: see item 6. A new charter for the DataCP-IG was approved.

ACTION FM23-5C FG: summarise the key discussion points [from the IVOA Assessment] including agreed and not agreed and organise a telecon to reach closure. Time-scale will be June/July 2007 for the telecon.

CLOSED: see item 5 - this work will be delegated to the IVOA Exec strategy planning group

ACTION FM23-5D FG: to summarize the different aspects of 'IVOA communication with the external world' with help of volunteers from the Exec

CLOSED: see item 5 - this work will be delegated to the IVOA Exec strategy planning group

ACTION FM23-6A FG: will attend an interop session of DAL in the role of IVOA Chair to discuss options for the STC standard.

CLOSED: see also item 4.

ACTION FM23-6B FG will consult at the appropriate level with the appropriate Solar and Planetary projects and report back to the IVOA Exec

ONGOING: Developments are ongoing in the solar community thus the IVOA Chair will update at the next Exec.

ACTION FM23-6C EXEC: suggestions should be sent to FG with names for replacement Chairs and Vice Chairs of those groups where their time limit had expired

CLOSED: see item 6.

ACTION FM23-11A FG: To consider this proposal in the context of the evolution of the Small Projects Meeting, and report back with a decision by July 2007 to MO.

ONGOING: See item 10.

ACTION FM23-11B Exec: Send nominations and self-nominations to FG with suggestions for the next [IVOA] vice-Chair.

CLOSED: see item 13

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

ONGOING: item 5. Comments still accepted.

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

CLOSED: no comments were received by FG.

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

ONGOING: DDY as new Chair will report at the next Exec.

ACTION FM23-S-3 Exec: Comments on Schade/Arviset report on Implementation of IVOA standards required (to FG) by 7 June 2007

CLOSED: FG reported that no comments had been received. See also discussion at item 8.

4. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s)

Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]
- STC RFC page
- Spectrum Data Model RFC Page
- Cone Search V1.0 RFC page

FG suggested and it was **AGREED** that the Exec members be allowed one week to comment after the close of the RFC period.

STC V1.30: it was thought that replies from Arnold Rots were still required to address the issues raised during the RFC period.

NEW ACTION TM24-4A RW/CA to generate an analysis of the three standards (STC V1.30, Spectrum DM 1.01, Cone search V1.0) and provide a recommendation to the IVOA Exec for approval or otherwise.

In future it was **AGREED** that in future RFC periods should close ~2 weeks before an Exec telecon or meeting. A summary of the RFC period, and recommendation to the IVOA Exec as to whether or not the std was ready for approval, would then be circulated (by the TCG Chair) to the IVOA Exec for comment. This would enable discussion and final agreement for approval of the proposed standard at the Exec meeting.

NEW ACTION TM24-4B RW/CA to formalise the process for TCG/Exec approval of standards and bring forward to the Exec for agreement at the next Exec meeting.

5. Status of the IVOA Assessment

FG reported that IVOA standards are required in a timely manner. Therefore the current set of standards moving through the final steps to full recommendations is very important and has been given priority since Beijing Interop meeting.

FG noted that the IVOA web site was being overhauled – see http://www.ivoa.net – Exec members are invited to comment on these changes.

DDY will form a small working group to look at the future function of the IVOA and then bring recommendations to the full Exec.

NEW ACTION TM24-5 Exec: email DDY if they wish to be part of the IVOA Exec strategy planning group.

6. Working Groups and Interest Groups

6a. Charter of the Data Curation and Preservation IG

The Exec **AGREED** the new charter for the DataCP-IG. See
http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaCP#ProposedCharter2007

6b. Nomination for the Astro-RG IG Chair

Masatoshi Ohishi was proposed and **AGREED** as the new Astro-RG IG Chair.

NEW ACTION TM24-6 MO: bring forward a revised Charter for the Astro-RG IG after discussing the interface with the GWS-WG with Matthew Graham.

6c. Discussion about vice-chairs

FG noted that GWS-WG, Astro-RG-IG and Data-CP-IG do not currently have vice-chairs.

It was **AGREED** that Paul Harrison should become vice-Chair of the GWS-WG. Decisions on the vice-chairs for the Astro-RG-IG and DataCP-IG would be taken at a later date.

7. Standardisation process

NEW ACTION TM24-7 RW/CA: submit a report, from the TCG, on the effectiveness of the standards process (http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/#process) to the Exec along with recommendations for possible improvements.

The Exec ratified and **AGREED** the 2007 roadmap assessment – see
http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/TechnicalMilestones/IVOARoadMap-2007-final.pdf

8. Status of the Assessment of Implementation of IVOA standards in Data Centres

DS noted that a brief discussion took place in Beijing at the IVOA May 2007 Interop Exec meeting. No comments had been received post that meeting by the Exec.

Regarding the recommendations made in the DS/CA report – item 7 looking at compliance with standards by the projects. It was AGREED that the IVOA would not have a 'policing role'. The projects are primarily responsible for how they provide compliant VO service implementations.

The Exec welcomed the report from DS/CA and AGREED that the key recommendations made within that report would be considered by the new IVOA Exec Strategy planning group.

The report as a whole would be discussed further at the next face-to-face Exec meeting.

It was **AGREED** that CA and DS would submit a more concrete proposal to the WG and the TCG.

9. Status of the preparation of the Fall 2007 Interoperability meeting

NW reported that the Autumn interop would be 27+28 Sept 2007 at the IoA, Cambridge. 2007.
Details at http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/InterOpSep2007.
Registration is now open – see the above meeting link.

10. Future Interoperability meetings

Spring 2008 Interop Dates: May 18-23 was the preferred set of dates.

Fall 2008 Interop: After some discussion, the USA was the site of choice. Coordination was given to BH.

11. IVOA presence at the next IAU General Assembly

There was a generally negative view of both a demo and a symposium. FG will collect additional views on what to do about the IAU General Assembly

12. Schedule of other IVOA-related events

Discussion deferred

13. New Deputy Chair

After FP was asked to depart the conference, a brief discussion of the next IVOA Vice Chair was held. FG reported strong support for FP, and the Exec members present at the telecon all supported Fabio as the next Vice Chair. Thus Fabio has the unanimous support of the Exec in becoming the next IVOA Vice Chair.

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