IVOA Exec Meeting: TM62

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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-iha.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/cvo/
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/
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/
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:
1.   Roll Call and Agenda (JE)
2.   Minutes of TM61
3.   Review of Actions
4.   Project Reports [Significant Events Only]
5.   TCG Status
6.   Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]
7.   Review terms up for Expiration (See list below)
8.   Update on Northern Spring 2016 – S Africa (May 8-13)
        1.   registration, logistics
        2.   overall planning update
        3.   plenary talks and focus sessions planning discussion
9.   CODATA/WDS international session planning
10. Future Interops
     •   Northern Fall 2016 - Trieste, Italy (Oct 21-23; after ADASS)
     •   Northern Spring 2017 – Shanghai, China
11. Date of Next Exec Meeting
12. AOB
13. Review of Action Items

List of term expirations:

The following positions are due at the end of 2015
        o   Education Interest Group Chair/Vice Chair (Extendable)

The following positions will be coming due at the Northern Spring 2016 meeting:
        o   Theory Interest Group Chair (No extension)
        o   Time Domain Chair/Vice Chair (Extendable)
        o   Executive Committee Chair and Vice Chair

A. Appendices - reports from VO projects see the wiki at:
     http://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM62

NEXT EXEC Meeting: Sun, 08May16
(We'll plan a telecom prior to May 8 if needed)

1. Roll Call and Agenda

The participants' names were recorded.

2. Minutes of TM61

The TM61 minutes were accepted.

3. Review of Actions

ACTION F61-1: MA – MA will send a copy of the final CSP document to the Exec
CLOSED – MA sent copy of final CSP document to Exec. The CSP document was also attached to the TM61 Exec meeting notes.

ACTION F61-2: BB – Talk to J Lazio about his CSP status going forward
IN PROGRESS – BG noted that he knew BB was in preliminary discussions with JL; currently there was no conclusion to report.

ACTION F61-3: MA – Review the CSP list and send it around to the Exec along with a length of service
CLOSED – MA sent email to the Exec mail list on Feb23; The list is also appended to the bottom of these notes for the record. See Appendix A.

ACTION F61-4: CA: Ask Gus/Giulia to make a proposal on usage of social media for IVOA. The Exec is encouraged to email input to Gus & Giulia.
IN PROGRESS – CA sent an email request; will keep this action open until there is a response from Gus/Giulia.

ACTION F61-5: CA: Formally invite Kai Polsterer as KDD Interest Group Chair and ask the group to revisit the name and charter
CLOSED – CA invited Kai and he accepted. Also included was a request for the group to revisit the KDD IG name and charter.

ACTION F61-6: CA: Ask Exec for candidates for Education Chair/Vice Chair
CLOSED – CA sent email to the Exec for Education Chair/Vice Chair candidates

ACTION F61-7: MA: Send Cape Town Focus Session outline to Exec
CLOSED – MA sent initial outline to Exec on Jan 22 and sent subsequent planning updates on Feb 8 & Feb 24

ACTION F61-8: PD/MA/PW: Draft a Cape Town Interop Program page by Mid January
CLOSED – Baseline program posted; group working details

ACTION F55-7: CC/MM – Discuss Document backup and report back to Exec.
IN PROGRESS – FP updated the group that tasks are being done; the backup and recovery are tricky; Aligning what needs to be preserved is causing some delay in completing the task.

4.   Project Reports [Significant Events]

Project reports from China-VO, Euro_VO, France VO, and USVOA appear on the meeting wiki page. See: http://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM62.

FP reported that VObs.it has not received their budget for this year. The group is relying on ASTERICs funding for the short-term and are hopeful the situation will improve. No positions have been lost so far.

FG highlighted that there has been a first set of meetings on the ASTERICs work packages. There have been recent discussions with big projects to understand what they need in support from ASTERICs.

GF noted that the USVOA met at the January AAS. The focus of the meeting was on ground based projects and their needs. There were presentations from various groups – inside and outside of the VO. NSF, LSST, a radio astronomer who learned how the VO is already in his data, and ASTERICs were among the projects represented. An NSF representative informed the group about upcoming VO funding opportunities.

CA announced that there would be a new EuroVO registry release this week.

5.   TCG Status

MG noted that there was a TCG telecon on Feb 08. The WGs have been active and there have been strong discussions on the mail lists. MG was assured by WG leads that things were moving forward. In particular, VODML/STC2 and SODA are making progress via the email lists.

MG also highlighted several topics needed to be discussed/resolved in S Africa:
   • Docs and Standards **–** an update to the documents to reflect the decisions made in Sydney
   • Resolve how to delete services when they are no longer relevant
   • Review progress according to the roadmap

MA attended the meeting and noted that topics were reviewed at a high level and the discussion didn't go into detail. He is concerned that more attention with regard to SODA work may be needed.

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

None pending.

7. *Review terms up for Expiration*

The Exec approved that the current Chair (Massimo Ramella) and Vice Chair (Sudhanshu Barway) for the Education Interest Group be extended for one year.

CA noted that the Theory and Time domain positions will be decided in Cape Town. He encouraged the Exec to recommend candidates for the positions.

ACTION F62-1: Exec: Send CA recommendations for candidates for Theory Chair and Time Domain Chair and Vice Chair

CA informed the group that Carlos Rodrigo (Spanish VO) was nominated Theory Vice Chair 1 year ago. He can either stay as Vice Chair for the remainder of his term or be nominated Chair at the Cape Town meeting.

FG pointed out that the Timing IG will need to become more active with the new projects in the coming year. MG responded that the current group was active, but mostly outside of IVOA with VO Event at the Hotwired meeting. MA followed on that LSST and other projects would bring more activity to the topic and that a timing white paper by Solano/Ciardi was in work from the CSP. There is also a time domain session planned for S Africa.

On the Vice Chair position for the Exec Committee, CA has input from the Exec and will take action soon.

8. *Update on Northern Spring 2016 – S Africa (May 8-13)*

PW led the discussion and provided status/plans for the Cape Town IVOA meeting.

a. *Registration, logistics*

PW highlighted that there were a dozen participants registered for the IVOA meeting so far. The early registration date is April 1, 2016. PW will send an email to the IVOA so people are aware of the deadline. MA also suggested the registered participants list be available to browse.

PW also noted that participants have a list of hotels to choose from and there are no room blocks reserved. Most accommodations are walking distance from the venue.

b. *Overall planning update*

MG highlighted that he had spoken to WG Chairs about session planning (e.g., how many session they needed). Expect feedback by end of March. PW noted that Massimo Ramella requested an education session and he suggested we invite Kevin Govender (Director of the IAU Office of Astronomy for Development) to give a plenary talk.

c. Plenary talks focus session planning discussion

MA reported that the Focus Session have come together quite nicely. They are planned for Tues/Wed of the meeting. There is a good representation of ground and space projects. The CSP plan is to work to understand requirements and use cases from the representatives. MG noted that planning time has been set aside with invited speakers to get input.

MG also noted that all plenary sessions are filled with the Focus sessions and Education session(s).

ACTION F62-2: MG/PD: insert the content of the plenary sessions on posted draft meeting agenda

9. CODATA/WDS international session planning

FG noted that the deadline for the abstract for the session was 4Mar16 and suggested attendees of the RDA meeting next week meet up to discuss. What has been proposed via email is OK and just needs to be shaped. Focus on things WDS and RDA have in common. Others who expressed that they were planning to attend the meeting were: CA, DS, FG. CA can lead an interdisciplinary session and work with FG while keeping the Exec informed.

10. Future Interops

- Northern Fall 2016 – Trieste, Italy (Oct 21-23; after ADASS)

    FP said that planning is progressing smoothly and catching the tail of ADASS planning. There are 3 rooms booked for sessions. Two for the meeting (~100-120 seats) and one room for smaller side meetings (~25 seats). The plan is to open the ADASS site for registration in early March. The ADASS site will be the site for IVOA registration as well.

- Northern Spring 2017 – Shanghai, China
- Northern Fall 2017 – Chile (/w ADASS)

    GF suggested the Exec consider a meeting in the US (Boston) after Chile.

11. Date of next Exec Meeting

   Meeting – Sun, 08May16 @16:00 local time

12. AOB

FP – Asked that Skype be available in the room during the Cape Town Exec meeting.

PW said that good internet is planned but it may not be as good as other places; CA suggested to MG to pass that on to WG/IG chairs for their presentation planning.

13.   Review of Action Items

New:

ACTION F62-1: Exec: Send CA recommendations for candidates for Theory Chair and Time Domain Chair and Vice Chair

ACTION F62-2: MG/PD: Schedule plenary sessions on draft meeting agenda

Old:

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APPENDIX A:

Here is the current list of members of the IVOA Standing Committee for Science Priorities (CSP), with dates and length of service. (Length of service is not provided for the TCG and Exec members as this is simply determined by their TCG and Exec roles.)

Mark Allen (Chair)   [2010 - present , Chair since 2011]   (~5.5 years, ~4.5 as Chair)
Christophe Arviset   [2014 - present , as IVOA exec chair]
Enrique Solano   [September 2011 - , October 2014 - present as IVOA exec deputy chair] (4.5 years)
Joseph Lazio   [February 2012 - present] (~4 years)
Matthew Graham   [May 2012 - present , as TCG deputy chair then TCG chair)
Pat Dowler   [May 2015 - present , as TCG deputy chair)
Kai Polsterer   [Jan 2015 - present] (~1 year)
David Ciardi   [December 2015 - present] (new member)
Bruno Merin   [December 2015 - present] (new member)

Previous Members:
Christophe Arviset (as TCG chair), Séverin Gaudet (as TCG chair and TCG deputy chair)
Ajit Kembhavi, David Schade, Dave De Young, Paolo Padovani