

# IVOA Exec Meeting: TM64

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Notes: JE

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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	<a href="http://www.chivo.cl">http://www.chivo.cl</a>
CVO - Canadian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www1.cadc-ccda.hia-ihp.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/cvo/">http://www1.cadc-ccda.hia-ihp.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/cvo/</a>
ESA-VO	
Euro-VO European Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.euro-vo.org">http://www.euro-vo.org</a>
GAVO - German Astrophysical Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.g-vo.org">http://www.g-vo.org</a>
HVO - Hungarian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://hvo.elte.hu">http://hvo.elte.hu</a>
JVO - Japanese Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html">http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html</a>
OV-France - VO-France	<a href="http://www.france-vo.org">http://www.france-vo.org</a>
RVO - Russian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.inasan.ru/eng/rvo/">http://www.inasan.ru/eng/rvo/</a>
SA <sup>3</sup> – South Africa Astroinformatics Alliance	<a href="http://www.sa3.ac.za">http://www.sa3.ac.za</a>
SVO - Spanish Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://svo.cab.inta-csic.es">http://svo.cab.inta-csic.es</a>
UkrVO - Ukraine Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.ukr-vo.org/">http://www.ukr-vo.org/</a>
USVOA – US Virtual Observatory Alliance	<a href="http://usvoa.cfa.harvard.edu">http://usvoa.cfa.harvard.edu</a>
VO-India - Indian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://vo.iucaa.ernet.in/~voi/">http://vo.iucaa.ernet.in/~voi/</a>
VObs.it - The Italian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://vobs.astro.it/">http://vobs.astro.it/</a>
IVOA - International Virtual Observatory Alliance	<a href="http://www.ivoa.net">http://www.ivoa.net</a>

## Agenda:

1. Roll Call and Agenda (CA)
2. Minutes of FM63 and FM63S
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/candidates up for Expiration
8. Update on Northern Fall 2016 - Trieste, Italy (Oct 21-23; after ADASS)
9. CODATA/WDS international session planning
10. Focus Session follow-up questionnaire
11. IVOA User group proposal/discussion
12. Future Interops
13. Date of Next Exec Meeting
14. AOB
15. Review of Action Items

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

<http://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM63>

**NEXT EXEC TELECON:** *Sep 19-22 (Schedule with doodle poll)*

### **1. Roll Call and Agenda**

The participants' names were recorded.

### **2. Minutes of FM63 and FM63S**

The FM63 and FM63S minutes were accepted.

### **3. Review of Actions**

**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**

**ACTION 63S-2:** JE – Add IVOA User Group topic to agenda of next Exec meeting. **CLOSE**

**ACTION 63S-3:** JC – Initiate a discussion thread on the Exec email list about a potential IVOA Users Group, its purpose, its constituent and relationship with existing IVOA Committees (in particular Ops IG and CSP). **CLOSE**

**ACTION 63-1:** CA: Remind Exec to provide inputs for WG Chair for Theory and Chair/V Chair for Timing IG. **CLOSE**

**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**

### **4. Project Reports [Significant Events]**

**USVOA:** PF reported that the USVOA is working on abstracts for two sessions at the January AAS. One session is planned as a workshop on Multi-dimensional modeling of complex data in Astronomy, and the second is a USVOA group meeting on status and plans. Also JE mentioned that there will be a release of Iris v3.0 beta with intention for public release by the IVOA meeting. The VODML group (Mark, Omar, Gerard, Tom, Arnold, Raffaele) met in Cambridge in June for 3 days to discuss VODML technical issues and planning.

**EuroVO:** FG reported that there was a very good European Data Provider Forum & Training Event in Heidelberg, Germany in June. (<http://www.g-vo.org/edp-forum-2016>) The forum was a European data center training event that brought together people and projects with different profiles. The last event of this kind was 3 years ago. A number of astrophysics and particle physics projects participated. There is a second ASTERICS VO school planned in Strasbourg, France for Nov 15-17 that is open to all European projects. Here is a link to the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASTERICS school: <https://www.asterics2020.eu/dokuwiki/doku.php?id=open:wp4:school2>

### **5. TCG Status**

PD provided a TCG update for the group. He said that the TCG is planning a telecon to get a progress update and review issues once MG was back from holidays. An item for discussion will be to start working out the agenda for the October meeting.

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

There were no IVOA recommendation up for approval at this time.

## **7. Review terms/candidates up for Expiration**

CA reviewed the terms up for expiration at the northern fall meeting:

- Executive Committee Chair
- Theory Interest Group Vice Chair (still vacant)

## **8. Update on Northern Fall 2016 - Trieste, Italy (Oct 21-23; after ADASS)**

FP sent his regrets for not being able to attend the telecon. The Northern fall meeting is planned for 3 days. The meeting will focus on working/Interest group topics as is usual for the northern fall interop. Here is a link to the IVOA registration page:

<http://www.adass2016.inaf.it/index.php/13-ivoa-interop>

## **9. CODATA/WDS international session planning**

CA updated the group on the 2016 SciDataCon meeting, organized jointly by CODATA and the WDS, that will be held in Denver, CO, Sept 12-17 during *International Data Week*. One session, organized by CA, will be an eight member panel discussion on how to build an international disciplinary data infrastructure. nFG also noted that SciDataCon is held back-to-back with the RDA Plenary. CA offered the following pointers for folks to follow up on if interested: <http://www.internationaldataweek.org/>.

Here is some details about the Building a disciplinary, world wide data infrastructure session : <http://www.scidatacon.org/2016/sessions/>

## **10. Focus Session Follow-up Questionnaire**

As planned follow-up from the May Interop, Mark, Jamie, and Janet worked to develop a questionnaire for projects to provide input to the IVOA. The plan is to start with the participants from the May session, and perhaps expand it to other projects in the future. As a first step, the questionnaire was sent to the 'past' organizing committee for the SA interop Focus session and they were asked to review/provide feedback on the survey. The Survey link is:

[https://docs.google.com/a/cfa.harvard.edu/forms/d/19bF\\_tmJ9FYm1Zs-cgOO70Va-s\\_IO3fDV8Th5EdjS1Y/viewform](https://docs.google.com/a/cfa.harvard.edu/forms/d/19bF_tmJ9FYm1Zs-cgOO70Va-s_IO3fDV8Th5EdjS1Y/viewform)

The follow-up plan is to open the questionnaire to focus session participants with the aim of collecting the response by late September. A report of the responses will be given at the October interop meeting.

## **11. IVOA User Group proposal/discussion**

In an email to the Exec on Jun 27, Jessica Chapman who proposed the possibility of a User group, commented that after looking more closely at the IVOA existing groups and structures, it seems that establishing a new User Group is probably NOT the best approach, since much of what she had in mind can be largely satisfied within existing structures. In addition, Jessica sent some comments on how 'major' VO projects such as CASDA may want to engage with the IVOA and met with colleagues to assemble a list of 6 points

outlined in her email. On July 01 CA provided a positive response to the email. The topic of an IVOA user Group was closed.

## **12. Future Interop**

CA noted the dates of the upcoming IVOA meetings. There was no further discussion.

- Northern Spring 2017 - Shanghai, China (May 14-19)
- Northern Autumn 2017 - Santiago, Chile (Oct 27-29)

## **13. Date of Next Exec Meeting**

JE will send a doodle poll. Aiming for Sep 19 – 22. Poll will choose date.

## **14. AOB**

**None**

## **15. Review of Actions**

**New:**

None

**Old:**

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