IVOA Exec Meeting: TM78

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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/
ESA-VO – European Space Agency Virtual Observatory https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/esdc
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
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:

1. Roll Call and Agenda
2. Minutes of FM77 and FM77S
3. Review of Exec Actions
4. Project Reports [Significant Events Only]
5. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]
6. Approval/Feedback of Media Group Charter
7. IAU Update
8. Open IVOA WG/IG nominations
   - Semantics V Chair
   - KDD V Chair
9. CSP
   - Nominations
     - Mark Lacy - NRAO / ALMA (nominated by B Glendenning)
     - Chao Liu - LAMOST/Pan-STARRS (nominated by Chenzhou CUI)
   - Membership discussion - a "champion" for science use cases
10. Exec Secretary inputs - change after College Park
11. IVOA web management - single location (FP)
12. IVOA Logo group photo re-design (CC)
13. Formal Body for IVOA
14. Date of next Exec meeting
15. Review of New Action Items
16. AOB

NEXT EXEC Telecon: *Tuesday, Sep 04 @ 15:00 UTC*

1. **Roll Call and Agenda**

   The participants' names were recorded.

2. **Minutes from FM77 and FM77S**

   The minutes from FM77 and FM77S were accepted.

3. **Review of Actions**

ACTION – 75-6: FG – Initiate outline for a VO paper; Identify author list – CA/PF/FP made initial offers; *Working/No change*

ACTION 73-1: MA **–** IAU Booth organization and planning **–** *Working*

ACTION-77S1: JE – Ask Brian Glendenning if he is still participating in the CSP **–** *DONE*; Brian no longer participating in CSP – suggested Mark Lacey

ACTION-77S2: Exec – Review Media group Charter and give feedback **–** *DONE*

ACTION–77S3: MA – Reply formally to Areg on AstroInformatics Book **–** *DONE*

ACTION–77S4: Exec – Handout for IAU for your Project by End of June **–** *DONE*

ACTION–77S5: MD/MM – resolve certificate issue with ivoa.net **–** *DONE*

4. **Project Reports**
   China-VP and NAVO reports are recorded on the meeting twiki
   (http://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM78)

5. **Approval of IVOA Recommendation(s)**
   No new recommendations sent to Exec from the TCG

   PD added that the TCG was meeting on Thu, Jul05 to keep the momentum going from Victoria. The main topic was a review of completed WG/IG Roadmaps. A follow-up TCG meeting will be planned for early September.

6. **Media group Charter**
   MA noted that the charter reads well and reinforces things that we wanted in the Media group. He also noted that the Media group will design the IVOA Web Page and that the Exec would need to identify a group for implementation of the Web Page. The Exec moved to accept the Media group charter with one small modification that DB implemented and circulated during the meeting. **The Media Group Charter was accepted.**

7. **IAU**

The IAU is August 20-31. MA noted that the IVOA flyer is done. The logo group photo needs updating (Japan VO logo out of date and needs to be replaced). MA provided a link to the IVOA booth schedule. It is mostly filled up. He also encouraged all projects to provide a slide using one of the provided templates with specifics about their project. The IVOA is also planning to bring 2 roll-up posters for the booth and design of those are underway. CC made several group logos available for review – **Exec chose the simple square group logo design.** PF encouraged IAU attendees to Tweat during the meeting to create buzz.

Action TM78-1: MA – Email Exec for a Project Slide for the IAU meeting
Action TM78-2: MA – Put the new Logo group photo into the IVOA IAU Flyer
Action TM78-3: MA – Remind attendees to Tweat during the IAU

8. Open WG/IG nominations

Nominees for the Semantics Vice Chair position and KDD Vice Chair position were presented and discussed. Markus Demleitner for Semantics Vice Chair and Matthew Graham for KDD Vice Chair. It is the first time for a Vice Chair for the KDD group. The nominees were discussed and it was learned that the current Chairs of both groups were contacted by MA and both welcomed the nominees up for election. **Markus and Matthew were approved by the Exec.**

Action TM78-4: MA – Contact the new Vice Chairs with the news of being accepted into those positions

9. CSP nominations

Two new nominations were considered by the Exec. The first is Mark Lacey who was nominated by Brian Glendenning. Mark is a NRAO Archive scientist with input to both Alma and NRAO Archives who expressed interest in participated in the IVOA. BB, TJ, MA, BG, BM all had positive input. Several knew he had attended IVOA meetings in the past. **Mark was approved by the Exec.** The second is Chao Liu from China. CC made the nomination and informed the group Chao Liu was involved in LAMOST and Pan-STARRS projects. It was noted that Chao had not been to an IVOA meeting in the past. PF suggested to **invite Chao Liu to the next IVOA meeting in November** in order to meet the CSP chair and others in the group and to move the decision to the next meeting. Folks thought that was a good compromise.

The topic on "A champion for Science Use cases" was not discussed and will be moved to the next Exec agenda since the chair of the CSP, BM, could not attend the telecon and sent regrets.

Action TM78-4: MA – Invite Mark Lacey onto the CSP
Action TM78-5: BM/MA – Invite Chai Liu to the next IVOA and talk to him about IVOA.

10. Exec Secretary Inputs
JE has agreed to stay on as Secretary until the Nov meeting and will write a set of notes for the next Secretary. MA noted that he had not received any nominations and that a good candidate would be someone who already attends IVOA meeting regularly.

Action TM78-6: JE – Write up notes on the Roll of the Exec Secretary

11. ***IVOA web management***
FP led with a statement about his experience that it is difficult to share web management with more than one site. There are schedule and time zone challenges to constantly overcome. His proposal is to do the work at one site and then mirror at another site to optimize efforts. The plan is for the **current web participants to discuss options at the IAU and to return to the Exec with a proposed solution.**

MA also noted that the Media group is taking on a Web Page design that they will present to the Exec and there is a need for a Web developer to take the design and implement it for the IVOA. FP said he needed to check but thought he could adjust tasks and support the web developer with the support of INAF. He added that there was a position open for VO support with an early August deadline for applicants.

Action TM78-7: FP/CC/AK – Discuss at IAU and report back to Exec at next telecon. FP noted that Giulia would be at the IAU for this meeting in his place.

12. ***IVOA Logo group photo re-design***
CC provided a set of IVOA logo group photo and the Exec chose the simple Square design. It was noted that some logos are not high resolution and do not have transparent backgrounds.

Action TM78-8: CC – Send email to Exec with a request for high resolution Project logos for the IAU posters with a deadline of Jul 31 for the response.

13. ***Formal body for IVOA***

(JE in contact with FP for a review of this section)
FP sent a document to the Exec on June 14 (IVOA as formal organization.pdf) outlining the IVOA – What it is, and options for its future. At the telecon, the 3 options identified in the document were outlined and discussion among Exec members highlighted the pros and cons of each of them. Vocal in the conversation were FP, MA, AL, TJ, PW, PF, and CC. Rather than taking action on the formal body topic, MA took an action to establish contact at the IAU to determine how IVOA can be part of the IAU. Specifically it was suggested that MA contact Piero Benvenuti and others in the organization at the IAU in August.

Action TM78-9: MA – Establish contact at the IAU to determine how the IVOA can be part of the IAU. A conversation with Piero Benvenuti and others was suggested.

14. ***Date of next Exec meeting***
The next Exec telecon was scheduled for Tues, Sept 4 @15:00 UTC

15. ***AOB***
 - ***AOB1 - Location of the Fall 1029 IVOA meeting –*** CA raised that POC planning has started for the Netherlands ADASS meeting and acknowledged that the IVOA does not have a partner at the hosting site. We do have connections in Groningen

(LOFAR) but that may complicate things. Another option is Leiden. AL acknowledged that he would be in Leiden next week and would try to make contact on this topic and report back to the Exec.

Action TM78-10: AL – Contact someone in Leiden about possibly hosting the IVOA meeting in Fall 2019 (after ADASS)

- ***AOB 2 – CSP/Astropy follow-up –*** SG noted that Eric Tollerund (STScI) concluded in the astropy-IVOA synergies session in Victoria that there is an issue in the open development model where software is developed by large projects without a connection to the user base that rallies around astropy. 60% of the community use astropy. SG suggests we implement a token based reward system to enhance the open development model and said it was an interesting way to get financial backing. CC noted that the TCG will look into the potential actions between the IVOA and astropy. MA raised that the TCG needed to review and that the IVOA in general needed to review further at future meetings. He added that we recognize the importance of python and possibility for making connections with the larger community but the financial aspect is not really understood at this point.

Action TM78-11: PD/JE – Discuss/recommend some concrete steps with regard to models of working with python and the open source community after consultation with the TCG.

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