IVOA Portal meeting
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When: 12/15/2017 4:00-5:00pm EST
Where: CfA
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NOTES

- example portal we looked at for the meeting: http://cxc.harvard.edu/
  - in particular, notice the "Chandra Portal" at the bottom of the home page. There are multiple boxes listing important links guests would be interested in finding.
    - the Media Group was thinking of something along these lines
  - there's the option to have a portal more like the U.N.'s OpenUniverse, in which one can, say, search for an object and open that object in multiple, embedded applications/services
    - or have a TAP services that queries a bunch archives and opens a page for the user to download the data...
    - problem with this idea: lots of work. Who's going to do it? Does the usefulness outweigh the development cost?
- what are some goals for the IVOA website?
  - get observatories on board with VO
    - how do we do this?
      - have a list of big projects using VO standards
        - e.g., show post story of GAIA, who built their archives on VO
      - show archive holdings in VO
        - collect the data
        - post on page -- "every day the VO serves _____ Tb data"
      - check out ESA / NASA pages for examples
  - make it more appealing to astronomers/developers
    - obvious 'portal' links to what an astronomer wants to do with VO (get data, analyze data, publish data, etc.)
    - ask TCG for VO standards/protocols "intro" material, to make it easier for non-VO developers / data providers to approach
    - have a version of the VO documents list that's more easy for non-IVOA experts to understand
      - main branches like "Data Access", "Data Formats", etc., have sub-branches if necessary, then have the relative documents as leaves.
- show some news articles (like on the Chandra website example)
  - concerns from Media Group at the Santiago Interop: requires upkeep that we might not have time for.
  - possible time-constraint solutions:
    - RSS feed on front page -- makes keeping up with new posts easier (decouples it from site management).
    - update the news reel every 3, 6 months instead of checking up on it more frequently
    - use IVOA newsletter articles as the rotating news

ACTIONS / DATES

- setup a telecon with CSP in January. Send doodle poll to CSP and Media Group for best date
  Discuss:
  - ask TCG for VO standards "intro" material, to make it easier for non-VO developers / data providers to approach
  - follow-up on meeting: setup another meeting in Feb. to see how website progress is going.
- get draft website up in March for Exec meeting
- have a good website to show for the May Interop