

# IVOA Exec Meeting: TM109

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## Glossary

Acronym	Institution Name	Institution Website
ArVO	Armenian Virtual Observatory	<a href="https://www.aras.am//Arvo/arvo.htm">https://www.aras.am//Arvo/arvo.htm</a>
AstroGrid	UK VO initiative	<a href="http://www.astrogrid.org">http://www.astrogrid.org</a>
ASVO	Australian Virtual Observatory	<a href="https://asvo.org.au/">https://asvo.org.au/</a>
BRAVO	Brazil Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://bravo.iag.usp.br/">http://bravo.iag.usp.br/</a>
China-VO	Chinese Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.china-vo.org">http://www.china-vo.org</a>
ChiVO	Chile Virtual Observatory	<a href="https://chivo.cl/">https://chivo.cl/</a>
CVO	Canadian Virtual Observatory	<a href="https://www1.cadc-ccda.hia-ihp.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/cvo/">https://www1.cadc-ccda.hia-ihp.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/cvo/</a>
ESA	European Space Agency	<a href="https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/esdc">https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/esdc</a>
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="https://www.g-vo.org/">https://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>
NLVO	Netherlands Virtual Observatory	<a href="https://www.virtualobservatory.nl/">https://www.virtualobservatory.nl/</a>
NOVA	Argentina Virtual Observatory	<a href="https://nova.conicet.gov.ar">https://nova.conicet.gov.ar</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/organizational-activity/rvo/rvo/">http://www.inasan.ru/organizational-activity/rvo/rvo/</a>
SA3 (or SA <sup>3</sup> )	South Africa Astroinformatics Alliance	<a href="https://sa3.ac.za/">https://sa3.ac.za/</a>
SKAO	Square Kilometre Array Observatory	<a href="https://www.skao.int/">https://www.skao.int/</a>
SVO	Spanish Virtual Observatory	<a href="https://svo.cab.inta-csic.es/main/index.php">https://svo.cab.inta-csic.es/main/index.php</a>

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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://voi.iucaa.in/voi/">http://voi.iucaa.in/voi/</a>
VObs.it	The Italian Virtual Observatory	<a href="https://vobs.it">https://vobs.it</a>
IVOA	International Virtual Observatory Alliance	<a href="http://www.ivoa.net">http://www.ivoa.net</a>

## Agenda

1. Roll call and agenda
  - o Regrets: Ajit Kembhavi (VO-India), Patricia Whitelock (SA3), Antonio Chrysostomou (SKAO), Chenzhou Cui (China-VO), Fabio Pasian (VObs.it), Giuseppina Fabbiano (USVOA/SAO), Mark Lacy (USVOA/NRAO), Oleg Malkov (RVO)
2. [Minutes of TM 108](#)
3. Review of [Exec Actions for TM109](#)
4. Project Reports (Significant Events Only)
5. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) (Standing Item)
6. Future Interop meetings:
  - o Northern Spring 2023: Italy
  - o Northern Fall 2023: Tucson
7. Overall TCG status (Janet)
8. CSP status
9. IVOA website
10. Latest news on the IVOA-IAU
11. Mark Lacy
  - o New AUI Representative
  - o New Chair for Radio Interest Group
12. New time(s) for future Exec meetings
13. Date of next Exec meeting
14. AOB
15. Review of new action items

**Next Exec Meeting:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 20:00 UTC

## Discussion

### 1. Roll Call and Agenda

The names of the attendees are recorded.

### 2. Recognition of Outgoing and Incoming Exec Chairs and Vice Chair

- Today, we officially recognize the handover of Exec Chair duties from BB to CA and Exec Vice Chair duties to SO.
  - o The Chair and Vice Chair roles will be held on a temporary, one-year basis by both.
- Farewell to BB as Exec Chair
  - o BB thanked Exec for their support, especially PW, who was a tremendous help during his tenure.
  - o BB said CA and SO will both do a very, very good job leading the Exec.

- CA expressed his thanks to the Exec for its trust and said that he is looking forward to working closely with Simon as a Vice Chair.

### 3. Review and Approve Minutes of TM108

The minutes from TM108 were reviewed and accepted.

### 4. Review of Exec Action from TM108

- **ACTION TM106.5:** BB: Request the Exec to consider designating a dedicated point of contact for the IAU at the next Exec meeting. **DONE (see related new Actions TM109.1-3)**
- **ACTION TM108.1:** BB will request a copy of the Kazakhstan VO slides and distribute to the Exec mailing list. **DONE**
- **ACTION TM108.2:** JE will send Data Model 1.1 to the Exec for review. **DONE**
- **ACTION TM108.3:** BB will review the feedback that JE forwarded about the IVOA website and get back in touch with YG. **IN PROGRESS; re-assigned to CA**
- **ACTION TM108.4:** BB will work on scheduling a conclave to nominate the next Exec Chair and Vice Chair. **DONE**

### 5. Project Reports (Significant Events Only)

- See JE's item for USVOA (below)

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

No updates

### 7. Future Interop Meetings

- Northern Spring 2023 (Bologna, Italy)
  - MM has submitted a financial request to his institution (INAF) and other institutions to improve the quality of services offered to attendees. The first LOC meeting was held, which has also been reported in the TCG status. The Exec needs to focus on organizing the Newcomers Session.
  - The meeting will be organized as an in-person meeting with a virtual option. The time zone will be Central European time zone; we should use local time for an in-person meeting.
  - MM has started preparing a meeting web page with basic information. Completed by: late January 2023 (**NEW ACTION**)
    - JE notes that planning needs to start earlier because the meeting requires travel.
    - JE and MM will work on a proposed block schedule. Completed by: late January 2023 (**NEW ACTION**)
- MA asked if we are resuming the previous practice of meeting one day before or after the meeting.
  - CA: The purpose of the in-person meeting is for people to reconnect and engage in sidebar discussions. They are very useful.
  - JE says the TCG will meet before.
  - JE: The current TCG group has only met in Zoom sessions so it will be good to have face time.
  - MA: There could be a clash or pile-up of various group meetings.
  - JE: We've discussed having it in a parallel session (not the first session, but the first afternoon). Also suggested: advertise the video and let that be the session for folks who

are interested in the Newcomers' orientation. There would still be a one-on-one for folks who have questions after reviewing the video.

- MM: We could use Wednesday afternoon, which tends to be an open slot.
- Northern Fall 2023 (Tucson, Arizona) (10-12 November 2023)
  - BB: These plans are still in flux. We are still seriously considering the Marriot, which is an ideal location because it's next door to ADASS, near several restaurants, and on the tram line. They are not reserving a block of rooms, so attendees would be responsible for reserving their own rooms—this is not the case for ADASS attendees, who will have a block of rooms reserved).
  - Tim Jenness is our POC for meeting logistics.
  - CA said that he is also part of the ADASS POC, so the link between IVOA and ADASS will also become more fluid and he will contact Tim for the logistics (**NEW ACTION**)
  - ADASS is Nov. 5-9.

## 8. Overall TCG Status (JE)

- TCG met on Dec. 7—the first meeting since Interop.
- Reviewed Interop; folks all felt it went well
- Review Roadmaps and they are in good shape for Working Groups; Interest Groups asked to get them filled in too
- We will start reviewing them at TCG meetings - 3 at each mtg
- Major RFCs in works: MIVOT, Data Model Mapping Syntax
- Started discussion on May Interop—opened topics—no decisions yet
- Everyone is looking forward to a face-to-face meeting
- How to work it for a hybrid mtg - venue can support it
- Legwork needed to prepare for Plenaries in discussion: VO in the Cloud follow-on, DOIs, Use of JSON over XML
- Thoughts on Newcomers session and how to run it
- CA: Regarding the plenaries, are these coordinated with AN?
  - JE: Yes, she's been attending and taking notes.
- CA would like himself and SO to be added to the mailing list.
  - They have probably already been added.
  - Confirmed during the meeting that both CA and SO are subscribed.

## 9. CSP Status (AN)

- Met about a month ago, right after the Interop. Not many attended, but it was a helpful meeting.
- Discussed the highlights during Interop. All agreed it was very good in terms of attendance and topics discussed.
- There were a couple of things they'd like to see followed up in the next Interop: cloud and science platform, as well as plenary sessions on DOI, cloud, and citation practices.
- DataLink is also important. There were some presentations, and the take-up message is there are very few services providing DataLink. It's difficult to see why it's not adopted more—is it difficult to implement or are we not effectively communicating how powerful it can work? Should we provide more science-driven tutorials to providers in the community? CA suggested a session at future Interop.
- Next Interop will be hybrid, but we should encourage in-person as much as possible because there is more action and momentum.
  - The Newcomers' session will be impacted; suggest scheduling it the Friday before the TCG meeting; JE & AN should tag-up.
  - JE: We should communicate the difference in participation when it's in-person vs. virtual
- The next CSP meeting will be in January. It's challenging to find a date that works for everyone.

## 10. IVOA Website

- BB: Forwarded material and input to YG and the developer, Klaus, but there has been no response. BB will forward the messages to CA for follow-up. **(NEW ACTION)**

## 11. Latest News on the IVOA-IAU Liaison Committee

- BB submitted a proposal to hold a session at the next General Assembly in South Africa (August 2024). Gabriel, the president of Division B, really liked it and said the proposal will get his strongest support. We stand a good chance of having it approved.
- We need some terms of service for the liaison committee covering: Chair, Vice Chair, number of members, and term of service for each role. **(NEW ACTION)**
  - MA: Some sort of terms of reference would be appropriate; just say what it's supposed to do.

## 12. Mark Lacy (Discussion Deferred)

- New AURA/AUI Representative
  - Three-year tenure ends after Spring Interop
- New Chair for Radio Interest Group
  - Three-year tenure ends in April 2023.

## 13. New time(s) for future Exec meetings

- The Chair and Vice Chair are in Europe and Australia, respectively, so future Exec meetings should alternate to ensure both can attend, as well as members in other time zones.
- JS & SO concur that a rotating schedule would work best.
  - 7 am UTC is difficult for the US East Coast
- JE: TCG has been using 13:00 and 20:00 UTC
  - SO: 13:00 UTC in Australia is midnight, which is challenging. 20:00 UTC is fine.
  - However, anywhere between Europe and Australia (e.g., Asia) misses out.
- CA: If CC cannot participate, we can defer to a time slot that accommodates SO. As VC, SO needs to be at the meeting.
- MH will create and send out a Doodle poll to the Exec list. **(NEW ACTION)**

## 14. Date of Next Exec Meeting

- Options:
  - Tuesday, Jan. 31 or Wednesday, Feb. 1
  - 13:00 or 20:00 UTC
- Final time and date to be determined by Doodle poll

## 15. AOB

- No updates

## 16. Review of New Action Items

- **ACTION TM109.1:** CA: Ask IVOA Doc Coordinator to update IVOA webpage IVOA working group to reflect the creation of the IAU-IVOA Liaison Committee Chair and VC
- **ACTION TM109.2:** BB to contact PW re: IAU-IVOA Liaison Committee Vice Chair position.
- **ACTION TM109.3** CA to try to find examples of previous liaison committee charter documents and send to BB.

- **ACTION TM109.4** BB to draft a charter and terms of service for the IVOA-IAU Liaison Committee based examples provided by CA.
- **ACTION TM109.5:** BB to distribute Kazakhstan VO logo to Exec.
- **ACTION TM109.6:** CA & JE to coordinate the addition of Kazakhstan VO logo and link to <https://www.ivoa.net/about/member-organizations.html> and <https://wiki.ivoa.net/wiki/bin/view/IVOA/IVOAHistoryPage>, and also check the rest of the member organization links on that page.
- **ACTION TM109.7** BB will forward the email history and input regarding IVOA website to CA and SO for follow-up.
- **ACTION TM109.8:** MM & JE: Propose an Interop block schedule for the TCG and Exec meetings for Northern Spring 2023. Completed by: late January 2023
- **ACTION TM109.9:** MM to complete a basic website for Northern Spring 2023 meeting. Completed by: late January 2023
- **ACTION TM109.10** CA: Contact Tim Jenness regarding the logistics for Northern Fall 2023 Interop (Tucson)
- **ACTION TM109.11** AN to consider proposal of a session on DataLink implementation and feedback at Interop.
- **ACTION TM109.12** MH will send a Doodle poll to the Exec list with four options for scheduling the next meeting.

## Project Reports

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**Argentina-NOVA**

**ArVO**

**AstroGrid**

**Australia-VO (ASVO)**

**BRAVO**

**China-VO**

**CVO**

**ESA**

**Euro\_VO**

**France VO**

**GAVO**

**HVO**

**JVO**

**Kazakhstan VO**

**NLVO**

**RVO**

**SA<sup>3</sup>**

**SKAO**

**SVO**

**Ukraine\_VO**

**USVOA**

The CXC group was awarded an IR&D contract to install the Rubin Science Platform as a research and development project to evaluate the viability of using the RSP as the basis of a science platform at [CfA](#).

**VO-India**

**VObs.it**