

IVOA Assessment

- Many useful evaluations and comments
- Not all suggestions will be implemented but they are all useful
- Some questions to the Interop participants in return
- A full session on Friday to continue the discussion

Among the messages to Exec

- More communication needed from the Exec
 - Status report from the Chair at each Interop (begun in Moscow)
 - Make information easier to find in the IVOA Web pages
 - “IVOA News”?
- Be more visible and pro-active, in particular to help identify and resolve problems
- The standardisation process is too slow

Messages/questions to the WGs/IGs (1)

- Speed up the things
- Chairs have to have enough time for their activities, be pro-active and involve teams in the standard definition, monitor implementations, identify and monitor cross-WG topics, distribute information
- A huge amount of work
- Sharing of work mandatory
- Chairs/co-chairs: **how to use this to improve the situation? secretary to take care of the WG web site and documents? – a case-by-case answer**

Messages/questions to WGs/IGs (2)

- Communication/collaboration between WGs
 - Good to have common sessions at Interops and cross-WG posting in mailing lists
 - Some frustration because of parallel sessions
 - Not enough cross-talks between WGs/IGs, sometimes same activities and not identified or ignored
 - clear role for TCG here
 - Define someone in each group in charge of following the boundary issues? Chair/vice-chair role?

Messages/questions to WGs/IGs (3)

- Major revisions not too often
- “reference implementations” very important – **but what is a reference implementation?**
- Validation services
- Communication within Interop too concentrated around the meetings. **Is there a way to improve this?**
- Some proposals for changes, e.g.
 - Theory IG > WG
 - Improve communication with the Grid community, cut G&WS into two pieces and merge one with Astro-RG
 - “User interface” forum: a role for WG Apps?

Interop meetings

- Fall Interop: no agreement on the goal and format
2 days too short? Importance of regular link with ADASS; project presentations and discussions?
- Identify people's role, i.e., the authors should stand up during the discussion of a standard otherwise unclear for participants where they speak from in the discussion
- Problem with overlaps in parallel sessions – distribute the draft agenda earlier so that comments from the community can be gathered (not only from WG chairs)
- Hackathons

Open question

- Three communities
 - VO developers
 - Data centres which implement the VO framework
 - Science community
- IVOA in charge of the standardization
- Does it have to increase its role in the communication with data centres and the science community? Or leave it to the national projects?