

IVOA Assessment Analysis - 8 May 2007

The following is a list of the major themes identified after an analysis of the 43 responses received for the IVOA Assessment

1. Revise and Update the IVOA Web Site

This theme appeared embedded in responses to several different questions, and it was raised in response to problems seen with internal communication, with the statement of the goals of the IVOA, with the concerns raised about uptake by the astronomy community, and with worries about our interface with the world at large.

2. The Progress Toward IVOA Goals, Especially Standards, is Too Slow

This was a very common response to Question 2, and it had a large number of replies that were labeled as “Serious Problem”.

3. Improve the Functioning of the Working Groups and Interest Groups

4. Better Communication from the Exec to the IVOA is Needed

5. The IVOA has Not Engaged the Astronomy Community

6. The Small Project Meetings Need More Focus

7. Parallel Sessions at Interop Meetings Continue to be a Problem