



# IVOA Interoperability Meeting

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## DAL WG

*Data Access Layer Working Group*

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# Highlights in DAL 1

## TAP, DataLink

### Spoke3 Archive Infrastructure

*Massimo Costantini*

- Provides TAP and DataLink
- 2 storage solutions (Postgres and S3)
- Cut and merge operations

## DALI

### WD-DALI 1.2 update

*Pat Dowler*

- ~10 new xtypes  
(e.g. MOC and (multi)shape)
- OpenAPI addition
- Params in UPPER/lower case
- DALI-1.2 ~ ready for RFC

## ADQL

### ADQL PEG grammar and validation

*Grégory Mantelet*

- PEG grammar conversion for a set of parsers
- Validator works on all of them
- Validator almost ready
- Grammar still being rewritten

### ADQL-next discussions

*All*

- Strong suggestion to improve the optional status of some features
- MOC first, \*MOCs later
- Array more and more needed; will be optional

# Highlights in DAL 2 - TAP

## Accessing Solar System observations from ESO

*Stéphane Erard*

- epn\_core table for Solar System objects to complement ObsCore
- Hard to identify Solar System targets

## Evolution of TAP toward a more stateless architecture

*Jose Osinde Lopez*

- TAP is not stateless- a real challenge for distributed systems
- How to manage TAP across multiple instances?

## A management interface for persistent TAP uploads

*Markus Demleitner*

- A method for deferring user table destruction time
- User-created indexes on persistent tables
- Both through a UWS-like interface

## TAP-1.2 - OpenAPI and user-tables

*Pat Dowler*

- OpenAPI work: VOSI, UWS, TAP
- Table endpoint augmented for user table management
- Open issues about indexes, permissions and OpenAPI strict level

# Well-received messages

from other sessions

## DAL (CSP)

Anastasia Laity

SPHEREx plans to  
use SIA/SSA,  
DataLink, ObsTAP

## DAL (CSP)

Anastasia Laity

SPHEREx may need  
arrays in ADQL  
(for spectra)

## SCS (Major Version Transitioning)

Markus Demleitner

Let's test with SCS2!  
Who's in?

## TAPRegExt (DM)

Markus Demleitner

«DataModel in  
TAPRegExt was a  
terrible mistake.»

## TAP (DSP)

Mark Taylor

A stable method  
for authenticating  
w/TAP services in  
use and WD: IAP

## DAL stds (Ops)

Henrik Norman

Suggestions:

- SCS - 1 ID column
- SCS - ⚠ 1.x → 2.0
- SIA1 → SIA2
- TAP - test your implementations

# Let's get connected !



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