IVOA Full Meeting: TM29

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Notes: NAW

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There was no representation from the Aus-VO or Korea-VO projects.

Glossary

ArVO - Armenian VO	http://www.aras.am/arvo.htm
AstroGrid - UK VO initiative	http://www.astrogrid.org
Aus-VO - Australian Virtual Observatory	http://www.aus-vo.org
China-VO - Chinese Virtual Observatory	http://www.china-vo.org
CVO - Canadian Virtual Observatory	http://www1.cadc-ccda.hia-iha.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/cvo/
Euro-VO European Virtual Observatory	http://www.euro-vo.org
F-VO - VO-France	http://www.france-vo.org
GAVO - German Virtual Observatory	http://www.g-vo.org
HVO - Hungarian Virtual Observatory	http://hvo.elte.hu
VO-India - Indian Virtual Observatory	http://vo.iucaa.ernet.in/~voi/
VObs.it - The Italian Virtual Observatory	http://vobs.astro.it/

JVO - Japanese Virtual Observatory   http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html
KVO - Korean Virtual Observatory   http://kvo.kao.re.kr
NVO - National Virtual Observatory (USA) http://www.us-vo.org
RVO - Russian Virtual Observatory   http://www.inasan.rssi.ru/eng/rvo/
SVO - Spanish Virtual Observatory   http://svo.laeff.inta.es

IVOA - International Virtual Observatory Alliance   http://www.ivoa.net

Agenda:

1. Roll Call and Agenda (NW)
2. Minutes of FM 28 and FM 28S
3. Project Reports: Significant Events Only
4. Review of Action Items (NW)
5. Approval of New IVOA Recommendations: Standing Item
6. WG and IG Updates: CA
     * TCG Charter Status: DD, CA
     * TCG Technical Assessment and Roadmap: DD, CA
     * DAL Activities at US-NVO: RH
     * VOTable Update and Action: RH
     * Other WG and IG Activities
7. Informal/Exec Committees DD
8. Fall Interop Status Report: RH
9. Spring Interop Venue and Planning
10. Date of Next Exec Meeting
11. AOB
12. Review of New Action Items

A. Appendices - reports from the VO projects - see the wiki at:
http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM29

NEXT MEETING: Sunday 26th October 2008 at 16.00 local time (at Oct 2008 Interop)

1. Roll Call and Agenda Items

The participants - as listed above - introduced themselves, with apologies noted.
JW noted that he is now the lead for the GAVO project and thus will attend for this project in future
(replacing Wolfgang Voges).

2. Previous minutes.

Notes from full meetings 20080518 and 20080521S are at :
http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaRepMin/ivoa-fm28-20080518.pdf and
http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaRepMin/ivoa-fm28S-20080521.pdf

These minutes were both **AGREED** after minor amendment from FG re the Bravo item.

3 Reports from VO projects and WG/IGs (to be uploaded to web page)

BH: noted that the current US Virtual Astronomical Observatory proposal outcome will not be
known for some months yet.

FG: mentioned the Euro-VO workshop on multi-wavelength VO astronomy to be held at ESAC in
December 2008.

JW: GAVO third funding period till June 2011 (4-5 FTEs) proposal successful.

AL: encouraged all project leaders to update their project reports at http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM29#Reports_from_the_Projects

4. Review of Actions and their current status

ACTION FM25-5.1A: DDY/RW: suggest the contents of an induction pack to be issued to incoming WG/ IG Chairs.
CLOSED: see Action FM28-1

ACTION TM25-7: RW/ BH: will report to the Exec at the Spring 2008 Interop meeting as to the development of Google Sky and its possible impact on the IVOA activities.
CLOSED: BH reported that there was a special session at the Interop in Trieste on KML. There will also be a tutorial at the ADASS.

ACTION TM27-18 DDY to email Exec as to suggested nominations vice-Chair for DAL.
One week comment period.
CLOSED: vice-Chair of DAL is Jesus Salgado

ACTION FM28-1: DDY, FG, RW, and CA to discuss need for such an induction document for WG/IG Chairs.
ONGOING: DDY reported that this was still under discussion.

ACTION FM28-2: DDY/FP to write to Brazil groups encouraging collaboration, with
goal of making announcement in IAU GA in Rio.
ONGOING: DDY reported that he and FP will send a message to the Brazil groups in Aug 2008.

ACTION FM28-3: DDY, poll Exec for possible dates.
CLOSED: this meeting 7 Aug 2008.

5. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s)

DY reported that there are no new recommendations for this meeting.

6. Working Groups and Interest Groups

6.1 TCG Charter Status

The TCG Charter (as previously distributed by CA) was **AGREED** by the Exec.

6.2 TCG Technical Assessment and Roadmap

CA reported that the 'Technical Assessment and Roadmap' has been updated in July 2008 (emailed to Exec 17 July 2008) with input from the WG/IG and Exec. Three sections covering the work carried out over the last year, the roadmap for the next year with a para from each WG/IG, and then a section on cross WG topics which will require specific attention from the TCG to ensure good cross WG/IG interaction during the year.

The 17 Jul 2008 version was **AGREED**, this will be renumbered to v1.0 and distributed to the full IVOA.

6.3 DAL Activities at US-NVO

BH noted the upcoming work in the NVO related to the TAP/DAL std. Three or four groups in the

USA will be starting prototypes to help in the evolution of the TAP document. Doug Tody will have a consolidated document (merging TAP/QL and TAP/param) ready by Aug 15 2008. Feedback will be presented at the Oct 2008 InterOp meeting.

FG reported, via the Chair of the DAL-WG – Keith Noddle, that the CVO are also working on an TAP implementation.

FG indicated that key technical reports should come via the WG Chair if possible.

CA commented that the DAL inputs from Keith for the IVOA Roadmap indicates a TAP WD 0.5 for 1 Sept 2008 that will be followed by review and discussion within the WG. It was realized that projects should be conscious that implementing TAP services on this WD 0.5 can only be prototypes and therefore may have to change when the TAP WD evolves.

6.4 VOTable Update and Action

BH reported that, after VOTable and GWS list discussion re VOTable schema functionality with commonly used code generators, it was reminded by Francois Ochsenbein that VOTable schema issues have been resolved (as originally noted by him in an email to the VOTable list 14 Sep 2007 – see http://www.ivoa.net/forum/votable/0709/0925.htm)

ACTION: TM29-6.4: FG: to ask Francois Ochsenbein to advertise to the IVOA re the compliance of the VOTable 1.2 schema with standard code generators.

6.5 Other WG and IG Activities

Point from Norman Gray re the format of the vocabularies document from the semantics WG suggesting the use of SKOS and specifying some terms (normative and formative).

CA and BH noted that the ADQL document still needs to be updated, taking into account the modifications agreed at Trieste and its RFC resumed.

FG reported that there are still discussions ongoing with the Theory-IG as to how potential WG work from their area might be progressed. DDY to be copied on the emails with Theory-IG.

CA commented that the Roadmap for 2008/9 has a challenging schedule for recommendations. There will be a TCG tele-conf at the start of Sept 2008 to review progress.

7. Informal/ Exec Committees

DDY reported on three ad hoc committees, formed resulting from the IVOA assessment carried out in 2007/8.

- **Liaison with other VO like activities**. Exec members include DDY (Chair)/ MO/ NW/ FP/ CA/ FG. First report back to the Oct Interop exec meeting.
- **IVOA Newsletter**: a discussion took place at Trieste, a draft newsletter is in preparation and will be released at some point. There is a small Exec group involved in oversight: DDY, MO, PP, FP. Mark Allen is the editor. FP has set up the infrastructure for the newsletter.
- **Take up by the community**: DDY (Chair), AL, Mark Allen, AKK, PP, Evanthia Hatziminaoglou – discussion of how to help VO take up. Next steps to encourage more take up will be suggested at the next IVOA Exec.

8. Status and venue for the autumn 2008 Interop

BH reported that the autumn 2008 Interop will be organised by the STScI/JHU in Baltimore on campus. STScI will provide the logistical support for hotel bookings etc. Dates are Sun 26 Oct – Fri 31 Oct 2008. See http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/InterOpOct2008

9. Status and venue for the spring 2009 Interop

DDY reported that there is currently no venue for this meeting. It might be held in ESO or Strasbourg.

ACTION TM29-9: DDY and FG: discuss as to venue – ESO (with Padovani) or CDS.

10. Date and venue of the next Exec meeting

Full meeting, *Sunday 26th October 2008 at 16.00 local time*. It was **AGREED** that the WG/IG Chairs should attend this exec meeting.

11 AOB

None

12. Summary of New Actions

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Meeting Closed: 16.20 GMT