

IVOA Telecon Meeting: TM31

19 February 2009: 18.00 – 20.00 GMT

Notes: NAW

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There was no representation from the Aus-VO or Korea-VO projects – both currently inactive.

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-pha.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 30 and FM 30S
3. IVOA Deputy Chair - FP
4. Project Reports: Significant Events Only
5. Review of Action Items: NW
6. Approval of New IVOA Recommendations: Standing Item
7. Report by committees - DDY
 - * Newsletter
 - * Liaison Group
 - * Take-up Group
8. TCG status - CA
9. Prospective New Members – Update – FP
10. Spring Interop Status Report – FG
11. Fall Interop Status Report – PP
12. Venue of Spring 2010 Interop
13. Date of Next Exec Meeting
14. Proposal for new Data Mining IG
15. AOB
16. 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/IvoaExecMeetingTM31>

NEXT MEETING: *Sunday 24th May 2009 at 16.00 CST*

1. Roll Call and Agenda Items

The participants - as listed above - introduced themselves, with apologies noted.

2. Previous minutes.

Notes from full meetings 20081026 and 20081029 are at:

<http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaRepMin/ivoa-fm30-20081026.pdf> and <http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaRepMin/ivoa-fm30S-20081029.pdf> respectively

These minutes were **AGREED**

3. IVOA Deputy Chair

FP reported that Paolo Padovani has been suggested (via an email poll of the Exec) as the Deputy Chair of the IVOA. The Exec **AGREED** this appointment. The term for this is until following the May 2010 Interop.

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

FP asked all to ensure that they have uploaded their reports to <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM31>

BH noted the recent informal notification of **approval** of the NVO follow on proposal – the VAO from 1 Apr 2009. The funding period is for five years with a review after the first year of operations.

CA noted that the funds for ESA-VO have been reduced – staff down from 5-6 FTE to 3.5 FTE for

2009. Further reductions in 2010 possible.

FG noted that EuroVO-DCA closed as foreseen at the end of 2008. The follow-up EuroVO-AIDA project is going on.

5. Review of Actions and their current status

ACTION FM28-1: DDY, FG, RW, and CA to discuss need for such an induction document for WG/IG Chairs.

CLOSED: CA has circulated a draft induction pack to the TCG – this is approved and will be implemented from the next May 2009 Interop (where an announcement will be made).

ACTION FM30-10: MA to circulate draft charter and newsletter. (refers to IVOA Newsletter)

DONE: see <http://www.ivoa.net/newsletter/001/> for the first newsletter.

ACTION FM30S-2: CA – add a comment to the ADQL v2.0 standard document to note that ADQL v1.0 was never implemented.

DONE: CA made the update.

6. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s)

CA reported that there are currently no pending recommendations.

7. Informal/ Exec Committees

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

7.1 Take up by the community: this group is looking at how the IVOA might get involved in promoting use of IVOA stds – and these themes have emerged:

- Science exposure – especially use of dedicated workshops on science with the VO
- Idea of technical presentations to bring across the astronomers needs
- Dedicated portals

DDY noted that the 'take-up' committee have decided to look at how the IVOA might get involved in promoting take-up of VO tools and services by the astronomy community.

PP has summarised a number of take up issues resulting from feedback after the recent Dec 2008 Euro-VO AIDA workshop. This four page paper was circulated to the 'take up group'. (key issues – where is VO science, priorities for the future, missing tools). PP thought that a number of these issues should be addressed by the projects rather than the IVOA.

Additionally, AK has provided input via e-mail to the Exec with a couple of additional suggestions

ACTION TM31-7.1: DDY: summarise the 'take up committee's work' and present to the Exec before the May 2009 InterOp.

7.2 External Liaison: DDY noted that the group have agreed that the IVOA should take a passive role in liaison – thus ensure that material about the IVOA is up to date and that the IVOA maintains an awareness of external groups.

FG noted that the situation with respect to liaison with other disciplines is evolving. She noted AIDA interactions with the Climate modelling community – in the area of data models. FP noted interest of the European HEP community towards VO concepts.

MO noted JVO interactions with the geophysics community.

ACTION TM31-7.2: DDY: organise a meeting of the liaison group at the May 2009 Interop.

IVOA Newsletter: the first newsletter has been issued – see <http://www.ivoa.net/newsletter/001/>
Ideas for content of the next one to Mark Allen (Newsletter editor)

8. TCG Status and Roadmap Review

CA reported that Vocabularies (see <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/VocabulariesRFC>) and SAMP (v1.11) (see <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/SampRfcDiscussionV11>) are currently in the TCG review and will be brought forward to the Exec Mar/Apr 2009 for approval by email.

VOSPACE 1.14 – Credential Delegation Protocol v1.01 – Registry Interface 1.0.1 are awaiting changes after their RFC periods.

The IVOA Dec Stds v1.2 has been sent back to a Working Draft after its recent RFC – see <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaStdsDocsProcCommentsV12>

CA noted that the WGs/IGs have uploaded their reports to <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM31>

BH noted that the latest suggestions from Pat Dowler on the TAP std have helped to provide a basis for progressing the std – which appear to be generally acceptable.

MO wondered about a name change for the TCG to reflect its steering role. However, it was thought that the TCG name was probably appropriate and recognised its prime role in coordination. However, it was **AGREED** that this would be discussed again at the May 2009 InterOp to allow for input from the TCG members on the issue of name.

9. Prospective new members

FP noted that he has received an official request from VO-Brazil to join the IVOA. This is a joint proposal from the two previously existing groups. Details at <http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM31/Bruch-oficio.pdf> and <http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM31/OVB.pdf>

The IVOA Exec welcomed these developments.

ACTION TM31-9: FP: Organise a poll (by end March 2009) of the Exec to decide on Brazilian IVOA involvement.

FG reported on VO initiatives in a number of European countries (e.g. Portugal, Bulgaria) which are emerging.

10. Status and venue for the spring 2009 Interop

FG reported that the LOC is Allen, Boch, Bruneau, Derriere. There will be a first announcement in the next few days.

It was **AGREED** that the Spring 2009 interop should take place in STRASBOURG, France. 24-29 May 2009. The Exec meeting will be on the Sunday 24 May. The meeting dinner will be the Tues 26 May 2009.

The InterOp SOC needs to start the programme organisation – NAW/ SG/ plus Mark Allen (LOC contact)?

11. Status and venue for the autumn 2009 Interop

PP reported that the meeting will be 8-13 Nov 2009. A LOC is being formed. Hotel block bookings are being organised.

12. Venue of Spring 2010 Interop

FP asked for suggestions – please email these in. Caltech and CADC were suggested as possibilities. A venue should be decided upon by the May 2009 Interop.

13. Date and venue of the next Exec meeting

Full meeting at the May Interop in Strasbourg, **Sunday 24th May 2009 at 16.00 CST**

The TCG are invited to this meeting.

ACTION TM31-13 FP: Invite the TCG to the May 24 2009 (16.00 CST) Exec meeting.

14. Proposal for new Data Mining IG

Initiative from Peppe Longo – see

<http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM31/Longo-DataMiningIG.pdf>

Interested groups include those in Naples, Pune, Caltech.

It was **AGREED** to ask Peppe Longo to submit a draft charter (to note scope and goals of the activity) for the proposed DM-IG to the Exec, and suggest that an open data mining session be organised at the May 2009 Interop. The Exec will decide on the status of the request to form a new IG subsequently to this.

ACTION TM31-14: FP: ask Peppe Longo to submit a draft charter for the proposed Data Mining-IG to the Exec, and suggest that an open data mining session be organised at the May 2009 Interop.

15. AOB

None

16. Summary of New Actions

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ACTION TM31-7.2: DDY: organise a meeting of the liaison group at the May 2009 Interop

ACTION TM31-9: FP: Organise a poll (by end March 2009) of the Exec to decide on Brazilian membership IVOA involvement.

ACTION TM31-13 FP: Invite the TCG to the May 24 2009 at 16.00 CST Exec meeting.

ACTION TM31-14: FP: ask Peppe Longo to submit a draft charter for the proposed Data Mining-IG to the Exec, and suggest that an open data mining session be organised at the May 2009 Interop.

Meeting closed 20.00