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IVOA Full Meeting 20: FM20

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Glossary

ArVO - Armenian VO	<a href="http://www.aras.am/arvo.htm">www.aras.am/arvo.htm</a>
AstroGrid - UK VO initiative	<a href="http://www.astrogrid.org">www.astrogrid.org</a>
Aus-VO - Australian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.aus-vo.org">www.aus-vo.org</a>
AVO - Astrophysical Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.euro-vo.org">www.euro-vo.org</a>
AVO - AVO Science Working Group	
CDS - Centre de Donnes Astronomiques de Strasbourg	<a href="http://www.cdsweb.u-strasbg.fr">www.cdsweb.u-strasbg.fr</a>
China-VO - Chinese Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.china-vo.org">www.china-vo.org</a>
CVO - Canadian Virtual Observatory	
DRACO - The Italian Datagrid for Research in Astrophysics and Coordination with the Virtual Observatory	
F-VO - VO-France	<a href="http://www.france-vo.org">www.france-vo.org</a>
GAVO - German Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.g-vo.org">www.g-vo.org</a>
GSC - UK Grid Steering Committee	
HVO - Hungarian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://hvo.elte.hu">hvo.elte.hu</a>
VO-India - Indian Virtual Observatory	
JVO - Japanese Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html">jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html</a>
KVO - Korean Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://kvo.kao.re.kr">kvo.kao.re.kr</a>
NVO - National Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.us-vo.org">www.us-vo.org</a>
PDS - AAS Division of Planetary Sciences	
RVO - Russian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.inasan.rssi.ru/eng/rvo/">www.inasan.rssi.ru/eng/rvo/</a>
SVO - Spanish Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.laeff.esa.es/svo/">www.laeff.esa.es/svo/</a>
IVOA - International Virtual Observatory Alliance	<a href="http://www.ivoa.net">http://www.ivoa.net</a>

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## Agenda:

1. Roll Call and Agenda
2. Minutes of TM19
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4. Status on Participation of Brazilian VO (continued)
5. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s)
6. VO WG of IAU - IAU VO WG Charter
7. Status of Implementation of IVOA standards in Data Centers
8. Mandates/Working Method of WGs/IGs
9. Autumn Interoperability meeting in Moscow
10. Chair(s) of VOQL and Registry WGs
11. New deputy chair (and future of the executive committee)
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  - 12.2 Future InterOp meetings after 2007 Spring
13. Summary of Actions

A. Appendices - reports from the VOprojects - see the wiki at <http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM20>

## 1. Roll Call

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

## 2. Previous minutes.

Notes from meeting 2006-05-17 - at <http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaRepMin/ivoa-tfm19-20060517.pdf>

## AGREED

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

These are located at <http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM20>.  
MO encouraged all to upload reports if not yet done.

## 3. Review of open action items from previous meetings and their new status

ACTION TM18-9.3 FG will contact Czech contacts to arrange a room in the Prague observatory for a potential Exec meeting during the IAU in Aug 2006.

CLOSED: Room DR225 at the IAU Conference Location, see <http://www.astronomy2006.com/congress-centre.php>

ACTION FM19-3A EXEC Chair: ensure that there is an agenda item for each May Exec meeting to receive and discuss the yearly TCG Coordinator report on the IVOA technical status/roadmap

ONGOING: will happen at the next May 2007 Exec meeting

ACTION FM19-3B BH: compose a statement for comment on IVOA position on s/w release and code sharing.

CLOSED: BH has circulated an early draft, current version being SoftwareGuidelinesV0.01.doc

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The Exec were broadly in agreement with the note draft and it was APPROVED.

ACTION FM19-3C FG: Arrange and make known the logistical arrangements for an IVOA Exec meeting at (preferably) the IAU conf centre, Prague - Thurs 17 August 2006.

CLOSED: Meeting wiki page at <http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM20>

ACTION FM19-4 MO: contact astronomy reps in the East Asia region astronomical alliance re participation in the May 2007 InterOp meeting in Kunming, China.

CLOSED: MO reported on his contacts with the regions VO projects. Discussion followed on the activity of the Korean VO.

It was noted that the document describing participation in the IVOA (<http://www.ivoa.net/pub/info/IVOA-participation-Jul03.pdf>) should point to the ongoing responsibilities of IVOA membership.

It was AGREED to change 'more to becoming a contributing partner in the IVOA' to 'more to being a contributing partner in the IVOA' to show ongoing requirements on members.

NEW ACTION FM20-3A DocCoord: to amend <http://www.ivoa.net/pub/info/IVOA-participation-Jul03.pdf>

ACTION FM19-5 PQ/BH Draft the update to the document - IVOA Guidelines for Participation (R. J. Hanisch & P. J. Quinn) - to more clearly outline the process that the IVOA uses to decide on new project membership/admission.

CLOSED: BH has circulated an early draft, current version being IVOAParticipationV0.01.doc

Document agreed - subject to above ACTION FM20-3A

ACTION FM19-7 MO: will call for a vote on acceptance by 26 May 2006 of UCDlistMaintenance v1.1 at <http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/UCDmaintenanceRFC>

CLOSED: v1.1 approved - see <http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/REC/UCD/UCDlistMaintenance-20060528.html>

ACTION FM19-8 MO: Invite David Schade to form a 'Task Force' to survey and report to the IVOA Exec in Sep 2006 on issues associated with deployment of VO services across resource providers and their impact on std development. The IVOA Exec suggests that National Projects be canvassed for input.

CLOSED: DS not in attendance. However, CA reported that he and DS were generating the questionnaire to form the basis of the survey.

NEW ACTION FM20-3B DS/CA to report on the outcome of the survey at the Jan 2007 Exec meeting.

ACTION FM19-8A RW: identify the core VO standards and encourage timely progression of these standards to version 1.0. To report back to Sept

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2006 Exec meeting.

CLOSED: see draft report at <http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/Notes/RoadMap/IVORoadMap-2006.pdf> and also recommendations seen in the email from 07 Jul 2006 to the Exec.

RW: noted that the SSA/ spectral data model and Skynode/ADQL were the current major issues. There are major delays with DM standards

NEW ACTION FM20-3C RW/FG/Dep Chair - decide on action to progress development of the spectral data model standard which is now critically late.

NEW ACTION FM20-3D RW/FG - generate draft procedure to be followed in terms of delivery of draft specs c.f the WG roadmap, and the procedure to follow when specs are delayed.

ACTION FM19-9A: Bruno Rino to check behaviour of wiki meeting page to users having not previously visited - do you get asked for a username/password?

CLOSED: BR reported that the problem had been fixed.

ACTION FM19-9B ALL: encourage the submission of 'science usage of the VO' talks from the community to the IAU VO SPS3 conference.

CLOSED: agenda for the SPS3 session at <http://www.ivoa.net/pub/VOScienceIAUPrague/programme/index.html>

ACTION FM19-9C AL: ask Lars Christensen to produce a meeting web site and associated graphics (e.g. Poster).

CLOSED: IAU SPS3 VO conf web site at <http://www.ivoa.net/pub/VOScienceIAUPrague/>

ACTION FM19-9D AL: email SOC with update of SPS3 planning.

CLOSED: done.

ACTION FM19-9.1 Exec: send comments (by May 31 2006) to FG on the draft IAU VO WG Charter and proposal s for WG membership.

CLOSED: FG to report - see agenda item 6.

ACTION FM19-10B MD: canvas all IVOA projects for materials/requirements for IVOA demo stand. Also contribution request for IVOA stand 'freebies' (pin, memory stick?).

CLOSED: Stand 9-10 in the exhibit hall - see <http://www.astronomy2006.com/img/florplan-big.gif>

ACTION FM19-11A MO: poll IVOA meeting as to possible attendance at the Sep 2006 InterOp. Also note that there will be an early pre-registration procedure - allows time for obtaining visas.

CLOSED: meeting wiki site at <http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/InterOpSep2006>

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ACTION FM19-11B NW: contact Oleg to suggest that he sets up a SOC for the Small Project Meeting (SPM) (perhaps to include Areg)

CLOSED: SOC for SPM organised: OM to update on this meeting.

ACTION FM19-12.4 DY: Prepare to lead discussion at the Prague Exec meeting as to looking at terms and responsibilities of WG/IG chairs.

CLOSED: DY to report - see agenda item 8

#### 4. Status on Participation of Brazilian VO (continued)

MO reported that he had contacted Albert Bruch concerning progress in forming a Brazilian VO initiative.

There appears to be increasing interest in Brazil concerning participation in the IVOA.

It was AGREED that the IVOA would await a formal proposal for participation from the Brazilian VO community.

#### 5. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s)

It was noted that a number of recommendations (e.g. VOEvent) would soon require Exec approval. This would be sought via email.

#### 6. VO WG of IAU - IAU VO WG Charter

FG reported that the IVOA should recommend a candidate to Chair the IAU Commission 5 VO WG - see <http://cdsweb.u-strasbg.fr/IAU/wgvo.html>

The membership would be of the VO WG is proposed to be:

- members of IVO projects
- president of Commission 5
- chair of the IVOA
- a representative of the WG FITS (Commission 5)
- a representative of the WG on Astronomical Data (Commission 5)
- a representative of the WG on International Solar Data Access (Division II).

FG also noted that the new chair of Commission 5 is Ray Norris.

The Exec AGREED that BH would be recommended to the IAU as the first chair of the VO WG (term 3 years).

ACTION FM20-6 Exec: all to propose names of VO WG membership to FG/BH

#### 7. Status of Implementation of IVOA standards in Data Centers

see discussion under 3 - ACTION FM19-8 MO. DS and CA will report on the results of a survey to the Jan 2007 Exec meeting.

#### 8. Mandates/Working Method of WGs/IGs

DDY reported on his draft proposal for WG Chairs - sent by email from FG on 11 Aug 2006. See Appendix A: Draft Policy on IVOA WG/IG Chairs and Vice-Chairs.

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After some discussion on how nominations should be decided for approval by the IVOA Exec the draft proposal was AGREED with the modification:

'Chairs selected by IVOA Exec in consultation with others.' changes to:

'Chairs selected by IVOA Exec in consultation with others including the Technical Coordination Group'.

Also - it should be made clear that Vice-Chairs do not automatically become the next Chair.

NEW ACTION: FM20-8A DocCoord: Update policy wording (Draft Policy on IVOA WG/IG Chairs and Vice-Chairs) and add to the IVOA web page.

NEW ACTION: FM20-8B TCG: review status of WG/IG Chairs - report at the May 2007 Exec meeting.

#### 9. Autumn Interoperability meeting in Moscow

OM reported on current planning for the Sept InterOp - see <http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/InterOpSep2006>. 70 are currently registered of which some 50 are from outside of Russia.

SOC of small projects meeting (SMP) is OM, AM, AK, CC. Agenda for the SMP will be released early Sept 2006.

NW reported that the draft agenda for the InterOp meeting will be released 20 Aug 2006.

It was AGREED that there will not be an Exec meeting at the Sept InterOp.

#### 10. Chair(s) of VOQL and Registry WGs

MO noted that Tony Linde will be standing down from the registry WG chair in Sept 2006.

10.1 Registry - Ray Plante was AGREED as the next Chair of the Registry WG. (BH reported that Ray was also willing to take on this role).

NEW ACTION FM20-10.1 FG to inform RP that he will take on Chair of Registry WG from after the Sept Moscow InterOp.

10.2 VOQL - It was noted that Pedro Osuna had recently been APPROVED by the Exec (email discussion) as next Chair of the VOQL WG. Further, Yuji Shirasaki was approved as Vice-Chair.

#### 11. New deputy chair (and future of the executive committee)

MO noted that he would now be handing over role of Chair to FG. Therefore a new deputy Chair would be required.

DdY was proposed and AGREED as next vice-chair of the IVOA.

NEW ACTION FM20-11 FG/DdY/RW to generate a draft proposal as to the role of the Chair and deputy Chair of the IVOA including an assessment of the Goals of the IVOA. Report to the Jan 2006 Exec meeting

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## 12. AOB

## 12.1 Date and Venue of the next exec meeting (telecon)

Telecon AGREED 5th Dec 2006 @ 1500 GMT.

Next Full Meeting, Jan 2007 AAS in Seattle - TBC.

## 12.2 Future InterOp meetings after 2007 Spring

CC reported on preliminary organisation for the May 2007 China Interop.

It was AGREED that the meeting would be held in Beijing (rather than Kunming).

Autumn 2007: London after the ADASS

It was AGREED that in planning future meetings the IVOA should ensure that the optimum locations were chosen to facilitate the best working conditions to ensure the successful development of IVOA standards. Thus issues such as accessibility and local infrastructure would need to be considered.

## 12.3

The meeting closed by thanking Masatoshi Ohishi for his leadership as Chair of the IVOA over the last year and a half.

Meeting Closed @ 20.10.

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## NEW ACTIONS:

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## ONGOING ACTIONS:

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CST 20:00 - Close of meeting

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Note: all VO and WG reports are now available on the meeting wiki page at

<http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM20>

Appendix A: Draft Policy on IVOA WG/IG Chairs and Vice-Chairs

From Dave De Young - 11 Aug 2006

Background:

There is a large dispersion in the scope of tasks undertaken by the IVOA Working Groups and Interest Groups. In some cases the scope is very broad, and/or the duration of the undertaking is very long. In other cases the work is more narrowly focused and may not require a great deal of effort or involve a long development time. Hence in some cases the workload of a WG/IG can be so large that it is advisable to share the responsibilities between a Chair and a Vice-Chair. Moreover, in some cases the development of a working group product may be sufficiently extended in time that a Chair or Vice-Chair might be appointed for more than one term in order to assure continuity for the project. In many other cases neither of these conditions will be the case. In general it is felt that a clear definition of leadership of the WG/IG is desirable, hence the ambiguity introduced by the use of Co-Chairs is generally to be avoided unless special conditions arise.

Hence the policy on WG/IG Chairs and Vice-Chairs should retain sufficient flexibility so that the maximum efficiency of the WG/IG may be retained. However, in order to avoid confusion or incorrect expectations on the part of all the WG/IG participants, the policy on WG/IG Chairs needs to be clearly defined. This is the motivation for the draft policy presented below.

Proposal:

Chairs:

Nominal Term for all WG/IG Chairs - 3 years  
Chairs selected by IVOA Exec in consultation with others.  
Reappointment - fully open after one term. Reappointment of the same person shall be for 1 year terms only.

Vice-Chairs:

Nominal Term - 1 to 3 years  
Selection by IVOA Exec on an "as needed" basis.  
Reappointment - fully open after one term.

Co-Chairs:

Normally not appointed.



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Special circumstances to be considered by IVOA Exec

Appeals: To IVOA Exec