

IVOA Full Meeting: FM30

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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-ihp.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 TM 29
3. Project Reports: Significant Events Only
4. Review of Action Items (NW)
5. Approval of New IVOA Recommendations: Standing Item
6. Notes from the LOC – BH
7. TCG Status and Review of Roadmap – CA
8. Reports from WG and IG Chairs
9. Theory IG Recommendations - FG,CA
10. Informal/Exec Committees
 - * Liaison Group - DD
 - * Take Up Group - DD
 - * Report of IVOA Newsletter – MA, DD
11. Prospective New Members – Update – DD
12. Report of Standards Committee – FG
13. Spring 2009 Interop Venue and Planning - DD, FG
14. Autumn 2009 Interop Venue and Planning
15. Date of Next Exec Meeting
16. AOB
17. 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/IvoaExecMeetingFM30>

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 29th October 2008 at 12.00 local time (at Oct 2008 Interop)

1. Roll Call and Agenda Items

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

2. Previous minutes.

Notes from full meetings 20080807 are at :

<http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaRepMin/ivoa-tm29-20080807.pdf>

These minutes were **AGREED**

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

DDY asked all to ensure that they have uploaded their reports to <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM30>

4. 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.

ONGOING DDY reported that there will be an updated pack for the next Spring 2009 interop.

ACTION FM28-2: DDY/FP to write to Brazil groups encouraging collaboration, with goal of making announcement in IAU GA in Rio.

CLOSED: see item 11.

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.

CLOSED: FG reported that this has happened.

ACTION TM29-9: DDY and FG: discuss as to venue for Spring 2009 interop – ESO (with Padovani) or CDS.

CLOSED: see item 12.

5. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s)

CA: ADQL v2.0 should be brought forward for recommendation. This will happen at the Weds 29 Oct 2008 for formal Exec approval. (see RFC at <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/ADQLv2RFC>).

6. Report from the LOC

BH provided an update on local logistical issues for the upcoming interop

7. TCG Status and Roadmap Review

CA will present a full review during the plenary session (Mon 27 Oct 2008). This will be webcast and available for later download.

CA noted that the following have just completed their RFC periods.

- IVOA standards documentation (Process & Stds WG) - <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/DocStdRFC>
- VOSPACE v1.14 – <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/VOSpace11RFC>
- Vocabularies v1.15 - <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/VocabulariesRFC>
- Credential Delegation Protocol v1.01 – see <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/CredentialDelegationRFC>
- Reg interface v1.01 – see <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/RegistryInterface101RFC>

Soon to go to RFC will be:

- VOTable 1.2
- SAMP 1.0
- SIAP 1.0
- SLAP 1.0

8. Working Groups and Interest Groups

8.1 Apps-WG

TM – noted that SAMP is progressing well. However little implementation outside of Europe just now.

8.2 DAL-WG

JS reported on progress with TAP. Good convergence in terms of previously divergent views. Some delays on the development of the SLAP protocol – which is currently requires an update to the relevant data model (from DM-WG). ML noted that the DM-WG was working on the line data model.

The latest TAP v0.3 document (<http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/TableAccess/TAP-v0.3.pdf>) is seen as a significant step forward.

8.3 DM-WG

ML noted the full report at <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM30>

RP asked about documentation for 'utypes' – a concept which is currently only specified within a DAL std (SIAP). ML commented that there would be a note (by end Dec 2008) on the use of 'utypes' which could be developed further to form a recommendation

8.4 Registry-WG

Registry interfaces document currently on the RFC. RP noted that only one comment had been received at <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/RegistryInterface101RFC> – should the RFC period be extended. The RFC closes 9 Nov allowing for some further input.

RP noted that the one comment was significant though – should the querying language be based on ADQL/x which in itself is not now specified in the ADQL recommendation (where only ADQL/s is used).

8.5 Semantics-WG

SD -maintenance of the UCD words has a set process. However, this has not been followed by those suggesting new words. Perhaps the document describing the process for maintaining new UCD words may need to be reviewed – perhaps to simplify the process. This will be discussed during the Sem-WG sessions at the Oct 2008 InterOp.

8.6 VOEvent-WG

AA reported on major process in VOEvent sds:

- VOEvent 2.0 will go to PR post the April Santa Cruz meeting.
- SEAP and registry extensions – currently first drafts of the docs have been issued.
- Signing technologies.
- Time Series is held up due to STC applicability

8.7 VOQL-WG

PO reported on the ADQL TEG and its input into the ADQL v2.0 std. There have been a number of issues raised after the RFC – see <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/ADQLv2RFC> and PO is concerned that some of these RFC comments have appeared at a late (during the TCG evaluation) stage – when they might have been better raised during earlier ADQL TEG discussions.

RP stressed the importance of WG chairs actively responding to RFCs.

8.8 VOTable-WG

FO noted that the main activity is in moving towards VOTable 1.2

8.9 Std+Proc (SCSP)

FG reported that the Web page has been updated to include a FAQ and a list of topics currently under discussion. SCSP will propose an induction document for incoming WG/IG chairs (re: Action FM28-1).

FG noted that the latest RFC attracted significant input and comment. (see <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/DocStdRFC>)

8.10 IG reports

- MO reported that Astro-RG held a session at the June 2008 OGF in Barcelona.
- BH reported for Data-CP: a white paper will be developed during 2009.
- HW noted the Theory-IG activities – also see the meeting wiki page – and item 9 below.

9. Theory IG Recommendations.

HW reported that on the discussions that will take place in a special breakout meeting (Mon 27 Oct 2008 at 17.00 EST) where the issues concerning the SimDB std (from Theory-IG) and implications for the Registry will be discussed. An additional meeting is convened on Tuesday morning for discussing the issue with the relevant WG chairs.

HW also asked that a decision could be made by the end of this interop as to the process that should be followed to allow for the SimDB std to be taken forward. (Formally this standard currently can not be put forward by the Theory-IG due to its Interest Group status).

10. 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.** DDY reported on the draft of a scope document for the activities of the group. Aim to contact other disciplines re development of standards. MO and PO will speak at a 'VO' meeting for the Earth Sciences in Japan later in Nov 2008.
- **Take up by the community:** this group is looking at how the IVOA might get involved in promoting use of IVOA stds.
 - The IVOA might focus on reaching the technical astronomy community – talks to explain to implementers what stds are of use.
 - Use of dedicated workshops in encouraging VO takeover.
 - Use of user portals/ VO user interfaces.
- **IVOA Newsletter:** MA: a draft newsletter has been created (<http://www.cacr.caltech.edu/~sarah/ivoanewsletter/001/>) is now being reviewed by the oversight group (MO/ AK/ PP/ DDY). A charter has also been created and reviewed by this oversight group.
 - **ACTION FM30-10:** MA to circulate draft charter and newsletter.

11. Prospective new members

DDY/FP – have been in contact with two groups in Brazil. It would now appear that there are a number of interested groups in Brazil, and that a single project may now emerge – pending a current funding initiative in Brazil. Progress may announced at the IAU GA in Rio (Aug 2009).

DDY has also been contacted by a group in Argentina. A new VO initiative has been set up – which is now seeking funding.

FG reported on a Euro-VO DCA meeting in Portugal. It would appear that there is serious interest there. FG also noted interest from Turkey with participation in the June 2008 Euro-VO Data Centre Workshop.

12. Status and venue for the spring 2009 Interop

FG offered to host the meeting in Strasbourg.

It was **AGREED** that the Spring 2009 interop should take place in STRASBOURG, France. 24-29 May 2009.

13. Status and venue for the autumn 2009 Interop

PP will check on availability for the autumn 2009 interop at ESO.

It was noted that the 2009 ADASS will be in Sapporro, Japan, 4-7 Oct 2009.

14. Date and venue of the next Exec meeting

Full meeting, *Wednesday 29th October 2008 at 12.00 local time.*

15. AOB

None

16. Summary of New Actions

ACTION FM30-10: MA to circulate draft charter and newsletter.

Meeting Closed: 18.10 EDT