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IWOA Full Meeting 19: FM19

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Glossary

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

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

Agenda:

1. Roll Call and Agenda
2. Minutes of TM18
3. Review of Actions
4. Reports from the Projects
5. Status on Participation of Brazilian VO (continued)
6. Review the proposed charter of the Semantics WG
7. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s)
8. Status of Implementation of IVOA standards in Data Centers
9. IAU in Prague : status report
10. IVOA demonstration stand during the IAU GA in Prague
11. Autumn Interoperability meeting in Moscow
12. AOB
 - 12.1 Summary of this meeting
 - 12.2 Date and Venue of the next exec meeting (telecon ?)
 - 12.3 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/IvoaExecMeetingFM19>

1. Roll Call

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

2. Previous minutes.

Notes from meeting 2006-01-18 - at <http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaRepMin/ivoa-tm18-20060118.pdf>

AGREED

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

ACTION TM16-4B RW: Revise document to clarify change of status of standards as listed in Table 2 of the doc. MO, FG, BH, AL would discuss off-line with RW the possible wording.

CLOSED: RW to report. This referred to the document 'Assessing the IVOA in 2005' so maybe if this hasn't happened, the action has just expired?

RW: noted the draft 'IVOA in 2006' document - see <http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/InterOpMay2006Architecture>

NEW 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

ACTION FM17-8.2 APM: Bring forward a revised charter for the Semantics WG to define its expanded role (including responsibility for opening a discussion list to look at wider Semantics issues).

CLOSED: APM to report. See agenda item 6, this meeting.

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ACTION FM17-11 BH: generate a proposal addressing IVOA recommendations covering reference development systems, open source s/w release, copyright/open source for IVOA documents.

CLOSED: BH reported that this is a complex issue. Thus the IVOA should only encourage open source release of VO systems software.

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

ACTION TM18-3A BR: to post the procedure document to the document matrix page at <http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/docMap.html>

CLOSED: Done

ACTION TM18-3B APM: - bring forward a plan (by May InterOp 2006) as how to maintain the existing UCD WG pages (supporting the current stds) and then how to create the new Semantics WG mailing lists, web areas etc.

CLOSED: APM reported that Markus Dolensky will merge the Semantics-IG and WG lists such that these will form the new Semantic-WG. The UCD-WG list will be aliased to the Semantics-WG list.

ACTION TM18-5 MO: contact Albert Bruch to request full proposal from the Brazilian community: stating extent of the Brazil VO project, and community involved in their activity. The proposal from Brazil VO could be considered at the next IVOA Exec in May 2006.

CLOSED: MO to report see agenda item 5, this meeting

ACTION TM18-6A: InterOP WG/DS: arrange a telecon by end Jan 06 define agenda for Victoria Meeting

CLOSED: Agenda organised.

ACTION TM18-6B: CA to put his sys admin wireless expert in contact with DS and OM. (Help with setting up a wireless network)

CLOSED: Contact made.

ACTION TM18-7 ALL: email AL with suggestions for 'stellar' area speaker for the VO conference.

CLOSED:

ACTION TM18-9.1 BH Will generate an email stating the options and invite all to vote on this. (BR will set up the poll on the ivoa.net web site).

CLOSED: After poll result the operational mode of the email lists was changed such that replies go only to the sender - not to the list - unless you do a 'reply all'.

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

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Aug 2006.

CLOSED: FG reported that options where at the IAU or at the Observatory.

NEW 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.

4. 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/IvoaExecMeetingFM19>.
MO encouraged all to upload reports if not yet done.

MO noted the Eastern Asian region there is work between Japan, China, Taiwan and South Korea - looking at setting up more formal joint observatory initiatives. VO could be a significant area of joint work.

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.

It was noted that reports should be provided by all IG and WGs for the Exec meetings.

5. Status on Participation of Brazilian VO

MO reported that he had contacted Albert Bruch (LNA Director Laboratorio Nacional de Astrofisica) to discover more as to the nature of VO activities in Brazil. MO has since received an email from Prof Bruch, stating that the Brazil VO activities are still evolving, and that they were thus not currently in a position to pursue their application for membership to the IVOA.

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.

6. Review the proposed charter of the Semantics WG

APM discussed the revised charter for the Semantics WG. This Charter was AGREED subject to preamble words:

'The semantics working group will explore technology in the area of semantics with the aim of producing new standards that aid the interoperability of VO system'

7. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s)

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>

8. Status of Implementation of IVOA standards in Data Centers

MO noted that the Exec should attempt to consider the take up of VO services by key data providers. There was a suggestion from the TCG meeting

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(<http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/InterOpMay2006Architecture>) to set up an Implementation IG to focus on issues arising from deployment of VO services. Also - there should be an agenda item for each WG to consider deployment issues for their particular std area.

David Schade had suggested reporting to the Exec on issues arising from the deployment of VO services.

ACTION FM19-8A 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.

PQ noted the importance of progressing the key VO stds to version 1.0.

ACTION FM19-8A RW: identify the core VO standards and encourage timely progression of these stds to version 1.0. To report back to Sept 2006 Exec meeting.

9. IAU in Prague : status report

AL referred to
<http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/PragueReportMay06> and
<http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/VoscienceIAUPrague>

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?

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

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

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

9.1 IAU Division 5 VO WG

FG reported on the IAU VO WG.

ACTION FM19-9.1 Exec: send comments (by May 31 2006) to FG on the draft IAU VO WG Charter, and suggestions for membership (May 11 2006 from FG to exec email)

10. IVOA demonstration stand during the IAU GA in Prague

MD reported on the planning for the IVOA stand at the IAU. It was AGREED that large plasma displays should be obtained.

ACTION FM19-10A MD: check with IAU as to whether the exhibition hall will be open the w/e 19/20 Aug 2006.

It was noted that the stand should have some table/chair space to allow longer demos to visitors, and also display stations for more rapid display of VO features.

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?).

11. Autumn Interoperability meeting in Moscow

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NW reported on behalf of Oleg:

draft schedule.

Monday	RAS:	a.m. public lecture	p.m. open interop and plenary
Tuesday	IoA:	a.m. + p.m. InterOp WGs	
Wednesday	IoA:	a.m. InterOp WGs	p.m. IVOA exec + free
Thursday	SAI:	9-10 closing plenary	
		10.30 on +	p.m. SPM - banquet in evening
Friday	SAI:	a.m. SPM	

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.

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

Note: 20060518: the SOC for the Small Projects Meeting exists and currently contains Oleg, Ajit and Chenzhou.

ACTION FM19-11C Oleg Malkov: Provide information on meeting logistics (hotels, transportation from the airport and to the meetings, etc) on the preliminary meeting page.

12. AOB

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12.2 Date and Venue of the next exec meeting

Prague 17 Aug 2006 at the IAU General Assembly.

12.3 Future InterOp? meetings after 2007 Spring

JENAM Aug 20-25 2007 - AM suggested that there could be a mini symposium focused on the IVOA.

Autumn 2007: London after the ADASS

Spring 2008: proposals for Strasbourg or Italy to be considered.

AL noted that with time there would be less need for specific VO conferences as the use of VO systems becomes more endemic.

12.4 IVOA Process

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

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ONGOING ACTIONS:

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ONGOING: FG to report

PDT 17:00 - 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/IvoaExecMeetingFM19>