

IVOA Exec, FM28
Trieste Interop
Sun 18 May 2008 18:00h

1) Roll Call: Gerard Lemson, David Schade, Christophe Arviset, Ajit Kembhavi, Olga Dluzhnevskaya, Paolo Padovani, Fernando Comeron, Fabio Pasian, Dave De Young, Roy Williams, Masatoshi Ohishi, Matthew Graham, Chenzhou Cui, Keith Noddle, Bob Hanisch, Francoise Genova, Andy Lawrence. Note: WG and IG chairs were invited to this meeting.

2) Minutes of previous meeting stand as read.

3) Reports from Projects: Referred to uploaded reports on Twiki.

4) Review of Actions

ACTION ITEM UPDATE FOR IVOA EXEC MEETING FM28: 18 May 2008
prepared by NAW 16 May 2008

ACTION TM24-6 MO: bring forward a revised Charter for the Astro-RG IG after discussing the interface with the GWS-WG with Matthew Graham.

CLOSED: This action will be closed at the May 08 InterOp. See <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/AstroRG>

ACTION FM25-3 RW/CA : proposal from the TCG as to its role would be brought forward to the Exec at the May 2008 InterOp.

CLOSED: In conjunction with action TM27-11, CA/RW distributed a draft charter of the TCG on 14/05 for the exec to review.

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

ONGOING: a draft package will be presented at the May 2008 interop.

ACTION FM25-5.3: FG: ask the VOTable WG to comment on whether they wish to switch to a maintenance mode, and bring their views to the next Exec.

CLOSED: Francois Ochsenbein has confirmed that VOTable will switch to a maintenance mode.

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.

ONGOING: RW/BH to update – also discussion at the InterOp this week.

ACTION TM27-4 DDY to contact solar reps to inform them of the Trieste Interop solar / planetary meeting.

CLOSED: DDY to report on who was contacted.

ACTION TM27-11 CA to bring forward the revised TCG Charter at the Trieste May 2008 InterOp.

CLOSED: for discussion.

ACTION TM27-13 DDY will generate a revised draft of the inactive members policy for agreement at the May 2008 InterOp.

CLOSED: DDY for discussion

ACTION TM27-18 DDY to email Exec as to suggested nominations vice-Chair for DAL. One week comment period.

ONGOING: vice-Chair to be appointed at this exec.

5) Approval of Recommendations: None to consider.

6) Reports from WG and IG Chairs:

Applications: Next steps for SAMP? How to address astronomy community concerns that the VO is not yet relevant to their work.

DAL (KN): SIAP V2.0 work is progressing well. Will see how it is being used in Aladin. Will discuss Footprints; working prototypes in place. TAP discussions expected to be somewhat contentious. Want one TAP standard that meets everybody's needs. Will discuss twin-track process and whether this meets both current and future needs. There are common requirements for TAP/QL and TAP/PARAM. Hopes to reach convergence "quickly". KN: Asserts that what emerges as standard needs to reflect what has been developed already, and will scale up. DS: Should Exec intervene? KN: See how things go on Tuesday first.

DM: ML via DDY.

GWS (MG): Five sessions, two of which are joint. MG: Want to make progress on VOspace; four implementations of V1.1 WD have been completed. Will progress with delegation mechanism for security, based on current industry norms. Also discussing ideas for access control. Will review Universal Worker Service as no real progress has been made thus far. Entire session set to discuss VOSI. Workflows to be discussed with AstroRG IG.

Registry: no one present.

Semantics: no one present.

VOEvent: (RW) Want to register event streams and event catalogs in Registry. Will discuss how to sign (authenticate) events with, e.g., digital signatures. Plans for VOEvent 2.0.

VOQL: no one present. RFC period for ADQL V2.0 is in progress. Comments have been posted. BH notes that there are likely to be problems given the nature of the comments posted to the RFC. PO is asking members of the VOQL-TEG to help in responding to comments. MO suggests to the chair that PO hold a small off-line meeting to see if some of the concerns can be resolved.

VOTable: no one present. Hoping to move VOTable in maintenance. Issue is how to encode STC in VOTable; this has to be resolved before VOTable becomes dormant. AstroRG: MO notes two issues: approval of new charter and workflows (with GWS WG).

DCP: Agenda described by BH. Status of DCP efforts relevant to VO, and discussion of outline of white paper.

Theory: GL says that SNAP will be separated into two parts: SimDB and SimDAP. SimDB close to ready to move into formal review process, but this cannot be done by an IG. Will discuss with DM WG. SimDB overlaps with Registry and TAP also. Will also discuss with DM WG about defining standard way to represent a data model, and with Semantics about specific vocabularies for simulations.

DDY: how to move something defined in an IG into a WG? RW: why not make Theory a WG? GL: not proposing to turn Theory IG into a WG. Rather, set up a focus group that cuts across Registry, DAL, Semantics, DM, and Theory. But such a thing has no standing in the current IVOA structure. Needs to be discussed further in the Exec.

7) Discussion of WG and IG chair/deputy replacements for those whose terms are expiring: Discussed candidates.

8) Final report of assessment committee: DDY asks for final endorsement by Exec. FG asks if we can accept changes after the report is given in the plenary. DG says yes, but asks that we endorse it as it stands now. All concur. Should be published as a Note.

9) Review of 2008 Roadmap: RW and CA have been working on this in preparation for this Interop. Format is changing a bit, including 1) assessment of progress in the last year, 2) plans of each WG for the coming year, 3) issues overlapping two or more WGs, and 4) list of existing RECs (appendix). RW tried different approach this year to solicit input from the IVOA so that it was not just his personal view.

10) No item

11) TCG Charter Status: CA/RW distributed a draft charter of the TCG on 14/05 for the exec to review. Few comments received. Should then later on move to a formal IVOA note.

12) Revised policy on inactive members (DDY): changed time period to 1 + 1 year. Exec in accord with adopting this policy. Should be published as a Note.

13) Introduction package for new WG and IG chairs and deputies (RW, DD): Give them the charter, the process document, and wish them luck! FG: should we explicitly ask that outgoing chair brief incoming chair or deputy on issues and controversies? BH: best as unwritten rule? FG: more of a collective document.

ACTION FM28-1: DDY, FG, RW, and CA to discuss need for such a document.

14) Prospective new members (DDY): Romania in contact but not yet ready. Bulgaria announced that they were hosting a VO. Dave sent e-mail but heard nothing. Brazil (BRAVO) contacted Fabio about what to do to join. FG reports that Chile is also interested.

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

15) Start date for next IVOA Chair (BH): (DDY recused himself from the discussion.) Proposal is to extend DDY's term to coincide with October Interop and begin Fabio's term at the end of the Interop. Term of Chair would then cover three Interops (i.e., approx. 18 months). Hand-off occurs at end of Interop meeting, in closing plenary. All in accord.

16) CODATA (DD): meeting in Kiev, 5-8 Oct 2008. Ray Norris organizing one-day session on VO.

17) October Interop status (BH): Planning now underway. Meetings will be held at STScI (auditorium) and JHU Bloomberg building (break-outs). Beginning negotiations with local hotels for room blocks.

18) Next Exec meeting: need to name new WG/IG chairs and deputies. Will discuss Wednesday starting at lunch (13:00-14:30).

Meeting adjourned: 20:05h.