

# IVOA Exec Full Meeting: FM36 supplementary

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## Glossary:

ArVO - Armenian VO <http://www.aras.am/Arvo/arvo.htm>  
AstroGrid - UK VO initiative <http://www.astrogrid.org>  
Aus-VO - Australian Virtual Observatory <http://aus-vo.org.au/>  
BRAVO - Brazil Virtual Observatory <http://www.lna.br/bravo/>  
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	<a href="http://www.france-vo.org">http://www.france-vo.org</a>
GAVO - German Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.g-vo.org">http://www.g-vo.org</a>
HVO - Hungarian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://hvo.elte.hu">http://hvo.elte.hu</a>
VO-India - Indian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://vo.iucaa.ernet.in/~voi/">http://vo.iucaa.ernet.in/~voi/</a>
VObs.it - The Italian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://vobs.astro.it/">http://vobs.astro.it/</a>
JVO - Japanese Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html">http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html</a>
KVO - Korean Virtual Observatory	
NVO - National Virtual Observatory (USA)	<a href="http://www.us-vo.org">http://www.us-vo.org</a>
RVO - Russian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.inasan.rssi.ru/eng/rvo/">http://www.inasan.rssi.ru/eng/rvo/</a>
SVO - Spanish Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://svo.laeff.inta.es">http://svo.laeff.inta.es</a>
IVOA - International Virtual Observatory Alliance	<a href="http://www.ivoa.net">http://www.ivoa.net</a>

## Agenda:

1. Roll Call and Agenda (MA)
2. KDD Interest Group
3. Discussion on IVOA and Exec (What is IVOA? What is Exec?) (all)
4. Discussion on the IVOA structure (Exec, committees, WGs/IGs/LGs,...) (all)
5. IVOA Web pages (AL)
6. Interop Program Organizing Committee (SG)
7. Expiring Chairs and document Coordinator (FP)
8. Next Interops and Workshops
9. Date of next meeting
10. AOB
11. Discussion on Action Items
12. Summary of Actions

A. Appendices - reports from VO projects, WGs and IGs, see the wiki at:  
<http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM36>

## NEXT MEETING: Telecon, Monday 20 September 2010

### **1. Roll Call and Agenda**

The participants' names were recorded and the meeting agenda was **AGREED**

It was noted that Nicholas Walton has communicated that he will stand down from the IVOA executive committee. This was **ACCEPTED**, and the exec extends its **THANKS** to Nic for all his work and contributions to the exec since the beginning of the IVOA.

### **2. KDD Interest Group**

The revised charter for the KDD Interest Group reflects the comments that have been received on the previous version.

There was a discussion on the participation of IG chairs and vice chairs in the TCG, in particular the role of IG members in the TCG standards review process.

In conclusion it was **AGREED** that the IG chairs may (but are not obliged to) comment during the TCG approval process. **ACTION FM36S-1** on the Committee on Standards and

Processes to include the convention that 'IG chairs may (but are not obliged to) comment during the TCG approval process' in the next version of the 'IVOA Document Standards'. The creation of KDD IG is **APPROVED** with minor corrections to the charter to reflect that this IG is not intended for the development of standards, and some grammatical corrections.

**ACTION FM36S-2** FP to ask the KDD IG to propose a chair and a vice chair for endorsement by the exec.

### ***3. Discussion on IVOA and Exec (What is IVOA? What is Exec?)***

FP outlined the description of what IVOA is as written on the 'About IVOA' part of the IVOA web pages (<http://www.ivoa.net/pub/info/>). FP highlighted that 'Senior representatives from each national VO project form the IVOA Executive Committee'.

The 'super-national' projects were discussed. BH indicated that the intention in the original text was for it to encompass 'national and international', and that the current text has a shortcoming in this respect.

Revising the 'About IVOA' was raised, and the definitions of 'projects', 'initiatives' were discussed. FG suggested that international organization formed by treaties should be treated at the same level as national projects.

**ACTION FM36S-3** - FP and PP to propose changes to the wording of the description of IVOA in the 'About IVOA' to better describe the entities that may participate in IVOA.

It was recognized that the 'Guidelines for Participation' document (<http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/latest/IVOAParticipation.html>) is the one that is binding. Potential changes to these guidelines were discussed.

**ACTION FM36S-4** - FP, PP, BH to suggest wording for changes to the 'Guidelines for Participation' to reflect that national and international members can participate in IVOA.

The representation of the IVOA members on the executive committee was discussed, including the number of representatives serving on the exec from each member. FP emphasized that the work of the exec is done by consensus only.

The proposals for ESO and ESA to become members of the IVOA with representation on the exec were discussed.

It was **AGREED** that ESAVO and ESO(VO) become members.

### ***4. Discussion on the IVOA structure (Exec, committees, WGs/IGs/LGs,...)***

FP proposed (as agreed with the TCG) that the VOQL working group be merged into the DAL working group. It was **AGREED** that the VOQL WG will be merged into the DAL WG.

**\*\*\* adjourned at 14:15 \*\*\***

\*\*\* reconvened at 17:40 \*\*\*

## **5. IVOA Web pages**

AL reported that AL, Sarah Emery Bunn (SEB), Bruno Rino (BR) and FP had been identified to help design the revised IVOA web pages. AL reported that a small number of comments had been received on the current revision plan. A draft web site based on this plan has been made by SEB, including the basic tree structure of the web site, and has started to fill in some content. AL indicated that volunteers to contribute content would be welcome, and requests that the exec look at the content.

AL presented the draft web pages. There was some discussion of the draft. It was suggested that 'Members' could be changed to a different name to avoid confusion of what members means. There was some discussion on where the level 0 architecture information fits into the web page. There was also some discussion on how and where to link to science tutorials, and also to education and outreach materials.

The basic logic and layout of the website in the draft was **AGREED**. AL was charged with synthesizing the suggestions.

**ACTION FM36S-5** All - provide feedback on web site design via the wiki page for the revised website design  
(<http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/RevisedWebsiteDesign>)

The draft website is available at: <http://www.cacr.caltech.edu/~sarah/websites/ivoa/>

## **6. Interop Program Organising Committee**

SG raised the question of membership of the POC. One member resigned ~2 years ago and has not been replaced with the POC continuing with only 2 members. The current arrangements are working but would be improved with one extra person. CA indicated the need to maintain a link between the POC and the TCG as currently served by having the TCG deputy (SG) on the POC. It was also noted that good communication between the POC and the LOC is necessary, and it was **AGREED** that the POC be made up of two fixed POC members and one member from the LOC.

SG proposed that the Committee for Science Priorities be responsible for science sessions at IVOA interop meetings. This was **AGREED**.

## **7. Expiring Chairs and document Coordinator**

Bruno Rino will finish his role as document coordinator at the end of July. Sarah Emery Bunn was proposed by NVO/VAO, and it was **AGREED**.

The exec expresses their **THANKS** to Bruno Rino for his work as document coordinator.

The position of the vice chair of the IVOA exec was discussed. It was **AGREED** that Ajit Kembhavi will be the next vice chair of the IVOA exec.

FP reported that the GWS chair, DM chair and vice chair, DAL chair and vice chair, and DCP chair terms are expiring, and that a set of names were received and that the TCG

has been consulted. Nominations for Chairs and Vice Chairs of were **AGREED** and the following positions were set to be announced at the closing plenary of the interop meeting following acceptance of the positions by the nominees.

GWS Chair - Matthew Graham extended for the period of one year

GWS Vice Chair - Paul Harrison extended for the period of one year

DAL Chair - Pat Dowler

DAL Vice Chair - Mike Fitzpatrick

DM Chair - Mireille Louys extended for the period of one year

DM Vice Chair - Jesus Salgado

DCP Chair - Alberto Accomazzi

### ***8. Next Interops and Workshops***

The next interoperability meeting will be in 7-11 Dec 2010 in Nara, Japan.

Proposal from AK for a Nov 2011 interop in India. **AGREED**

Proposal from Peppe Longo for an interop in Naples, Italy in May 2011. **AGREED**

### ***9. Date of next meeting***

Telecon on Monday 20 September

### ***10.AOB***

FP was **THANKED** for serving as chair of the IVOA exec.

### ***11.Discussion on Action Items***

none

### ***12.Summary of new action Items***

**ACTION FM36-1 DDY** to convene the CSP in next few days, and have the first meeting as an open meeting.

**ACTION FM36S-1** on the Committee on Standards and Processes to include the convention that 'IG chairs may (but are not obliged to) comment during the TCG approval process' in the next version of the 'IVOA Document Standards'.

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