

# IVOA Exec Full Meeting: FM40

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## Glossary:

ArVO - Armenian VO	<a href="http://www.aras.am/Arvo/arvo.htm">http://www.aras.am/Arvo/arvo.htm</a>
AstroGrid - UK VO initiative	<a href="http://www.astrogrid.org">http://www.astrogrid.org</a>
Aus-VO - Australian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://aus-vo.org.au/">http://aus-vo.org.au/</a>
BRAVO - Brazil Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.lna.br/bravo/">http://www.lna.br/bravo/</a>
China-VO - Chinese Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.china-vo.org">http://www.china-vo.org</a>
CVO - Canadian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www1.cadc-ccda.hia-ihp.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/cvo/">http://www1.cadc-ccda.hia-ihp.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/cvo/</a>
Euro-VO European Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.euro-vo.org">http://www.euro-vo.org</a>
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>
VAO - Virtual Astronomical 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. [Minutes of TM39](#) (PP)
3. Review of [Actions](#) (MA)
4. Project Reports [Significant Events Only]
5. Report of the TCG meeting and TCG status (CA)
6. Reports by the WG (WG Chairs)
7. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]
8. Expiring WG and IG Chairs and vice-Chairs
9. ESO and the VO (FC)
10. CSP Review (DDY)
11. Argentina VO (NOVA) status (PT)
12. Australia VO status (AW)

A. Appendices - reports from VO projects, WGs and IGs, see the wiki at:  
<http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/lvoaExecMeetingFM40>

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 18 May 2011, 13:00-14.30.  
Meeting Room B, Naples, Italy**

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

The participants' names were recorded, 3 participants joined by skype. Large attendance (33 people)

### **2. Previous Minutes**

The TM39 minutes were **APPROVED**.

### **3. Status of Actions**

The [Actions](#) were read and a number of the items were discussed.

**ACTION: TM39-1** All: Volunteer/delegate effort to help create the 'Deployers' section of the revised IVOA web pages, and prepare to give comments in Naples

AL noted the progress and will coordinate with CA on organization of the deployers section of the web pages

**ACTION TM39-4** AK to collate information on the logistics for the Pune Interop  
**ONGOING** - to be addressed during the Wednesday meeting

**ACTION FM38S-3** BH and FG to check with AA on how the process would work, in particular for the bibcode.  
**ONGOING** - kept as ongoing

**ACTION FM38-5 TCG** next meeting should discuss implementation and validation tools for data centres to take up VO Standards.  
**ONGOING** - was not addressed in the TCG meeting agenda

**ACTION TM35-2: FP** Coordinate formation of a liaison group to represent IVOA in OGF.  
**CLOSED**. FP email to exec 15 May 2011 with a report on IVOA-OGF Liaison Group

### **4. Project Reports**

Project reports for AstroGrid, BRAVO, China-VO, CVO, VAO are on the meeting page. The long VAO report was briefly discussed with BH noting the recent annual review of VAO and that continuation of the project is expected.

### **5. TCG Report**

CA reported on the TCG meeting that was held before the exec meeting. Some time was spent presenting and discussing the IVOA standards process, resulting in some suggestions for the presentation of the status of various documents on the IVOA documents page. The overall IVOA architecture was reviewed. The interdependencies between various WGs was discussed, and some issues requiring attention during the week were identified. (see TCG meeting page and minutes here <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/InterOpMay2011TCG> )

### **6. WG Reports**

Reports for most WGs appear on the meeting page.

AL asked whether development on the 'Footprint' standard had stalled. CA indicated that Footprint Access Protocol is in the roadmap, but was not addressed at the Nara interop. GG indicated some informal discussion on FAP was planned for this meeting.

AL asked how well the IVOA standards are fit to purpose. CA indicated that this was addressed in Nara where the standards were reviewed with respect to the science cases. FAP was not identified as a high priority at that time.

### **7. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]**

No new items requiring approval at this exec meeting

### **9. ESO and the VO**

This item was brought forward due to unstable skype connection

FC reported on ESO operations and changes in the participation of ESO in developmental projects: The core mission of ESO includes support of VLT, ALMA and preparation for ELT. While ESO has been involved in other developmental projects (in the areas of instrument development, data managements and others) these are not part of the core mission and the involvement in VO developmental projects needed to be reconsidered. The ESO archive (operational for 20 years) will continue and VO will remain a component of the system, but VO developmental projects will not continue.

FC announced the withdrawal of ESO as an active partner in IVOA. ESO will stay aware of VO developments. PP will remain chair until the end of his term. ESO will have a lower participation in VO development in the near term, but this may change in the future.

FC extends his thanks to people from ESO and IVOA for their hard work and contributions to the VO.

There was some discussion on the conditions for future change of policy and FC indicated it depended on many factors and can not be considered in isolation from other factors.

FC noted that VO expertise has been propagated in the last years to other departments at ESO dealing with data products and archive services

### **8. Expiring WG and IG Chairs and vice-Chairs**

The list of expiring terms was reviewed. The large number of changes was discussed in terms of its affect on balance in the TCG. BH questioned whether there were sufficient resources/people to fill all the positions.

Some individual cases were briefly discussed but the main discussion is deferred until the Wednesday exec meeting.

**ACTION FM40-1** PP to talk to the relevant current WG chairs

**ACTION FM40-2** PP to email exec asking for suggestions for new chairs/vice chairs

Discussion to be continued during FM40S on Wednesday of the Interop meeting.

## **10. CSP Review**

DDY outlined the report he compiled following a poll of the exec (email to exec 03 May 2011), and draft report emailed to exec (12 May 2011).

It was noted that there were only 5 replies to the poll.

There was some discussion on the membership of the CSP, and the possibility of external or adjunct members was raised. AK indicated it was useful to have invited participants from time to time.

**ACTION FM40-3** DDY to revise the CSP report

## **11. Argentina VO (NOVA) status (PT)**

PT reported that NOVA has a 3 year budget. In order to be efficient in taking up VO NOVA requests 2 people to visit Argentina to talk to the 8 institutes involved. The intention is to hold a small workshop.

There will be an Argentinian national meeting (to be held with Chile) in October 2011 where NOVA aims to engage with Astronomers. NOVA is also organizing schools for the 2012 society meeting.

Some suggestions for VO uptake/publishing were made. BH noted the NVO documents on publishing to the VO, the NVO book and summer school materials. CA noted the EuroVO publishing workshop tutorials and documentation. FP mentions VODance.

PC requested BRAVO also be sent the same links to VO publishing materials.

**ACTION FM40-4** BH to email NOVA and BRAVO contacts with links to VO publishing materials

**ACTION FM40-5** CA to email NOVA and BRAVO contacts with links to VO publishing materials

**ACTION FM40-6** FP to email NOVA and BRAVO contacts with links to VO publishing materials

## **12. Australia VO status (AW)**

AW indicated that after discussions at the national level in Australia (Australian National Astronomy Board) that he was made the Australian representative in IVOA.

Funding for AusVO is currently done via various projects (including ASKAP)

Some recent activities include the AstroInformatics school held in Perth.

There is interest in using the HIPASS data as a test case of publishing to the VO.

There may be interest in hosting an IVOA interop meeting.

## ***Review of Action Items***

New Actions:

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ONGOING actions

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**ACTION FM38S-4** Document Coordinator (after ACTION FM38S-3) to submit all existing RECs.

**ONGOING**

**ACTION FM38-5** TCG next meeting should discuss implementation and validation tools for data centres to take up VO Standards.

**ONGOING**