

IVOA Exec Meeting: TM58

Sunday, June 14, 2015 @16:00 UTC

Notes: JE

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Updated: 25Jun15 – added TCG report from SG

02Jul15 – CA feedback

16Jul15 – CC, JW, OM feedback

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Glossary:

NOVA – Argentina Virtual Observatory	http://nova.conicet.gov.ar
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
ChiVO – Chile Virtual Observatory	http://www.chivo.cl
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
GAVO - German Astrophysical Virtual Observatory	http://www.g-vo.org
HVO - Hungarian Virtual Observatory	http://hvo.elte.hu
JVO - Japanese Virtual Observatory	http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html
OV-France - VO-France	http://www.france-vo.org
RVO - Russian Virtual Observatory	http://www.inasan.ru/eng/rvo/
SA ³ – South Africa Astroinformatics Alliance	http://www.sa3.ac.za
SVO - Spanish Virtual Observatory	http://svo.cab.inta-csic.es
UKR-VO - Ukraine Virtual Observatory	http://www.ukr-vo.org/
USVOA – US Virtual Observatory Alliance	http://usvoa.cfa.harvard.edu
VO-India - Indian Virtual Observatory	http://vo.iucaa.ernet.in/~voi/
VObs.it - The Italian Virtual Observatory	http://vobs.astro.it/
IVOA - International Virtual Observatory Alliance	http://www.ivoa.net

Agenda:

1. Roll Call and Agenda
2. Minutes of TM57
3. Review of Actions
4. Project Reports [Significant Events Only]
5. USVOA organization update (GF)
6. TCG status
7. WG Chairs/Vice Chairs status
8. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]
9. Registry of Registries (RofR) transfer from NCSA
10. Review Expiring/New Working/Interest Group Chair/Deputy Chair positions
11. Review Exec Members Email List updates
12. AOB
13. Review of Action Items

A. Appendices - reports from VO projects see the wiki at:

<http://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM58>

NEXT EXEC MEETING: Wednesday, June 17 2015, Noon

1. *Roll Call and Agenda*

The participants' names were recorded.

2. *Minutes of TM57*

The TM57 minutes were accepted.

3. *Review of Actions*

ACTION T57-1: FG, CA, SG, BB – Review list of IVOA notes to date. 1) Data mine Notes that should go to ADS. 2) Understand topology of other Notes to help Exec data mine which type should to or not go to ADS.

IN PROGRESS

ACTION T57-2: CA – Finalize Charter for Operations Interest Group based on what was presented by Tom McGlynn.

CLOSED – Charter finalized

ACTION T57-3: CA - Ask Tom McGlynn to act as interim IVOA Operations Interest Group chair for Sesto meeting.

CLOSED – Tom accepted; 2 Ops sessions at this meeting

ACTION TM-56-3: SG – review with MM the questions in the IVOA Web Assets Document and bring them to the TCG for discussion and recommendation.

CLOSED – discussed at Jun 14 TCG mtg

ACTION TM-56-7: Exec – Propose possible new members of the CSP.

CLOSED – on agenda for Jun 17 Exec mtg

ACTION F55-1: MG – Schedule a half hour Plenary session to present data curation at the Spring Interop meeting.

CLOSED – on Interop schedule

ACTION F55-7: CC/MM – Discuss Document backup and report back to Exec.

IN PROGRESS – MM reported server setup in Beijing, close to complete

ACTION F55-8: MG – Coordinate a session on new projects. POC propose projects and ask the Exec to invite to present at the plenary session.

CLOSED – on Interop schedule

ACTION FMS53-1: BB/MM – Coordinate a technical note on transfer of the components of the IVOA Web Page and Document Repository

CLOSED – Doc updated and posted

4. Project Reports

Project reports from BRAVO, China-VO, Euro_VO, France-VO, GAVO, VObs.It, Japan-VO, USVOA, and VO-India appear on the meeting wiki page. See:

<http://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM58 - Reports from the Projects>

ACTION FM58-1: MG/CA – Contact Australian organizers and request a presentation by the Aus-VO at the Northern Fall interop

5. USVOA Organization update

GF highlighted that the US Virtual Observatory Alliance (USVOA) was set up as a Special Interest Group (SIG) of the AAS Working Group on Astronomical Software (WGAS), aimed at ensuring full participation of the US astronomical community in the development and implementation of VO standards.

The USVOA web page can be found at: <http://usvoa.cfa.harvard.edu>

The USVOA has appointed Pepi Fabbiano (SAO), Bruce Berriman (IPAC) and Brian Glendenning (NRAO) as US delegation to the IVOA Exec.

6. TCG Status

SG reported a TCG telecon was held on May 12 in preparation for the Sesto Interop. The face-to-face TCG meeting was held on Jun 14. He thanked TCG members that will be turning over for their contributions.

For Standards, Datalink 1.0 is before the Exec for Recommendation. Several other standards are at various phases of the process. Details are available in the meeting report page:

<http://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM58 - Report from the TCG>

Summary of Topics discussed by TCG:

- Web Assets (as per Exec ACTION TM-56-3)
 - Mailing lists
 - ▶ Decision to make WG/IG chairs and vice-chairs responsible for moderating their respective mailing lists.
 - Document repository
 - ▶ Currently have inconsistent document paths. Action to flatten the document directory to remove inconsistencies.

- Validators/Registries
 - Registered services that don't respond and the publishers that don't respond to emails.
 - Need a policy to "clean up" the registry; impacts validators
- Reference Implementations and Validators
 - Reference implementations and validators early in the process, i.e., before RFC as feedback from implementations can help improve the WD.
 - A "chicken and egg problem": implementers of standards often wait for a PR or a Rec before beginning work when it is too late to feed back information gained.
 - It could be a TCG function to evaluate reference implementations and validators as part of the Recommendation process.
- Recommendation Process
 - Some things not functioning: late comments, lack of reference implementations, compliance checking and use cases
 - Standards and Processes committee to be asked to review the recommendation process with input from TCG
- Volute replacement
 - Volute/Google Code repository end of life August 2015
 - Recommendation to Exec to request a free organizational account from GitHub.
- IVOA schema evolution
 - Discussion at this InterOp. If solution is agreed upon, a Strong Note will document the solution.
- Errata
 - Agreed to have "Accepted Errata" page for standards separate from proposed/rejected errata page.
 - Agreed that the "Accepted Errata" page be reviewed by the TCG and endorsed by Exec.
 - MD will send the revised proposal to go to Standards and Processes committee.

Added as a discussion topic at the Exec Wed supplementary meeting on:

- Volute replacement, Registry 'clean up'.

7. WG Chairs/Vice Chairs status

Detailed reports from Working Groups are in the meeting wiki page. See:

http://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM58#Reports_from_the_WGs

8. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]

The current (as of Jun 08) IVOA recommendation under review by the Exec is Datalink 1.0. CA has received 14 positive responses so far and encouraged anyone who has not responded to do so before Wed, Jun 17 when a decision on the recommendation will be reached by the Exec.

9. Registry of Registries (RofR) transfer from NCSA

GF expressed interest on behalf of the USVOA for the SAO/CXC group to take over the RofR from NCSA. The CXC currently maintains a publishing registry and is in the ready to

migrate the RofR implementation from NCSA to SAO and to maintain the RofR service in the US. The Exec endorsed the transition to SAO/CXC.

10. Review Expiring/New Working/Interest Group Chair/Deputy Chair positions

The list is:

- TCG Chair / Vice Chair (Extendable)
- DM Chair / Vice Chair (*no extension*)
- Grid and Web Services Chair (*no extension*)
- Registry Vice Chair (*no extension*)
- Semantics Chair / Vice Chair (Extendable)
- Theory Chair / Vice Chair (Extendable)

We also touched base on the KDD IG which has been inactive for several years, without any session at Interop meetings. Some discussion will take place this week, to determine ways forward for this IG.

11. Review Exec Members Email List updates

The Exec Mail list changes were reviewed and agreed:

Added:

Sebastian Gurovich : gurovich@mail.oac.uncor.edu - Argentina VO
Brian Glendenning : bglenden@nrao.edu - USVOA

Removed:

Hernán Muriel : hernan.muriel@gmail.com
Joseph Lazio : Joseph.Lazio@jpl.nasa.gov
Robert Hanisch <hanisch@stsci.edu>
Alexander Szalay <szalay@pha.jhu.edu>

In addition, the following changes completed the cleanup:

Populate ivoa_sec with Janet Evans; Remove Janet Evans from Exec list
Remove Roberto Gamen from Exec list (replaced by Sebastian Gurovich above)
Found Mark Allen is id'd as ivoa_sec. Add csp_chair alias to the Exec list.
Set csp_chair to Mark Allen.

ACTION T58-2: CA – Contact Hungarian VO for an update on their VO activity

12. AOB

NONE

13. Review of New Action Items

New Action Items:

ACTION FM58-1: MG/CA – Contact Australian organizers and request a presentation by the Aus-VO at the Northern Fall interop

ACTION F58-2: CA – Contact Hungarian VO for an update on their VO activity

Ongoing Action Items:

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IN PROGRESS

ACTION F55-7: CC/MM – Discuss Document backup and report back to Exec.

IN PROGRESS – CC expect backup on China operational ~Mid 2015