

IVOA Exec Meeting: TM113



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Glossary

| Acronym | Institution Name | Institution Website |
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| ArVO | Armenian Virtual Observatory | https://www.aras.am/Arvo/arvo.htm |
| AstroGrid | UK VO initiative | http://www.astrogrid.org |
| ASVO | Australian Virtual Observatory | https://asvo.org.au/ |
| BRAVO | Brazil Virtual Observatory | http://bravo.iag.usp.br/ |
| China-VO | Chinese Virtual Observatory | http://www.china-vo.org |

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| ChiVO | Chile Virtual Observatory | https://chivo.cl/ |
| CVO | Canadian Virtual Observatory | https://www1.cadc-ccda.hia-ihp.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/cvo/ |
| ESA | European Space Agency | https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/esdc |
| Euro-VO | European Virtual Observatory | http://www.euro-vo.org |
| GAVO | German Astrophysical Virtual Observatory | https://www.g-vo.org/ |
| HVO | Hungarian Virtual Observatory | http://hvo.elte.hu/ |
| JVO | Japanese Virtual Observatory | http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html |
| KazVO | Kazakhstan Virtual Observatory | https://fai.kz/ |
| NLVO | Netherlands Virtual Observatory | https://www.virtualobservatory.nl/ |
| NOVA | Argentina Virtual Observatory | https://nova.conicet.gov.ar |
| OV-France | VO-France | http://www.france-vo.org |
| RVO | Russian Virtual Observatory | http://www.inasan.ru/organizational-activity/rvo/rvo/ |
| SA3 (or SA ³) | South Africa Astroinformatics Alliance | https://sa3.ac.za/ |
| SKAO | Square Kilometre Array Observatory | https://www.skao.int/ |
| SVO | Spanish Virtual Observatory | https://svo.cab.inta-csic.es/main/index.php |
| UkrVO | Ukraine Virtual Observatory | http://www.ukr-vo.org/ |
| USVOA | US Virtual Observatory Alliance | http://usvoa.cfa.harvard.edu |
| VO-India | Indian Virtual Observatory | http://voi.iucaa.in/voi/ |
| VObs.it | The Italian Virtual Observatory | https://vobs.it |
| IVOA | International Virtual Observatory Alliance | http://www.ivoa.net |

Agenda

1. Roll call and agenda
 - o Regrets: PW (SA3), SG (NOVA), CC (Dongwei Fan represented China-VO in Bologna)
2. Renewal of WG/IG Chairs and Vice-chairs, continued
3. Future Interop meetings
4. AOB
5. Review of new action items

Next Exec Meeting: TBD

Discussion

1. Roll Call and Agenda

- The names of the attendees are recorded.

2. Renewal of WG/IG Chairs and Vice-chairs, continued (as needed)

CA reported on the many discussions with all potential candidates. He mentioned that people feel honored and motivated to be offered a position. Some other people also declined due to their project workload but would be happy to be considered in the future.

The Exec is conscious of various considerations to be taken into account in the nominations for these positions, among them being:

- The need to balance experience in the IVOA while also bringing new and younger people in these positions. Ideally, this can be done in the decision between chairs and vice-chairs.
- The need to ensure good diversity and gender balance within the TCG.
- The need to have people who can commit their time in fulfilling these roles.
- For IGs, it is important to have a scientist as the Chair who is able to represent and engage the community. Having a Vice-Chair with more engineering expertise enables a good combination.

The Exec reviewed all of the proposed names for these positions and concluded on the following ones:

- DM WG Chair: Mark Cresitello-Dittmar (CfA)
- DM WG VC: Matthieu Servillat (ObsParis, CTA)
- GWS Chair: Jesus Salgado (SKAO)
- GWS VC: Sara Bertocco (INAF)
- Operations Chair: Steve Groom (IPAC, IRSA)
- Operations VC: Tamara Civera (CEFCA, Spain)
- For Semantics WG Chair and Vice-Chair, the Exec felt the candidates should be asked about their respective roles (chair or vice-chair). Just after the meeting, CA checks with them and confirmed:
 - Semantics WG Chair: Baptiste Cecconi (ObsParis)
 - Semantics WG VC: Sebastien Derriere (CDS)
- Time Domain IG Chair: Rafael Martínez-Galarza (CfA)
- Solar System IG VC: Markus Demleitner (GAVO)
- Theory IG VC: Giuliano Taffoni (INAF)
- Radio Astronomy IG Chair (one year): François Bonnarel (CDS)
 - For one year only, as he will then go on retirement

CA will inform all these people, as well as the other candidates who were not selected, and will make the corresponding announcements at the closing session.

For the Radio Astronomy IG Vice-Chair, two potential names were mentioned, but more information is needed, and the corresponding VO national projects representatives were not present. The decision could not be finalized. CA will contact them to gather such information and allow the Exec to take the decision at the next Exec meeting.

For the Time Domain IG Vice-Chair, no name was proposed at the time of the meeting, so we will still have to find potential candidates. *[Notes from after the meeting: on the next day, a potential candidate came forward, so CA will bring this to the Exec for decision at the next Exec meeting].*

3. Future Interop Meetings

- Northern Fall 2023 (Tucson), 10-12 Nov, following ADASS – (<https://adass2023.lpl.arizona.edu/>)
 - Location at Steward Observatory campus
 - Contact point: Tim Jenness from Rubin/LSST
 - Tim indicated they won't be able to pay for hospitality
 - CA mentioned that as it was done a few years ago, we might ask the ADASS sponsoring institutions who are also very active in the IVOA to contribute for the IVOA interoperability meeting.
- Northern Spring/Southern Fall 2024
- SO said Sydney, Australia is an option; he will confirm the allocated funding is still available.
 - Exec approves this location for 2024.

4. AOB

- AN: CSP is welcoming a new member soon: Rachana Bhatawdekar from ESA. She used to be a research fellow working on JWST and was recently hired by the Archive team as a system architect.
 - The CSP team will make her membership official soon.
- FP announced this is his last Exec meeting and indicated that Marco Molinaro will be the new VObs.it representative at the IVOA Exec. FP said it has been a privilege to work with everyone on the Exec.
- On behalf of the entire IVOA, CA greatly thanked Fabio for his long and critical involvement and participation in the IVOA, since its creation. Fabio will be greatly missed.

5. Review of New Action Items

None