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Glossary

ArVO - Armenian VO	<a href="http://www.aras.am/arvo.htm">www.aras.am/arvo.htm</a>
AstroGrid - UK VO initiative	<a href="http://www.astrogrid.org">www.astrogrid.org</a>
Aus-VO - Australian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.aus-vo.org">www.aus-vo.org</a>
CDS - Centre de Donnes Astronomiques de Strasbourg	<a href="http://www.cdsweb.u-strasbg.fr">www.cdsweb.u-strasbg.fr</a>
China-VO - Chinese Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.china-vo.org">www.china-vo.org</a>
CVO - Canadian Virtual Observatory	
Euro-VO European Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.euro-vo.org">www.euro-vo.org</a>
F-VO - VO-France	<a href="http://www.france-vo.org">www.france-vo.org</a>
GAVO - German Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.g-vo.org">www.g-vo.org</a>
GSC - UK Grid Steering Committee	
HVO - Hungarian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://hvo.elte.hu">hvo.elte.hu</a>
VO-India - Indian Virtual Observatory	
VObs.it - The Italian Virtual Observatory	
JVO - Japanese Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html">jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html</a>
KVO - Korean Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://kvo.kao.re.kr">kvo.kao.re.kr</a>
NVO - National Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.us-vo.org">www.us-vo.org</a>
PDS - AAS Division of Planetary Sciences	
RVO - Russian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.inasan.rssi.ru/eng/rvo/">www.inasan.rssi.ru/eng/rvo/</a>
SVO - Spanish Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.laeff.esa.es/svo/">www.laeff.esa.es/svo/</a>

IVOA - International Virtual Observatory Alliance <http://www.ivoa.net>

## Agenda:

1. Roll Call and Agenda
2. Minutes of FM20
3. Review of Actions
4. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]
5. Status of the IVOA assessment (FG/DDY)
6. WG/IG/Standardisation process: RW to report on
  - \* Recommendation process (Identifiers, Registry Metadata, UCD list)
  - \* Nominations for vice chairs
  - \* Evolution of the Apps IG
  - \* Term limits: list of WG chairs at and beyond a 3-year term
  - \* Status report on SSA, VOQL, EPO metadata
7. Status of the Assessment of Implementation of IVOA standards in Data Centres (DS/CA)
8. Status of the preparation of the Beijing Interoperability meeting (CC)
9. Future Interop meetings
10. Schedule of other IVOA-related events (all)
11. Data and Venue of the next Exec meeting (telecon?)
12. AOB
13. Summary of Actions

A. Appendices - reports from the VOprojects - see the wiki at <http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM20>

\* NEXT MEETING Thurs 8 March 15.00 2007 GMT (Time TBC)\*

## 1. Roll Call

The participants - as listed above - introduced themselves, with apologies noted.

## 2. Previous minutes.

Notes from meeting 2006-08-17 - at <http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaRepMin/ivoa-fm20-20060817.pdf>

## AGREED

ACTION TM21-2 NW: - add date of next meeting to the front of the report/ minutes.

## 2.1 Reports from VO projects and WG/IGs (to be uploaded to web page)

These are located at <http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM21>.  
FG encouraged all to upload reports if not yet done.

## 3. Review of open action items from previous meetings and their new status

ACTION FM19-3A EXEC Chair: ensure that there is an agenda item for each May Exec meeting to receive and discuss the yearly TCG Coordinator report on the IVOA technical status/roadmap

ONGOING: will happen at the next May 2007 Exec meeting

ACTION FM20-3A DocCoord: to amend <http://www.ivoa.net/pub/info/IVOA-participation-Jul03.pdf> - change 'more to becoming a contributing partner in the IVOA' to 'more to being a contributing partner in the IVOA' to show ongoing requirements

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on member

BR reported that the aforementioned document remains unchanged; but an IVOA note (<http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/latest/IVOAParticipation.html>) was created to replace it on Aug 31, and the link that pointed to the outdated document (bottom of <http://www.ivoa.net/pub/info/>) changed to the new location.

CLOSED: BR

ACTION FM20-3B DS/CA to report on the outcome of the DCA uptake/ usage of VO services survey at the Jan 2007 Exec meeting

CLOSED: see agenda item 7 at this telecon

ACTION FM20-3C RW/FG/DdY - decide on action to progress development of the spectral data model standard which is now critically late.

CLOSED: FG to report - see item 6 of this telecon.

ACTION FM20-3D RW/FG - generate draft procedure to be followed in terms of delivery of draft specs c.f the WG roadmap, and the procedure to follow when specs are delayed.

ONGOING: RW to report - closeout May 2007.

ACTION: FM20-8A DocCoord: Update policy wording (Draft Policy on IVOA WG/IG Chairs and Vice-Chairs) and add to the IVOA web page.

BR reported that he created a twiki page with Dave De Young's text (<http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaGroupChairsPolicy>). It is linked from the "Who is who" twiki page, where there is a list of WG/IG chairs (<http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/WhoIsWho>). It was noticed that there is no word on Co-chairs on this text.

CLOSED: BR

ACTION: FM20-8B TCG: review status of WG/IG Chairs - report at the May 2007 Exec meeting.

ONGOING: RW to update - see item 6 of this telecon.

ACTION FM20-10.1 FG to inform RP that he will take on Chair of Registry WG from after the Sept Moscow InterOp.

CLOSED: Ray Plante contacted by FG - he has AGREED to take on Chair of Registry role.

ACTION FM20-11 FG/DdY/RW to generate a draft proposal as to the role of the Chair and deputy Chair of the IVOA including an assessment of the Goals of the IVOA. Report to the Jan 2007 Exec meeting.

CLOSED: FG/DdY to report - see item 5 of this telecon

#### 4. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s)

It was noted that a number of recommendations would soon require Exec approval. These would be sought via email.

RW reported that 'VOEvent' was approved end Oct 2006.

#### 5. Status of the IVOA assessment (FG/DDY)

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FG reported on the discussion as to the questionnaire to go out to 'assess' the IVOA.

There was some agreement that there should be some structure in the discussion document that is issued. So some specific questions will be answered, with some allowance for free form feedback to be allowed.

It was agreed that the discussion document will not be structured as a form to fill, but that a list of possible topics will be provided, and a list of possible answers, with free form feedback allowed.

DdY noted that all topics are open for discussion.

BH: aim of the survey is to take stock of how the IVOA is functioning, noting that the IVOA has been operational now for 5 years.

FG: list of topics for a start - to be confirmed by email

- \* IVOA goals
- \* IVOA organisation
- \* IVOA exec
- \* list of WG/IGs
- \* WG/IG operations
- \* specification process
- \* Interop meetings: goals
- \* interop meeting: org
- \* small proj meetings
- \* communications inside IVOA (website use)
- \* communications outside IVOA (website use)
- \* is EXEC responsive to the needs of the IVOA community
- \* communications between the WGs/IGs
- \* what is the IVOA community?

questions to the EXEC and the general IVOA community.

It was AGREED that DdY and FG will generate a draft poll for discussion. This will go for comment to the Exec by 11 Dec 2006.

ACTION TM21-5A: FG/DdY - issue draft questionnaire text to EXEC by 11 Dec 2006.

Deadline for issuing the poll will be Mon 18 Dec 2006. Feedback to be due 26 Jan 2007.

Update on solutions will start to be discussed at the May 2007 interop.

ACTION TM21-5B: BR - will set up a web page to accept input - this will allow for anonymous and named response.

6. WG/IG/Standardisation process: RW to report on

6.1 Recommendation process (Identifiers, Registry Metadata, UCD list)

Identifiers and Registry Metadata and UCD list have RFCs out now

<http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IdentifiersV110RFC>  
<http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/VOResourceV110RFC>  
<http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/UCDListRFC>

RW noted that the process of responding to minor comments needs to be clarified. Minor typos etc noted at the RFC stage should not force a further review.

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it was AGREED that the UCD RFC period should stay open till 11 Dec 2006.

It was AGREED that the Identifiers and Registry Metadata move out of the RFC stage.

FG will need to announce the promotion of the these recommendations.

## 6.2 Nominations for vice chairs

RW reported on nominations for Vice-Chairs that had been received from the WG Chair.

VOEvent: VC Rob Seaman  
GWS: VC: Matthew Graham  
Registry: VC: Aurelian Stebe  
Theory-IG: VC: Herve Wozniak  
Semantics-WG: VC: Sebastien Derriere

The above list were AGREED and ACCEPTED>

ACTION TM21-6.2A RW: contact Jonathan McDowell to ask for a DM VC nomination.

DAL: VC Markus Dolensky/ Kona Andrews

ACTION TM21-6.2A RW: contact Doug Tody to ask on who should be recommended for Vice Chair of DAL-WG.

## 6.3 Evolution of the Apps IG

RW noted the emergence of the PLASTIC client side tool interoperability messaging standard.

Mark Allen wishes to maintain the emphasis of the Apps-IG on client side tools and their interoperability.

It was AGREED that Mark Allen and the Apps-IG would be tasked with developing a charter and roadmap for the activities of the proposed WG.

ACTION TM21-6.3 Mark Allen: bring forward a charter and roadmap for the activities of a proposed Apps-WG. This would be then considered by the IVOA Exec, decision by email.

## 6.4 Term limits: list of WG/IG chairs at and beyond a 3-year term

RW noted the limits of the term limits of some WG/IG Chairs.

BH: referring to the agreement at FM20 (Prague Aug 2006) - it was AGREED NOW that the three year term did not force the replacement of a Chair. Rather, there should be a discussion with the Chair as to whether there would be continuation or not.

ACTION TM21-6.4: FG/ DdY - to generate a proposal for selection/ renewal of Chairs - by end Feb 2007. Agreement on this at the May 2007 InterOp.

## 6.5 Status report on SSA, VOQL, EPO metadata

SSA: email from Doug Tody - implementations being constructed. There

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appear to be some issues emerging in the development of the standard.

ACTION TM21-6.5A RW: Request a report from Doug Tody on the timescale for the submission of the first Working Draft of the SSA std. Need to aim for Mid Feb 2007.

VOQL: ADQL is being reduced in form to SQL92. Distinction between the xml and sql form has gone. There is now a simple BNF description. See [http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM21#VOQL\\_WG](http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM21#VOQL_WG) for further details.

ACTION TM21-6.5B RW: Request a report from Pedro Osuna on the timescale for the submission of the first Working Draft of the ADQL & TAP stds.

EPO Metadata (in Registry WG). BH reported that a document had been submitted to the Registry WG for consideration. Analysis has also been undertaken by the Semantics WG (via Andrea Preite Martinez)

ACTION TM21-6.5C BH: organise with Ray Plante, APM as to how the EPO metadata document should move forward.

#### 7. Status of the Assessment of Implementation of IVOA standards in Data Centres (DS/CA)

DS reported on the CADC/ ESAC survey of VO services. A recent version of the compliance of data services has been issued via email by DS - 5 Dec 2006.

DS noted that he is preparing a report based on these results to be distributed to the Exec by Feb 16 2007.

It would be interesting to look at areas where there are obvious issues with compliance of services with standards, Will the IVOA have a role in the assessment of take up?

ACTION TM21-7 DS: once the reflection period had ended - a telecon should be set up for interested parties to discuss data compliance - perhaps Mar/Apr 2007.

#### 8. Status of the preparation of the Beijing Interoperability meeting (CC)

CC reported that a 4\* Hotel venue in Beijing (Jianguo Garden Hotel) had been located - close to the city centre. 2 days have been booked for the open/close days. for three days there are 4-5 breakout rooms available. An overflow hotel has also been identified. Wireless networking is available in the meeting areas.

A local website will be open early Jan 2007. Local funding in China is available now to support some meeting costs. This will include info on obtaining visas etc.

FG noted that some 'cheaper' accommodation should be sought that is close to the meeting site. However, CC noted that the hotels so far reserved were of reasonable cost.

CC noted that the online registration would be open Feb 2007.

#### 9. Next Interops.

Oct 2007. NW reported that London after the ADASS is preferred. If costs become high, the alternative is Cambridge. An update will be provided early jan 2007.

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ACTION TM21-9A NW: report back as to Oct 2007 Interop venue.

May 2008. FP - plan A is Trieste, plan B is Venice. Italy as a venue is AGREED for May 2008.

Oct 2008. This should be a small project meeting. Perhaps in South America (Chile/ Brazil?). Email suggestions to FG.

FG stated that there were discussions about the Small Project meeting concept after Moscow meeting, and that it is part of the general assessment to assess them.

ACTION TM21-9B EXEC - suggestions to FG re possible venue/ form of a Oct 2008 meeting.

#### 10. Schedule of other IVOA-related events (all)

AM: reported that 20-25 Aug 2007 will be the JENAM EAS meeting in Armenia - one of the symposia will be Science with the VO.

AL: as a co-chair of the VO conf asks for suggestions as to speakers. He will email all.

FG: Next Euro-VO DCA workshop will be end June at ESAC.

#### 11. Data and Venue of the next Exec meeting (telecon?)

Next Telecon - Thurs 8 March 15.00 2007 GMT (Time TBC)

ACTION TM21-11 FG: Confirm next meeting time - 8 March 2007 @ 15.00GMT

#### 12. AOB

#### 13. Summary of Actions

##### NEW ACTIONS:

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ONGOING: RW to report

GMT 16:55 - Close of meeting

A. Appendices - reports from the VOprojects.

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