

IVOA Full Meeting: TM26

17 January 2008: 16.00 - 18.00 GMT @ Telecon

Notes: NAW

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Present:

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In attendance:

Apologies:

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There was no representation from the Aus-VO or Korea-VO projects.

Glossary

ArVO - Armenian VO	http://www.aras.am/arvo.htm
AstroGrid - UK VO initiative	http://www.astrogrid.org
Aus-VO - Australian Virtual Observatory	http://www.aus-vo.org
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	http://www.france-vo.org
GAVO - German Virtual Observatory	http://www.g-vo.org
HVO - Hungarian Virtual Observatory	http://hvo.elte.hu
VO-India - Indian Virtual Observatory	http://vo.iucaa.ernet.in/~voi/

VObs.it - The Italian Virtual Observatory	http://vobs.astro.it/
JVO - Japanese Virtual Observatory	http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html
KVO - Korean Virtual Observatory	http://kvo.kao.re.kr
NVO - National Virtual Observatory (USA)	http://www.us-vo.org
RVO - Russian Virtual Observatory	http://www.inasan.rssi.ru/eng/rvo/
SVO - Spanish Virtual Observatory	http://svo.laeff.inta.es
IVOA - International Virtual Observatory Alliance	http://www.ivoa.net

Agenda:

1. Roll Call and Agenda
2. Minutes of FM25
 - 2.1 Project Reports - Significant events only
3. Review of Actions - [NW]
4. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]
5. WG and IG Updates
 - 5.1 ADQL - AS
 - 5.2 TAP - BH
 - 5.3 Footprint - BH
6. IVOA Assessment Committee Update - DD
7. Google, Microsoft, KML - RW
8. VAMP (sorry - don't know what this stands for!) - BH, RW
9. IVOA Information Web Page - BH, FG
10. Standards Committee Charter and Document - BH
11. Process for Inactive Members - DD
12. IVOA Website - DD, BH
13. May 2008 Interop Status - FP
14. Fall 2008 Interop - BH
15. Next Exec Meeting - DD
16. AOB
17. Review of New Action Items - NW

A. Appendices - reports from the VO projects - see the wiki at <http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM26>

NEXT MEETING: Telecon Thur 24 Apr 2008 at 15.00 GMT.

1. Roll Call and Agenda Items

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

2. Previous minutes.

Notes from telecon meeting 20070927 are at <http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaRepMin/ivoa-fm25-20070927.pdf>.

The minutes were **AGREED**

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

DY encouraged all to upload reports if not yet done. All reports at the wiki at <http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM26>

It was noted that the WG/IG reports are important and they should be available some time before the meeting to allow for the TCG Chair to comment on any issues arising.

New Action TM26-2.1 DDY contact WG/IG Chairs to invite them to upload reports at least one week before the meeting.

FG reported that the Euro-VO DCA mid term had recently completed and was very successful.

BH reported that at the recent AAS in Austin that it was announced that the call for the NVO facility would go out in Feb 2008. This is good news.

3. Review of Actions and their current status

ACTION FM23-6B DDY will consult at the appropriate level with the appropriate Solar and Planetary projects and report back to the IVOA Exec
ONGOING: DDY to update – see item 16.

ACTION TM24-1 DDY: to check as to the status of VO-Korea
CLOSED: DDY to update – no contact made – see item 11.

ACTION TM24-6 MO: bring forward a revised Charter for the Astro-RG IG after discussing the interface with the GWS-WG with Matthew Graham.
ONGOING: MO reported that the Charter would be agreed at the May 2008 interop.

ACTION FM25-3 RW/CA : proposal from the TCG as to its role would be brought forward to the Exec at the May 2008 InterOp.
ONGOING: defer to the May 2008.

ACTION FM25-5.1A: DDY/RW: suggest the contents of an induction pack to be issued to incoming WG/ IG Chairs.
ONGOING: DDY to update – a draft package will be presented at the May 2008 interop.

ACTION FM25-5.1B: BH: bring forward revised standards promotion document.
ONGOING: see item 10 later – a draft has been issued to some people.

ACTION FM25-5.3: FG: ask the VOTable WG to comment on whether they wish to switch to a maintenance mode, and bring their views to the next Exec.
ONGOING: FG updated that Francois Ochsenbein has been asked, he will reply before the next Interop.

ACTION FM25-7: RW/ BH: will report to the Exec at the Spring 2008 Interop meeting as to the development of Google Sky and its possible impact on the IVOA activities.
ONGOING: RW/BH to update and see agenda item this meeting.

ACTION FM25-10 BH/FG: set up a shell information page which Bruno Rino (doc coordinator) will implement - which will link to project training materials.
CLOSED: see the ivoa.net page.

4. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s)

DY reported that there are no new recommendations for this meeting.

5. Working Groups and Interest Groups

It was noted that activity on the WG mailing lists has been low since the Autumn 2007 Interop. It was suggested that a telecon of the WG Chairs and the TCG would be useful.

Wrt points 5.1 and 5.2 of the agenda (report on WG/IG work), it was discussed and agreed that WG/IG chairs should be asked to provide their normal report prior to the Exec meeting/telecon. If there are issues that need to be brought to the attention of the Exec, the WG/IG chairs, TCG chair/vice-chair, or participants in the Exec meeting who are familiar with the issues should highlight these so they can be discussed.

New ACTION TM26-5 RW/CA organise a Feb/Mar 2008 TCG telecon.

5.1 ADQL

AS reported on the progress with the ADQL. Progress has been made on the REGION spec within ADQL.

5.2 TAP

BH reported that following a Fall 07 meeting at JHU, all contentious TAP issues were resolved.

5.3 Footprint

BH mentioned that at the AAS meeting in Austin (Jan 08) a number of 'footprint' specialists (from CDS and the NVO) met to discuss moves to formalising 'footprint' specifications.

It was suggested that the TCG might take a view on where 'Footprint' specifications should be defined – perhaps in DAL-WG.

6. Status of the IVOA Assessment

DY noted that the Assessment Group was: Dave De Young, Françoise Genova, Bob Hanisch, Fabio Pasian, Masatoshi Ohishi, and Nic Walton.

A full draft report and recommendations will be circulated to the IVOA Exec at a pre May 2008 exec telecon to allow for presentation to the full IVOA of the agreed recommendations before the May 2008 interop.

Topics include working of the IVOA, outreach, engagement with the wider community (consensus is emerging on a passive role for the IVOA in engaging with the community), supporting operational systems, interactions with the projects. It has been agreed that the IVOA should not 'police' the use of standards.

7. Discussion of Google Sky, the VO, and the IVOA

RW reported that KML is the way in which Google put content into Google Sky. It is not a rich spec and will soon be supported by the Open GIS consortium. RW suggests that astronomy input into the development of the KML standard might be sensible.

FG, CA, Keith Noddle indicated that they will like to be involved in this area.

New ACTION TM26-7 DDY – set up a meeting with RW, FG, CA, Keith Noddle, to explore routes forward with KML and IVOA input into its development.

8. VAMP

There is a IVOA note describing this at <http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/latest/AstroKeysTN.html> and is related to tagging images with metadata – especially relevant for outreach activities. CA and/or PP are to contact Lars Christensen at ESO.

Development of this standard may take place in the Registry-WG.

new ACTION TM26-8 DDY – contact Ray Plante (Reg-WG) to progress development of the VAMP standard.

9. IVOA Information Page

DDY reported that this information page would provide links to general VO related materials, talks, training slides etc. BH has created the information page.

All are invited to add links to the page at <http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/TrainingMaterialsAndPresentations>

10. Standards Committee Charter and Document

BH reported that he had drafted up a charter for a WG to replace the previous working group. This draft charter will be forwarded to the Exec for approval. FG will chair and the members are CA and BH.

BH has also circulated to small group a revised process document.

New ACTION TM26-10A FG As chair of the Stds-WG she will provide content for the Stds-WG web page. FG will oversee promotion of the Standards document.

new ACTION TM26-10B BR will renew the Stds-WG ivoa.net pages.

11. Process for Inactive Members

It was agreed that inactive members perhaps should be noted as such on the IVOA web pages.

new ACTION TM26-11 DDY draft a policy on inactive IVOA project members.

12. IVOA Website

DDY invited comments on the state of the current IVOA website. NW noted that the front page of the website does not contain a (full) list of upcoming meetings.

There was some concern as to the organisation of the Twiki part of the website. This may need some organisation. BH suggested that each WG should appoint a secretary who might then be responsible for organising the WG wiki areas.

new ACTION TM26-12 RW/CA to consider the organisation of the WG wiki sites at the next TCG telecon.

It was **AGREED** that the exec mail address should change to exec@ivoa.net.

13. Status of preparation for May 2008 Interop

The dates are confirmed for the 18-23 May 2008. By email FP reported:

'The May 08 Interop meeting will be held from May 18th to 23rd at the main congress centre in Trieste, the “Stazione Marittima” building, conveniently located on the waterfront in the centre of town (<http://www.promotrieste.it/congressi/palazzo.aspx>, glossy info available at

<http://www.promotrieste.it/pdf/depliant.pdf>).

The Interop will be held on the first floor of the building: with reference to the floor map on <http://www.promotrieste.it/Sale/primo-piano.aspx>, the Oceania A+B+C room (275 seats) will host the plenary sessions, Oceania A+B (120 seats) and Vulcania1 (130 seats) will be used for the splinter sessions, Vulcania2 (35 seats) will be available for separate meetings. Wi-fi will be available throughout.

There are a number of hotels nearby: the company running the congress centre, Promotrieste, will take care of the hotel booking and will perform block booking in a set of hotels of different categories. Coffee breaks will be served in the bar/restaurant area. Lunches could be provided via a catering service, fixed menu, buffet or served, at a price ranging from 20 to 40 Euros depending on the menu chosen (suggestions welcome).

Most of the expenses for the Interop will be covered by INAF. Additional funds for the social dinner and extra activities have been asked to local authorities in the Trieste region.

The web page for the meeting is being prepared and will be made available as soon as the details about lunches, social dinner and social activities are finalised. '

14. Status and venue for the autumn 2008 Interop

BH reported that the autumn 2008 Interop will be organised by the STScI/JHU in Baltimore. There is still some issue over exact dates. BH will poll to the WG/IG chairs re dates.

15. Date and venue of the next Exec meeting

Telecon Thur 24 Apr 2008 at 15.00 GMT.

16 AOB

16.1 Solar and Planetary Data Communities.

DDY reports that Fabio Pasian reported on contact with the International Planetary Data Alliance. Contact could be made at the Spring 2008 interop. It was **AGREED** that this would be a good idea.

New ACTION TM26-16A DDY to contact the planetary data community (IPDA) to organise a joint meeting at the Spring 2008 Interop.

FG noted that the Solar Physics and Plasma Physics communities have contacted the IVOA but FG believes they are not clearly identified.

New ACTION TM26-16B DDY to contact follow up earlier representations to the IVOA from the VSO and UK solar communities and re their possible participation into the IVOA.

16.2 IAU Commission 5: Data

MO will contact Ray Norris to remind him to contact the IVOA chair re interactions with the IVOA and the IAU.

17. Summary of Actions

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