

IVOA Exec Telecon Meeting: TM41

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Notes: MA

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Glossary:

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
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
VAO - Virtual Astronomical 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 (MA)
2. Minutes of FM40 and FM40s (PP)
3. Review of Actions (MA)
4. Project Reports - Significant Events Only
5. TCG status (CA)
6. Approval of new IVOA Recommendations [Standing Item]
7. Expiring WG Chairs and Vice-Chairs (PP)
8. CSP status (DDY)
9. Pune Interop (AK)
10. Future Interops (All)
11. Date of next meeting
12. AOB
13. Summary of Actions (MA)

A. Appendices - reports from VO projects, WGs and IGs, see the wiki at:
<http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM41>

NEXT MEETING: Sunday October 16, IUCAA, Pune, INDIA 17:00 local Pune time

1. Roll call and Agenda

The participants names were recorded and agenda accepted

2. Minutes of FM40 and FM40s

The minutes of FM40 and FM40s were approved.

3. Review of Actions

ACTION FM40S-1 PP to circulate the proposals for new and extended Chairs and vice-chairs to the exec via email

CLOSED - done

ACTION FM40S-2 PP to circulate information about the current status of large projects for discussion

CLOSED - spreadsheet sent to exec via email August 10, 2011

ACTION FM40S-3 AC and PC to confirm that BRAVO can host the Oct/Nov 2012 interop meeting. No BRAVO representation at this telecon so the action remains ongoing.

ACTION FM40S-4 AL to compile a summary and to-do list for the update for the update of the IVOA web pages. AL not attending so action remains ongoing.

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

CLOSED - done

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

CLOSED - done

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

CLOSED - done

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

CLOSED - done

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

ONGOING - in progress. Status to be checked:

New **ACTION TM41-1**: MA and FG to contact Document coordinator about status of submitting the RECs to astro-ph.

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

CLOSED - CA reported that relevant sessions have been planned for the Pune interop meeting

4. Project Reports

VAO:

BH reported on VAO activities (see detailed report on the telecon meeting web page).

DDY is stepping down as VAO Project Scientist and is being replaced by Joe Lazio (JPL) who started at the end of July 2011. Joe is a radio astronomer, previously SKA project scientist, and has significant multi-wavelength experience.

VAO plans to hold a workshop at the Austin Texas AAS meeting. The workshop will have two parts, one aimed at the professional research community, and a second part aimed at the Austin area education community.

The VAO year-two Program Plan is being prepared, due in September. There is some uncertainty about the level of funding for year-two.

GAVO:

JW reported that GAVO has secured funding for a 3 year period with 5 FTEs. GAVO will run workshops on various VO topics at the upcoming German Astronomical Society meeting.

Euro-VO:

FG reported that an extension to currently funded Euro-VO projects looks more certain. A technical meeting is envisaged for next year. EuroVO is exploring the possibility of submitting a proposal to a EC call in November 2011. This would be to continue EuroVO coordination and for international cooperation.

VObs.it

FP indicated that VObs.it had received their 2011 funding. New reforms in Italy may lead to some uncertainty for future funding. FP reported that the user community of ASI gave strong recommendations for increased integration with VO.

5. TCG Status (CA)

CA reported that a TCG telecon had been held last week.

The ObsCore Data Model 1.0 is expected to be sent to the exec prior to the Pune interop meeting for approval by email in order to be able to formally announce that it has become an IVOA standard at the Pune opening session.

SSAP 1.1 and Spectrum Data Model 1.1 have almost completed the TCG review. Small editorial updates need to be done by the editors and then it will be sent to Exec for approval.

StandardsRegExt 1.0 has completed the RFC period. Some updates required by the editor before going through TCG review before Pune for EXEC approval there.

Simulation Data Model 1.0 has completed the RFC period. Some changes required and an extension of the RFC period up to early October. Final discussions at Pune and TCG review afterwards.

The big list of other standards have been reviewed, and sessions have been organized accordingly for the Pune meeting.

In addition a dedicated session to focus on implementation and feedback from implementation is planned, and there will be a call for contributions to that session.

A TCG meeting is planned for the Sunday before the Pune interop. An update to the IVOA Roadmap will need to be planned at this meeting.

A number of changes to WG Chairs and Vice Chair were made at the Naples interop meeting. MA noted that these changes are reflected on the IVOA History page <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IVOAHistoryPage>

The outgoing members of the TCG will remain on the TCG mailing list until after the Pune interop meeting to ensure continuity.

6. Approval of new IVOA Recommendations [Standing Item]

No new recommendations to approve at this meeting, and the current standards were discussed in the previous agenda item.

7. Expiring WG Chairs and Vice-Chairs

Discussed in TCG report. No changes to WG leads reported at this meeting.

8. Committee on Science Priorities report (DDY)

DDY asked for any reports on the three current CSP projects.

ObsTAP - DS: none

SED - PP: there is progress with SED tools and standards and sessions are planned for Pune.

Search by lists/classifications - MA: TAP service and tools are being monitored and tested.

DDY reported that CSP is in the process of making stronger connections to the science advisory committees of the various VO projects.

The position of CSP chair will become open when DDY steps down. The CSP governance group have nominated Mark Allen as future Chair of the CSP, and that Enrique Solano join the CSP. The exec approved the changes pending acceptance of the nomination by ES. MA accepted to chair the CSP and noted that bringing in more people to the CSP will benefit IVOA.

9. Pune Interop (AK)

AK reported that there were currently 45 participants from abroad, and about 15 Indian participants registered for the interop meeting in Pune. Invitation letters are being sent out to registrants. Hotel arrangements are being made in a hotel less than 1km from IUCAA. Participants are also welcome in the IUCAA guest house and there are still places available. AK encouraged those who plan to attend the meeting to register.

Some issues with the registration system were raised. Registered participants should check that they appear on the list of participants on the meeting web pages.

ACTION TM41-2 AK to send a message to interop@ivoa.net asking registered participants to check that their name appears on the list of participants and if not to contact the LOC.

The LOC will coordinate transfers from Mumbai airport which are expected to cost 40-50 Euros each way.

AK enquired about the number of people expected for the exec and TCG meetings on the Sunday. About 30 people would be expected based on previous meetings.

The LOC is planning to organize a meeting banquet, and other social activities.

Attendees are encouraged to organize their travel arrangements and visas ASAP and to pay attention to the visa requirements.

PP asked about the possibility of joining the Pune meeting via telecon. AK indicated that this was possible via skype/telecon/videocon.

ACTION TM41-3 PP to make a list of people who intend to connect to the Pune (exec?) meeting remotely.

10. Future Interops

PP noted the offer from Brazil, but no further information is available yet and no BRAVO representatives attended this telecon.

BH indicated that VAO expects to host the May 2012 interop. No decision on the location yet, but Washington DC is being considered.

11. Date of next meeting

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12. AOB

AK summarized his recent discussions with the VO project in South Africa (see also email from AK to exec 29 Aug 2011). PP indicated that there is a formal process for joining IVOA as described on the 'Guidelines for Participation' IVOA note.

PP reported the email received from the Virtual Sun Earth Observatory (VESO) (see - email from MA to exec on 23 Aug 2011) with enquiries on VO and use of IVOA standards. Some discussion was held on how to respond to such queries and what roles IVOA could play in assisting such projects. It was noted that there are other solar and Heliosphere VO efforts that are not directly linked to IVOA that would be relevant to VESO.

ACTION TM41-4 : MA to draft a response to VESO and send to exec.

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