

IVOA Exec Meeting: TM65

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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/
ESA-VO – European Space Agency Virtual Observatory	
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
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://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 (CA)
2. Minutes of TM65
3. Review of Actions
4. Project Reports [Significant Events Only]
5. TCG Status
6. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]
7. IVOA Newsletter editorial team renewal
8. IVOA presence in social media (potentially link with point 7)
9. Review terms up for Expiration (See list below)
 - Executive Committee Chair
 - Theory Interest Group Vice Chair
10. Update on Northern Fall 2016 - Trieste, Italy (Oct 21-23; after ADASS)
11. Focus Session Follow-up Questionnaire
12. Future Interop
 - Northern Spring 2017 - Shanghai, China
 - Northern Autumn 2017 - Santiago, Chile (Oct 27-29)
13. Date of Next Exec Meeting
14. AOB
15. Review of Action Items

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

<http://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM65>

NEXT EXEC MTG: *Thu, Oct 20 @14:00 CEST*

1. **Roll Call and Agenda**

The participants' names were recorded.

2. Minutes of TM64

The TM64 minutes were accepted.

3. Review of Actions

ACTION 63S-1: CA – Ask Baptiste to create a draft charter for potential creation of the Solar System Interest group. Consider International interest in the charter and in particular Plasma Physics. **OPEN – preparing for interop**

ACTION F61-4: CA: Ask Gus/Giulia to make a proposal on usage of social media for IVOA. The Exec is encouraged to email input to Gus & Giulia. **CLOSED – Re-planned, See #8 below**

4. Project Reports [Significant Events]TCG

CA reported the session (<https://goo.gl/YQIjjz>) organized in the SciDataCon 2016 event as part of the International Data Week. The session was about Building a disciplinary, world wide data infrastructure, with lightning 5' talks from various disciplines (astronomy/IVOA by CA among them, Earth Sciences, Crystallography, Materials science, Digital Humanities, CLARIN/Languages, ...) followed by an interactive discussion with the audience. The session raised very good interest and Francoise took the lead in producing a paper on the session. Some follow up discussion might continue in the context of an RDA Interest Group.

5. TCG STATUS

MG provided the following TCG report: “We have a number of standards currently under review (technically their RFCs have all now ended and they are just awaiting WG approvals); the most pressing are: SimpleDALRegExt 1.1, SSO 2.0, VTP 2.0. Also there is VOSI 1.1 and ObsCore 1.1. The revised Document Standards standard which describes endorsed notes is also now up for RFC. VO-DML will soon be entering RFC. Finally, and not for the faint-hearted, there is SimDAL at RFC.

The two most pressing standards issues are STC 2.0 and VO-DML VOTable mapping. Both are taking much longer than they should, are dependencies for other standards, have been touted as the silver bullet to standards development, and rely on a shrinking handful of people who understand them. In both cases, new implementations/serializations/representations are now being developed/tested to finish the work but there is no guarantee of success. Failure means going back to the drawing board (and I would argue abandoning that particular standard).”

PD noted it would be a busy interop with most sessions filled. The schedule is now published on the twiki.

MG noted that Roadmaps were getting behind and CA said he would re-inforce their importance by including them in his opening statement at the Interop.

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

There were no IVOA recommendation up for approval at this time.

7. IVOA Newsletter editorial team renewal

CA noted that the Newsletter had not been issued this year and that Gus who issued the last Newsletter said he was too overloaded to do it. The Newsletter is a good record of IVOA progress and a place to list VO related publications by participants. CA proposed setting up a group of 4 or 5 people to manage and review the Newsletter for publication. Further discussion overlapped with the next item (#8).

8. IVOA presence in social media (potentially link with point 7)

CA also suggested that the Newsletter group handle the social media presence of the IVOA. Discussion followed with favorable input. PF thought it good to combine the 2 tasks. She added the new group would need to have the time to commit and be excited about the new task. She further added that it was a good task for newer members to get involved in the IVOA. FG noted that if social media includes twitter, then the tweets should be shown on the IVOA web page as a newsfeed. CA added that there should be planned tweets that note events, standards milestones, and other IVOA activities.

Regarding the Newsletter, MA said it was important to have the Newsletter on a regular schedule and noted that projects use it for their planning. The Newsletter also gives an overview of the evolution of the IVOA.

The discussion led to the suggestion of an open call to the IVOA for input on names for the Newsletter Editorial/Social Media group. FG noted that the Exec needs to review the suggestions and decide on the group.

The importance of a Newsletter this year was noted by MA. CA had a name of a good candidate for the group that could lead a Newsletter this year.

ACTION T65-1: CA: Asked his colleague (Debbie) to work on a November 2016 Newsletter.

ACTION T65-2: CA: Draft text for an open call to the IVOA for names for the Newsletter Editorial/Social Media group – Exec will review and the email sent before Trieste.

9. *Review terms/candidates up for Expiration*

CA reviewed the terms up for expiration at the northern fall meeting:

- Executive Committee Chair
- Theory Interest Group Vice Chair (still vacant)

10. *Update on Northern Fall 2016 - Trieste, Italy (Oct 21-23; after ADASS)*

FP highlighted that there were 93 IVOA registrations and that of those, 18 were attending the IVOA meeting only. He said there was plenty of room at the venue.

CA added that the Exec meeting would be on Thu afternoon after ADASS closes and that the full TCG was not required to attend. He noted that several members had asked for remote participation and FP responded that availability of a skype session will be arranged.

11. Focus Session Follow-up Questionnaire

MA noted that the follow-up Focus Session questionnaire was sent to the Focus session participants and a TMT contact for input. The plan is to gather results and present them to the Interop in Trieste.

12. Future Interop

CA noted the dates of the upcoming IVOA meetings. There was no further discussion.

- Northern Spring 2017 - Shanghai, China (May 14-19)
- Northern Autumn 2017 - Santiago, Chile (Oct 27-29)

13. Date of Next Exec Meeting

- Thu, Oct 20 @14:00 CEST in Trieste

14. AOB

None

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