

# IVOA Exec Meeting: TM67

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Notes: JE

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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<sup>3</sup>– 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/~voj/>  
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 (JE)
2. Minutes of FM66
3. Review of Actions
4. Project Reports [Significant Events Only]
5. Overall TCG Status
6. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]
7. IVOA Newsletter editorial/social media team renewal
8. IVOA term expirations (see list below)
9. Update on Northern Spring 2017 – Shanghai, China (May 14-19)
10. Future Interop
  - Northern Autumn 2017 - Santiago, Chile (Oct 27-29)
11. Date of Next Exec Meeting
12. AOB
13. 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:** *Tue, Mar 07 @15:00 UTC*

#### **1. Roll Call and Agenda**

The participants' names were recorded.

#### **2. Minutes of FM66**

The FM66 minutes were accepted.

### 3. *Review of Actions*

**ACTION 65-1:** CA – Send email to FG with information so she can try to contact and resolve the inactive registry entry matter. - **DONE**

**ACTION 65-2:** PF/MA – Review Guidelines of the IVOA. Report findings/recommendations for update to Exec. – **OPEN, PF/MA will meet at AAS meeting in January**

**ACTION T65-2:** PF: Draft text for an open call to the IVOA for names for the Newsletter Editorial/Social Media group – **WORKING – Sent draft letter to CA and Exec**

**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 – Baptiste preparing for Shanghai interop**

### 4. *Project Reports [Significant Events]TCG*

Project summaries for China-VO and USVOA, are available at the following link:  
<http://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM67>

Several members of the committee provided the following highlights:

- PF/CXC/USVOA – A business meeting for the USVOA is planned at the AAS on Thu, 5 Jan 2017, 2:00-3:30pm. All are welcomed. Also, CfA/CXC is supporting a AAS splinter meeting on Wed, 4 Jan 2017 9:30-11:30am titled Flexible Multi-dimensional Modeling of Complex Data in Astronomy. Fitting with Sherpa and Iris and VO compatibility will be demoed to participants along with a Q&A during the session.
- PF also noted that she visited the Integral Data Center in Geneva Switzerland in October. The folks there had an interest in IVOA and were considering becoming members. FG was interested in a contact and PF agreed to send the name to her.
- FG noted that RDA would be meeting next in Barcelona in April. There is good synergy with IVOA and encouraged members to attend/participate.

**ACTION 67-1:** PF – Send name of person in Geneva from the Intergral Data Center that was interested in the IVOA to FG

### 5. *Overall TCG STATUS*

MG presented the status of current TCG efforts and the state the standards documents currently under review:

- 10 Specs currently in RFC
  - some finished review period; others in review; need to send reminders to chairs
  - sample includes: SODA, Obscore, VODML Serialization, SimDAL
- Other specs almost ready for RFC will be staggered over the next few months

MA reminded the group that SODA and Obscore were a CSP priority to complete Multi-D 1st set of priorities.

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

NONE

## **7. IVOA Newsletter editorial/social media team renewal**

Deborah Baines produced an excellent Newsletter. The Exec expresses thanks to Deborah for her excellent work and on such a short timeframe. Her efforts enabled the IVOA to meet the goal of not missing a Newsletter in 2016.

Follow-up includes setting up a Newsletter editorial/social media group that is being tracked as an action.

## **8. Terms up for Expiration**

The terms up for expiration were reviewed. JW noted that the Registry chair position was listed under “no extension” though in consultation with the chair they believed there was a 1 year extension left. JE acknowledged she may have made a mistake in organizing the list and took an action to review. The Exec was asked to consider new Chairs/Vice Chairs. The Education Chair expired in Dec 2016. Other chairs expire in May 2017.

### **List of term expirations:**

- Positions with 12/2016 expiration with **\*no extension\*** available:
  - **Education:** Ch: Massimo Ramella
- Positions with 5/2017 expiration with **\*no extension\*** available:
  - **Time Domain:** Ch: John Swinbank
- Positions with 5/2017 expiration with **\*1 year extension\*** available:
  - **Applications:** Ch: Pierre Fernique, VCh: Tom Donaldson
  - **Data Access:** Ch: Francois Bonnardel, VCh: Marco Molinaro
  - **Data Curation:** Ch: Françoise Genova
  - **Registry:** Ch: Markus Demleitner

**ACTION 67-2:** JE – Review terms of expiration for Registry WG.

**ACTION 67-3:** Exec – Send proposals in confidence to Pepi by End of February for new Education Chair to replace term that expired Dec 2016.

**ACTION 67-4:** Exec – Send proposals in confidence to Pepi by End of April for new Chairs/VChairs to replace expiring terms in May.

## **9. Update of Northern Spring 2017 – Shanghai (May 14-19)**

Chenzhou provided the following update:

“The funding application submitted to the Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) has been approved. More funding is expected from Chinese Academy of Sciences and INSPUR company. I am happy to provide a free meeting banquet if I can get enough funding.

Several hotels have been investigated. The final meeting place will be determined in the coming weeks.

Website banner and a simple poster are designed for the meeting. A draft website is available and will be released very soon. The URL will be at:  
“<http://ivoa2017shanghai.csp.escience.cn>”.

Online registration is planned to open on January 16. We recommend that you submit your visa application information as early as possible so that you can get the official invitation document in time for visa application.”

#### **10. Future Interop**

- Northern Autumn 2017 - Santiago, Chile (Oct 27-29)

PF noted that there was an email from Irina Vavilova with a proposal for an IVOA meeting in Ukraine. The plan is to review the proposal at the May interop when future meetings will be next discussed in detail.

#### **11. Date of Next Exec Meeting**

- Tue, Mar 07, 2017 @15:00 UTC

#### **12. AOB**

NONE

#### **13. Review of Actions**

##### ***New:***

**ACTION 67-1:** PF – Send FG the name of person from the Integral Data Center in Geneva that was interested in the IVOA

**ACTION 67-2:** JE – Review terms of expiration for Registry WG. **DONE – Corrected in list above in these notes. 1 year extension available for Registry chair.**

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