

IVOA Exec Meeting: TM68

Tuesday, Mar 07, 2017 @15:00 UTC

Notes: JE

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17Mar17 – corrected AUI operations (BG), Action 68-2 correction;

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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 (JE)
2. Minutes of [TM67](#)
3. Review of [Actions](#)
4. Project Reports [Significant Events Only]
5. Overall TCG status
6. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]
7. Update on Northern Spring 2017 – Shanghai, China (May 14-19)
8. Discussion on new chair of the CSP
9. Transition in US delegation
10. The 'Open Universe' initiative (http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/psa/schedule/2017/workshop_italy_o_penuniverse.html)
11. IVOA term expirations (see list below)
12. Future Interop
 - Northern Spring 2017 - Shanghai, China (May 14-19)
 - 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/IvoaExecMeetingTM68>

NEXT EXEC MTG: *Sun, May 14 / Wed, May 17 – Shanghai face-to-face*

1. *Roll Call and Agenda*

The participants' names were recorded.

2. *Minutes of TM67*

The TM67 minutes were accepted.

3. *Review of Actions*

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

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.**

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. – **Working**

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

ACTION 65-2: PF/MA – Review Guidelines of the IVOA. Report findings/recommendations for update to Exec. **Working**

ACTION T65-2: PF – Draft text for an open call to the IVOA for names for the Newsletter Editorial/Social Media group. **DONE**

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**

Discussion of actions:

With regard to **ACTION 67-3** (Ed chair expiration) several names were discussed along with the importance of a session at the Shanghai meeting. FP noted that Massimo Ramella could not attend the May meeting. Pepi suggested the Vice Chair could organize and lead the session. A new action was noted:

ACTION 68-1: PF – Request that Sudhanshu Barway and Massimo Ramella coordinate an education session in Shanghai with Sudhanshu leading the session at the meeting.

In discussion of **ACTION T65-2** (Media group) several names received so far were discussed. JE noted that O'Toole gave the very popular BOF on Agile development at the Trieste ADASS and both JE & ME had positive discussions with Simon at the ADASS meeting. Others noted he has not been too involved in IVOA so far. It was noted that folks didn't have a sense of the size of the media group when considering leading it. PF noted based on feedback that it would be 4 or 5 participants. Two actions came from the discussion.

ACTION 68-2: PF – Communicate with Simon O' Toole about participation in the IVOA media group.

ACTION 68-3: CA – Communicate with Deborah Baines and inform her about the size of the media group.

4. *Project Reports [Significant Events]TCG*

Project summaries for China-VO, France VO, and USVOA, are available at the following link: <http://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM68>

Several members of the committee provided the following highlights:

- BB/USVOA/NAVO – Noted in addition to the USVOA summary, that the NAVO group will be undergoing a NASA review this spring. The 2-year proposal to continue NAVO work has a Mar 10 submission date.
- FG noted that RDA would be meeting next in Barcelona in April. There is good synergy with IVOA and encouraged members to attend/participate.

5. *Overall TCG STATUS*

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

- 3 Standards (Observation Core Components DM (ObsCore 1.1), Simulation Data Access Layer 1.0 (SimDAL 1.0), VOEvent Transport Protocol 2.0 (VTP 2.0) are ready for Exec review.
 - Pepi sent a review request to the Exec after the telecom; positive response so far that needs final tally and feedback
- 3 Standards (HIPS 1.0, DALI 1.0, VOSI 1.0) in RFC and will finish soon
- There is a chance of having 3-6 additional standards through RFC by Shanghai
- Peter Skoda has initiated work on the Timing DM
- Registry is coming along as well as VODML and SODA

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

Pepi forwarded 3 IVOA recommendations to the Exec for review that were received from TCG - Observation Core Components DM (ObsCore 1.1), Simulation Data Access Layer 1.0 (SimDAL 1.0), VOEvent Transport Protocol 2.0 (VTP 2.0).

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

CC provided the following Shanghai meeting status to the Exec via email:

1. “Website and online registration have been opened since January.
2. 54 people have been registered.
3. 18 invitation letters delivered. 8 applications are in process.
4. 6 rooms have been reserved at Jianguo Hotel.
5. With the support from Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) and Inspur Corporation, a free banquet will be provided.

Hope session arrangement can be finalized as soon as possible. I need sign the contract about meeting room reservation with the hotel in the week.“

FP noted that the arrangements look reasonable to host the IVOA meeting. MG informed the group that PD reviewed the room reservations and provided positive feedback to CC. MG also said the draft schedule would be posted next week (week of Mar 12).

Several members commented on the status of their travel plans. A few have gone through booking.com for reservations while others have booked directly with the hotel. Several have received their letters of invitation. Pepi noted that it was nice that the sponsors were providing the banquet to the group free of charge.

8. *CSP*

Mark Allen, chair of the CSP, and also Vice Chair of the Exec informed the group that it was time for a chair rotation on the CSP. He noted that there were new CSP members that could be asked by the Exec if they would be interested in being chair of the CSP. He also said he'd continue to serve on the CSP and contribute to the group.

9. *Transition of US delegation*

Pepi introduced this topic. In the U.S. there are 2 umbrella organizations outside of NASA that oversee ground-based telescope projects. They are the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy (AURA), a consortium of 42 US institutions and 5 international affiliates that operate world-class astronomical observatories, and Associated Universities (AUI) who manage the operations of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO), Green Bank Observatory (GBO), and Long Baseline Observatory (LBO). The USVOA agreement is that both organizations would have input to the IVOA decisions. Brian Glendenning whose project is led by AUI has been serving on the Exec for 2 years. It is time to turn over to AURA. Adam Bolton, associate director for the Community Science and Data Center has been asked to serve on the Exec and he has agreed. The Exec welcomes Adam and invites Brian to continue his involvement in the IVOA. Brian is a member of the CSP and there is plenty of areas that he can contribute. The Exec thanks Brian for his service over the past 3 years on the IVOA Executive committee.

10. *The 'Open Universe' Initiative*

A new initiative, Open Universe Initiative has a planned meeting in November 2017. http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/psa/schedule/2017/workshop_italy_openuniverse.html

Prior to the November meeting, there is a preparation/planning meeting in Rome, Italy in April. Several Exec members have been invited by Paulo Giommi (ASCD) to attend: DS, ES, MA, CA, PF, FG.

There was some discussion on the Open Universe Initiative based on information on the web site. Pepi had a telephone conversation with Paulo Giommi and offered some clarification based on her discussion. Many folks needed more time to review the web site and it was decided that a telecom prior to the April meeting would be a good coordination point.

ACTION 68-4: PF – Organized a telecom prior to the April preparation/planning meeting in Rome to collect thoughts of attending members of the IVOA.

11. *IVOA Terms up for expiration*

Several names were sent to Pepi to recommend Education and Time Domain WG Chairs. The names were discussed and Pepi welcomed further input. Discussions will various folks will happen closer to the May Interop and the nominations will be reviewed/voted at the Mid-IVOA Exec meeting.

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 Bonnarel, VCh: Marco Molinaro
 - **Data Curation:** Ch: Françoise Genova
 - **Registry:** Ch: Markus Demleitner

12. *Future Interop*

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

13. *Date of Next Exec Meeting(s)*

The next Exec meeting are face-to-face meetings scheduled during the Shanghai IVOA meeting. Agenda and request for project reports will be worked and made available well before the meeting.

- Sunday, May 14
- Wednesday, May 17

14. *AOB*

NONE

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