

IVOA Exec Meeting: TM79

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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	https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/esdc
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://voobs.astro.it/
IVOA – International Virtual Observatory Alliance	http://www.ivoa.net

Agenda:

1. Roll Call and Agenda
2. Minutes of FM78
3. Review of Exec **Actions**
4. Project Reports [Significant Events Only]
5. Overall TCG Status
6. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]
7. Overall CSP Status
8. IAU Update
9. Update of Northern Autumn 2018 - College Park MD (Nov 8-10); ADASS Nov 11-15
 - o LOC update - T **McGlynn**
 - o TCG program update
10. Future Interops
 - o Northern Spring 2019 - Paris, France (May 12-17); B Cecconi
 - o Northern Autumn 2019 - Amsterdam, Netherlands
11. AOB
 - o Exec Secretary Nominations
 - o Fair Sharing Interaction
12. Date of next Exec meeting
13. Review of New Action Items

NEXT EXEC Mtg: *Thu, Nov 08 @ 21:30 UTC (5:30pm local time)*

1. **Roll Call and Agenda**

The participants' names were recorded.

2. **Minutes from FM78**

The minutes from FM78 were accepted.

3. Review of Actions

Actions TM78-1: MA – Email Exec for a Project Slide for the IAU meeting – ***DONE***

Actions TM78-2: MA – Put the new Logo group photo into the IVOA Flyer – ***DONE***

Action TM78-3: MA – Remind attendees to tweet during the IAU – ***DONE***

Action TM78-4: MA – Invite Mark Lacey onto the CSP – ***DONE, accepted***

Action TM78-5: BM/MA – Invite Chao Liu to the next IVOA Interop and talk to him about IVOA – ***DONE, Chao Liu will come to College Park Interop***

Action TM78-6: JE – Write up notes on the Roll of the Exec Secretary – ***WORKING, will have them completed for College Park***

Action TM78-7: FP/CC/AK – Discuss at the IAU and report back to the Exec at the next telecon. FP noted that Giulia would be at the IAU for this meeting in his place. – ***DONE, see discussion below (#8)***

Action TM78-8: CC – Send email to Exec with a request for high resolution project logos for the IAU posters with a deadline of Jul 31 for the response. – ***DONE***

Action TM78-9: MA – Establish contact at the IAU to determine how the IVOA can be part of the IAU. A conversation with Peiro Benevenuti and others was suggested. – ***DONE***

Action TM78-10: AL – Contact someone in Leiden about possibility of hosting the IVOA meeting in Fall 2019 (after ADASS) – ***DONE, from AL Jul 12 email:***

a quick report from Leiden regarding whether it might be suitable for an interop back-to-back with ADASS in the Netherlands. The Lorentz Centre is marvelous, but it is really only for relatively small meetings - maximum 60. Speaking to the staff here, it was pretty clear there was no way round that. So if one was to have a meeting in Leiden it would need to be in a hotel anyway, so it comes down to whether there are appropriate local academic staff who might like to form a LOC. The staff list for Leiden Observatory is here:

<https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/science/astronomy/staff#tab-1>

Mike Garrett is listed, but I think that's just honorary - he is really in Manchester. There is no one else who really leaps out as "Friend of the VO". So I am afraid it looks like Leiden is not the right answer.

Action TM 78-11: PD/JE – Discuss/recommend some concrete steps with regard to models of working with Python and the Open Source Community after consultation with the TCG. – ***WORKING***

Action TM75-6: FG – Initiate outline for a VO paper; Identify list of authors – CA/PF/FP made initial offers; – ***Working/No change***

Action 73-1: MA – IAU booth organization and planning – *DONE*

4. *Project Reports*

MA noted that contributions to project reports has been low and suggested Project leads should make an effort to include them for the Interops meetings, if not all telecons. They are needed to show progress and as input to the Opening report from the Exec.

BB noted for NAVO that the group was working on White papers for the decadal survey in the US. In particular he noted a session at the Jan AAS – Future of Astrophysics where white papers will be discussed and feedback from the community welcomed.

5. *Overall TCG Status*

PD highlighted that there have been 2 TCG telecons since the May Interop – Jul05 & Sep18; both telecons had very good attendance. The telecons and cross working group sessions at the Interop are a good way to bring new people in to the TCG. PD went on to note that the Time Domain work is coalescing with DM and DAL WGs contributing. There is one standard in process – TAP 1.1. For the Interop, the plan is to have a TCG face to face meeting on the 1st morning (Thu, Nov8) and to startup session after the 1st coffee break in the morning.

JE also highlighted that a telecon on Coordinated Observations was held on Sep21. The meeting was in Madrid (with telecon access) and more than 30 participants from many observatories were represented. There was a DAL session presentation on the topic in Victoria by Jesus Delgado and there is a plan for a follow-up presentation in November. Two standards are in the development stage that seem well integrated with VO standards (Observation Locator Table Access Protocol v0.2, Object Visibility Object Locator v0.2). Several active IVOA members are authors on the documents and several more were present at the telecon. The group is looking for more use cases and for a few projects to consider early prototypes.

6. *Approval of IVOA Recommendation(s)*

No recommendations for review at this time.

7. *Overall CSP Status*

BM noted that the invitations to Mark Lacy and Gregory Dubois-Felsmann were accepted. Chao Liu was invited to the next Interop and has also accepted. BM expects to gather the CSP for one or two telecons before the Interop.

8. *IAU Update*

MA reviewed the IAU booth and meetings. He provided the Exec with an email on Sep 18 that is include below with the highlights.

1. IVOA Booth

We ran an IVOA Booth in the exhibition hall for the full 2 weeks of the meeting. You may have seen some photos on facebook, we-chat and twitter! We had a good location in the hall and a constant flow of people at the booth. The booth was staffed by volunteers from various IVOA member projects, so thanks very much to everyone who contributed!

At the booth we distributed the IVOA flyer, and showed the virtual flyers on a monitor. We had various give-aways such as stickers and pens, and very popular IVOA m&m chocolates. There was a lot of interaction with all the different sorts of people who visited the booth: students, researchers, publishers, and people with various IAU roles. We gave live demos of various tools and services. This was very effective for showing people what you can really do with the tools and services. In many cases it opens people eyes to what is available. In other cases there are power-users who come for detailed help and advice.

The materials used for the booth are collected on the wiki page: <http://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IAUAug2018>.

2. IAU Executive committee

A discussion was held with Ewine van Dishoeck (President IAU) and Deborah Elmegreen (President elect) on 24 August. Ajit Kembhavi and Patricia Whitelock helped set up the meeting and participated. The outcome was basically a suggestion that people in IVOA get involved in the Working Groups of Division B as a place to report on IVOA activities. There were some mis-perceptions about VO/IVOA, to be reported during the telecon. (The VO-education/development aspects were well appreciated).

A very short informal discussion (Aug 31) was held with Piero Benvenuti (outgoing General Secretary, now Advisor on the IAU Executive Committee) who is in general supportive of increasing IVOA visibility in IAU.

Discussions were held with Michael Burton, the new President of Division B Facilities, Technologies and Data Science. Also with Anja Schroder, the new president of the Commission B2 Data and Documentation (note that Chenzhou Cui is the Vice-President of this commission). Here the new Division and Commission leads are just starting to get organized.

Additional notes/discussion:

- MA noted that Giulia Lafrate gave an excellent presentation on IVOA Education efforts.
- PW thought it might be worth putting in a short IAU resolution for the next IAU meeting about the IVOA and the connection to Multi-wavelength astronomy and education. MA noted that any proposal would have to be crafted very carefully and noted that the IPDA should be considered. CA is a member and said they could discuss it. He added that the Chair of the IPDA is keen on Recognition of VO bodies. **It was concluded that an agenda item should be added for discussion at the next Interop.**
- A meeting between MA, AK, and Giulia lafrate was held at the IAU to discuss the Webpage and Wiki maintenance. **The discussion centered on the preference to have a single site for hosting. Folks agreed.** VObs.It will host the site and VO-India will be the backup. Further coordination to plan the transfer is needed and the plan was for that to happen in a couple of months. MA took an action at the telecon to initiate the transfer.
- FP noted that the IAU cannot accommodate the IVOA inside its structure as a "sub-organization". Having better relations with the IAU is certainly very desirable, but does not solve the issue of the visibility of IVOA as a self-standing standards body.

ACTION TM79-1: MA – Initiate the transfer planning of the Web/Twiki to one location.

9. *Update of Northern Autumn 2018 - College Park MD (Nov 8-10); ADASS Nov 11-18*

T McGlynn noted that 80 attendees have registered for IVOA and that the NAVO group contributed financial support for the meeting. He said the meeting would be tight for much over 100 attendees but accommodations would be made to handle it. The **deadline for the hotel rate is October 8** so folks should make reservations if they haven't. The ADASS LOC has handled several foreign invitations and he will pass on a recent IVOA request that was sent to him (JE notes as follow-up – Tom communicated after the telecon that the invitation was sent by the ADASS LOC to the specific person we discussed at the telecon).

Also discussed was the logistics for the **IVOA Exec meeting. It was decided - 5:30-7:00 on Thursday, Nov 08 at the hotel with dinner afterwards.**

10. Future Interops

- Northern Spring 2019 - Paris, France (May 12-17); B Cecconi
 - MA noted that the LOC was confident with the current plan and that we would have further follow-up/discussion at the Interop
- Northern Autumn 2019 - Amsterdam, Netherlands
 - See Action TM78-10 discussion above – this needs further discussion/planning at the Interop.

11. AOB

- Exec Secretary Nominations
 - **MA encouraged the Exec to think of names of nominees for the Secretary position.** The goal is to make a transfer at the Interop.
- Fair Sharing Interaction
 - MA also noted that the Exec needed to further discuss the Fair Sharing Interaction. He noted the opportunity to make IVOA standards visible, claim ownership of standards, and that is was a good way of presenting the standards to make them more visible. **MA suggested further discussion at the Interop.**

12. Date of Next Exec Meeting

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13. Review of New Action Items

New Actions :

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Old Actions :

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Note to JE for next mtg agenda ... Include:

- *Netherlands interop LOC discussion??*

- *Possible IAU resolution for next meeting from IVOA*
- *Fair sharing discussion*