

## IVOA Exec Meeting: TM99

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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>  
ASVO - Australian Virtual Observatory [asvo.org.au](http://asvo.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	<a href="http://www.france-vo.org">http://www.france-vo.org</a>
RVO - Russian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.inasan.ru/eng/rvo/">http://www.inasan.ru/eng/rvo/</a>
SA <sup>3</sup> – South Africa Astroinformatics Alliance	<a href="http://www.sa3.ac.za">http://www.sa3.ac.za</a>
SVO - Spanish Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://svo.cab.inta-csic.es">http://svo.cab.inta-csic.es</a>
UkrVO - Ukraine Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.ukr-vo.org/">http://www.ukr-vo.org/</a>
USVOA – US Virtual Observatory Alliance	<a href="http://usvoa.cfa.harvard.edu">http://usvoa.cfa.harvard.edu</a>
VO-India - Indian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://vo.iucaa.ernet.in/~voi/">http://vo.iucaa.ernet.in/~voi/</a>
VObs.it - The Italian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://vobs.astro.it/">http://vobs.astro.it/</a>
IVOA - International Virtual Observatory Alliance	<a href="http://www.ivoa.net">http://www.ivoa.net</a>

## Agenda:

1. Roll Call and Agenda
2. Minutes of [TM98](#)
3. Review of Exec ACTIONS (ALL DONE)
4. Project Reports [Significant Events Only]
5. Overall TCG Status
6. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]
7. Future Interop meetings
8. CSP Status
9. Nomination of new Chair of the Standing Committee on Standards and Processes
10. Nomination of new chair of the Media Group
11. Discussion on landing web page updates (BB)
12. Date of next Exec meeting
13. Review of New Action Items

## NEXT EXEC Meeting: September 14, 2021 @1pm UTC

### 1. Roll Call and Agenda

Names of attendees are recorded

### 2. The Minutes of TM98

The minutes from [TM98](#) were reviewed and accepted.

### 3. Review of Exec ACTIONS

N/A

### 4. Project Reports [Significant Events Only]

(see meeting page for extensive details)

BB: During the summer meeting of the American Astronomical Society, the NASA Astronomical Virtual Observatories (NAVO) hosted a workshop titled "Accessing NASA's

Astrophysics Archives using Python". The Python notebooks developed for the workshop are available here: <https://github.com/NASA-NAVO/navo-workshop>

And here is a related webinar: <https://youtu.be/wiCClyXk6-o>

CC: A strategic cooperation agreement was signed on 7/20/21 among the three national Chinese data centers (National Astronomical Data Center (NADC), National High Energy Physics Science Data Center (NHEPSC) and National Space Science Data Center (NSSDC)) to provide comprehensive services for their users.

JJ: Canadian government has approved pursuit of membership in SKA; CADC is deeply involved in the SRC Working Groups and will design it according to IVOA standards.

MM: VObs.it is now considered as a "programme" (long-term project) by INAF and it includes INAF, ASI (SSDC - Space Science Data Center), University of Padova, INFN.

## 5. TCG Status

- Kick off meeting (6/16) with new TCG members to coordinate logistics, review web pages and links
- TCG working 2021A Roadmaps - all WGs completed
- Janet/Marco sent first of new TCG monthly newsletter including highlights, action reminder, few notes
- UCDFList v.1.4 Note agreed by TCG; Endorsed Note document made available on ivoa.net docs repo
- Provided an Interop review Newsletter article; reviewing current draft of the newsletter.
- DM group worked since the Interop to conclude the workshop; held wrap-up meeting 7/13; sent conclusions and outlined path forward - very successful
- Merged syntax for annotation that had been languishing since 2018; outlined steps forward in roadmap
- MM assisting TCG with GitHub repos and a leading policy and guidelines in authoring documents using ivoatex and git with a small team of TCG experts.
- Next TCG meeting - Aug 25 @20:00 UTC

TCG requests a KDD Vice Chair and JE solicited the TCG for candidates.

**ACTION:** BB will email Exec and lead the search for a new KDD IG Vice Chair.

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

[ObsLocTAP](#) 1.0 was officially approved by the TCG on 7/7/21 and was sent to Exec Ch/VCh on 7/19/21 for Exec review.

**ACTION:** BB will circulate it to Exec after review

## 7. Future Interop meetings

The IVOA Northern Fall Meeting will be November 2-4, 2021 and it will be virtual.

The Northern Spring Meeting for 2022 is still TBD. The members of the Exec are in favor of alternating virtual meetings and in person meetings. Virtual meetings attract participants who would not be normally able to travel to a conference, as seen by the large number of attendees of the past two virtual meetings. Deciding which meeting will go virtual it will take a deeper discussion as typically the fall meeting is shorter and follows ADASS, while the spring meeting is longer and a working meeting. This conversation will be the subject of TM100.

## **8. CSP**

- The wiki page was updated with the new Charter.
- Vandana Desai was added as new member of CSP.
- AN (new Chair) met with Bruno Merin (past Chair) to be updated on the current status of the WG.
- AN proposes to have a CSP Roadmap with the goals of the WG, including: continuing to communicate with the Astropy team; add specific science cases. A WG meeting will be organized to work on the Roadmap.
- AN is in favor of having a Vice Chair.

**ACTION:** BB will email the Exec and lead the search for CSP Vice Chair candidates.

## **9. New Chair of the Standing Committee on Standards and Processes**

Pat Dowler was nominated as the new Chair of the Standing Committee on Standards and Processes. The Exec is in favor and this nomination was accepted.

**ACTION:** BB will email Pat about his new role as Chair of the SCSP.

## **10. Nomination of new chair of the Media Group**

The current chair of the Media Group (Debbie Baines) is stepping aside from the position. A new chair for this group is needed as well as an update/review of the members and the role of this group beside the newsletter.

Giulia lafrate and Stefania Amodeo are currently leading the work of the IVOA newsletter.

**ACTION:** BB will lead the search of a new Chair for the media group.

## **11. Discussion on landing web page updates (BB)**

BB suggests to update the IVOA landing web page to be more informative and currently updated. This will be part of the tasks of the Media Group and its new Chair.

## **12. Date of next Exec meeting**

September 14, 2021 at 1pm UTC

### 13. Review of New Action Items

**ACTION TM99.1:** BB will email Exec and lead the search for a new KDD IG Vice Chair.  
**DONE**

**ACTION TM99.2:** BB will circulate it to Exec after review. **DONE**

**ACTION TM99.3:** BB will email the Exec and lead the search for CSP Vice Chair candidates.  
**DONE/IN PROGRESS**

**ACTION TM99.4:** BB will email Pat about his new role as Chair of the SCSP. **DONE**

**ACTION TM99.5:** BB will lead the search of a new Chair for the media group. **IN PROGRESS**

**ACTION TM99.6:** Publish on the IVOA main web page the dates of the next InterOp. **DONE**