

IVOA Exec Meeting: TM86
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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/>
SA³– 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
2. Minutes of [TM85](#)
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. Planning for renewal of IVOA Exec Chair and Vice Chair roles (October 2019)
8. IVOA codes of conduct - initial discussion
9. Groningen Interop meeting agenda (October 2019)
10. AOB
11. Date of next Exec meeting (Thursday 10 October - 2pm local time)
12. Future Interops: Sydney May 2020, Granada Nov 2020
13. Review of New Action Items

NEXT EXEC Meeting: *Thur, October 10 @ 2pm (local Groningen time)*

1. Roll Call and Agenda

The participants' names were recorded. JJ Kavelaars was introduced as the new exec member representing CVO. A warm welcome was extended to JJ on behalf of the whole exec.

2. Minutes from TM85

The minutes from TM85 were accepted.

3. Review of Exec Actions

FM84S-1: MA work on a draft charter about IVOA and IAU **DONE/working**

TM85-1: MA telecon with Groningen local organizers **DONE**

TM85-2: Registration for ADASS and IVOA announcement **DONE**

TM85-3: Radio astronomy splinter session for IVOA **DISCUSS ITEM 9**

4. Reports [Significant Events Only]

5. Overall TCG status

PD:

- Two standards will be sent to exec this week for approval
- Three standards are waiting for a few TCG approvals; may be sent to exec in 1-2 weeks.
- Some progress was made on the Provenance Data Model; the 2nd RFC period is over today, 3 September 2019; the TGC did not

review it yet; there are still a lot of (minor) comments that need to be fixed and it is not ready for recommendation yet; TCG chair and vice chair, working group chair, author and editor are all involved in trying to finish this.

- Preliminary work on the architecture document will be done at the interop meeting in Groningen
- Groningen meeting organization

6. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation

PD: no new recommendation yet but some will be sent in the next few weeks before the meeting.

7. Planning for renewal of IVOA Exec Chair and Vice Chair roles

MA: Exec Chair and Vice Chair roles both need to be filled; a telecon of most of the previous chairs was held to discuss potential nominations for both roles; the process is to announce the need of nomination during this current telecon with the goal of choosing at the next interop meeting in Groningen.

GF and FP: suggest to have another telecon between previous chairs before the interop meeting.

8. IVOA codes of conduct

MA described various reasons why the topic of a code of conduct is coming up now.

The discussion highlighted that as a mature organization, IVOA should have its own code of conduct to be followed in all kinds of interactions, including by email and in person during meetings.

The Exec agree that this is important and need to be drafted soon.

MA and CA agreed to start drafting a code of conduct document.

9. Groningen Interop meeting agenda

JE:

- the meeting program is posted on the meeting website; working group chairs are looking for contributions;
- the TCG is looking at the different topics to decide for some few main sessions beside splinter meetings; a possible main session could be related to radio astronomy with the contribution of the local astronomers if interested;
- TCG meeting will be on Wed late afternoon;
- Exec meeting will be on Thursday early afternoon to accommodate enough time for discussion, in particular on chair and vice chair nominations. A webex meeting will be set up for remote participation (GF, CA).

BM: will contact the local interested people to organize a science main session.

10. AOB

11. Date of next exec meeting

Thursday October 10, 2019 at 2pm Groningen local time

12. Future Interops

MA: Interop meetings have usually been hosted by IVOA member organizations with local financial support. It is going to be more likely in the future that extra financial support will be needed, and when an IVOA meeting is attached to an ADASS conference there are extra expenses involved to host the IVOA at the same location as ADASS. E.g., for the IVOA meeting connected to the Nov 2020 ADASS meeting in Granada the local organizers (including ES) have indicated that financial support would be needed for IVOA meeting rooms etc. In the past, IVOA member organizations have provided some financial support for the meeting expenses (e.g., sponsorship of the Groningen meeting). Going forward it may be necessary for the local organizers to request a registration fee for IVOA meetings to support the organization.

CA and FP: ADASS LOC and POC feel the pressure of organizing the IVOA interop meetings.

Exec members agree on asking a registration fee of the order of \$50-100 per meeting depending on the needs and length of the meeting. This information can be forwarded to the ADASS LOC/POC via CA and FP.

For the Sydney meeting, MA relayed the information that SO is looking for local sponsorship, and that the need of a registration fee may also come up for this meeting.

SO provided (by email) information on the Sydney meeting dates: May 4-8, 2020 is the preferred, and May 11-15, 2020 is currently a back-up.

13. Actions

FM84S-1: MA continue reporting on IAU Working group working

TM86-1: MA and CA draft an IVOA code of conduct document

TM86-2: MA set up a telecon before the Groningen meeting for the past exec chairs to discuss nominations for chair and vice chair roles

TM86-3: Exec to send nominations for the Exec chair and vice chair roles to MA

TM86-4: BM contact possible speakers for radio astronomy session at Groningen interop meeting

TM86-5: FC set up Webex for the exec meeting on 10/10/19