

2013 Fall InterOp, Waikoloa, Hawaii

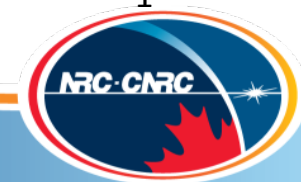


Closing Remarks

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Hawaii InterOperability meeting: Fall 2013



Thanks again to Bob and LOC for their great work getting this meeting together

Thanks to VAO and Sarah for hosting the Document Repository and website

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Thanks to Mark Allen for his service as Exec Secretary

Thanks to Janet Evans for taking on this very important responsibility





Items of Business

Web pages and Document Repository

- Please have a look at and respond to Bob's message

New Chairs and vice-Chairs for WGs and IGs

- Please send your input to Executive





TCG terms 2014

- ▶ **WG/IG chairs and vice-chairs**
 - ▶ appointed by Exec
 - ▶ 3 year term with possibility of one year extension

- ▶ **January 2014**
 - ▶ Registry WG Chair: Gretchen Green
 - ▶ Registry WG Vice-chair: Pierre Le Sidaner

- ▶ **May 2014**
 - ▶ DAL Chair: Pat Dowler (one-year extension)
 - ▶ DM Chair: Jesus Salgado
 - ▶ DM Vice-chair: Omar Laurino
 - ▶ GWS Chair: André Schaaff
 - ▶ GWS Vice-Chair: Andreas Wicenec
 - ▶ CDP Chair: Alberto Accomazzi (one-year extension)
 - ▶ Application Chair: Mark Taylor



Coupling IVOA with ADASS

There are some benefits

- Attendance of people (e.g., AAS journals) that might not otherwise attend
- We may want to pursue an overlap topic session IVOA/ADASS

It makes for a long time away from home.

Other opinions?





Two very active items from this meeting:

DataCubes

- A compromise solution on the horizon?

Data Modeling Language/UTYPES

- Not so sure about a resolution

Both of these problems employed a prototyping process as an aid to making a decision

Was it successful?

Purpose of the IVOA



It's worth reminding ourselves:

- Our work is aimed at contributing value to the scientific process

Value:

- Discussions
- Drafts
- Proposed recommendations
- Standards
- Implementation
- Deployment

Value is not delivered until researchers use the service

We need to continue to emphasize science use of VO

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Mission of the IVOA:



To facilitate the international coordination and collaboration necessary for the development and deployment of the tools, systems and organizational structures necessary to enable the international utilization of astronomical archives as an integrated and interoperating virtual observatory.





Science Use Cases

It is effective to develop Science Use Cases to drive the standards process

- We collect Science Use Cases from the international science community
- This works because there are huge areas of commonality in how science is done globally and massive collaboration takes place in the science community
- Without this fact there would be no point to the IVOA





Science Use Cases

From the Science Use Cases:

- We do **NOT** develop Chilean standards, or Canadian standards, or Ukrainian standards and services
- We develop IVOA standards services to serve the global community
- IVOA is the place where we come to address our common interests





PR's in the Rec Process

- ▶ **SimpleDALRegExt 1.0**
 - ▶ TCG complete; Exec recommendation in preparation
- ▶ **PhotDM 1.0**
 - ▶ Rec process re-started in July
 - ▶ Now in TCG review
- ▶ **VOUnits 1.0**
 - ▶ A new version last week
 - ▶ Still in TCG review
- ▶ **Data Access Layer Interface DALI 1.0**
 - ▶ Still in TCG review
- ▶ **Parameter Description Language PDL 1.0**
 - ▶ In RFC period



This meeting

Not a huge number of sessions but, in my opinion

- it is very worthwhile to have a second face-to-face InterOp meeting every year





Status of IVOA

- The bedrock of the IVOA has always been the commitment, talent, and creativity of the individuals who participate in the Working Groups and Interest Groups
- I see no decline in that personal commitment and enthusiasm for the work that we do and the belief that IVOA work is valuable and worthwhile

We remain vigorous





Thanks to everyone for their service to our noble cause