

# IVOA Exec Meeting: TM111

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## Glossary

| Acronym   | Institution Name               | Institution Website   |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---|
| ArVO      | Armenian Virtual Observatory   | <a href="https://www.aras.am/Arvo/arvo.htm">https://www.aras.am/Arvo/arvo.htm</a>                                   |
| AstroGrid | UK VO initiative               | <a href="http://www.astrogrid.org">http://www.astrogrid.org</a>   |
| ASVO      | Australian Virtual Observatory | <a href="https://asvo.org.au/">https://asvo.org.au/</a>   |
| BRAVO     | Brazil Virtual Observatory     | <a href="http://bravo.iag.usp.br/">http://bravo.iag.usp.br/</a>   |
| China-VO  | Chinese Virtual Observatory    | <a href="http://www.china-vo.org">http://www.china-vo.org</a>   |
| ChiVO     | Chile Virtual Observatory      | <a href="https://chivo.cl/">https://chivo.cl/</a>   |
| CVO       | Canadian Virtual Observatory   | <a href="https://www1.cadc-ccda.hia-ihp.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/cvo/">https://www1.cadc-ccda.hia-ihp.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/cvo/</a> |

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| ESA                       | European Space Agency                      | <a href="https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/esdc">https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/esdc</a>                                     |
| Euro-VO                   | European Virtual Observatory               | <a href="http://www.euro-vo.org">http://www.euro-vo.org</a>   |
| GAVO                      | German Astrophysical Virtual Observatory   | <a href="https://www.g-vo.org/">https://www.g-vo.org/</a>   |
| HVO                       | Hungarian Virtual Observatory              | <a href="http://hvo.elte.hu/">http://hvo.elte.hu/</a>   |
| JVO                       | Japanese Virtual Observatory               | <a href="http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html">http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html</a>   |
| NLVO                      | Netherlands Virtual Observatory            | <a href="https://www.virtualobservatory.nl/">https://www.virtualobservatory.nl/</a>                                       |
| NOVA                      | Argentina Virtual Observatory              | <a href="https://nova.conicet.gov.ar">https://nova.conicet.gov.ar</a>   |
| 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/organizational-activity/rvo/rvo/">http://www.inasan.ru/organizational-activity/rvo/rvo/</a> |
| SA3 (or SA <sup>3</sup> ) | South Africa Astroinformatics Alliance     | <a href="https://sa3.ac.za/">https://sa3.ac.za/</a>   |
| SKAO                      | Square Kilometre Array Observatory         | <a href="https://www.skao.int/">https://www.skao.int/</a>   |
| SVO                       | Spanish Virtual Observatory                | <a href="https://svo.cab.inta-csic.es/main/index.php">https://svo.cab.inta-csic.es/main/index.php</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://voi.iucaa.in/voi/">http://voi.iucaa.in/voi/</a>   |
| VObs.it                   | The Italian Virtual Observatory            | <a href="https://vobs.it">https://vobs.it</a>   |
| IVOA                      | International Virtual Observatory Alliance | <a href="http://www.ivoa.net">http://www.ivoa.net</a>   |

## Agenda

1. Roll call and agenda
  - Regrets: Ada Nebot (CSP Chair), Ajit Kembhavi (VO-India), Antonio Chrysostomou (SKAO), Chenzhou Cui (China-VO), Enrique Solano (SVO), Mark Lacy (USVOA/NRAO)
2. Review and approval of TM110 Minutes ([PDF](#))
3. Review of Exec Actions for 111 ([PDF](#))
4. Status of Hungarian VO within IVOA
5. Update of the IVOA logo
6. IVOA-IAU Liaison Group – Review of draft charter
7. Project Reports (Significant Events Only)
8. Overall TCG status (Janet)
9. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) (Standing Item)
10. CSP status
11. Future Interop meetings: Northern Spring 2023: Italy
12. Renewal of WG/IG Chairs and Vice-Chairs
13. IVOA website
  - draft new website available → [here](#)
  - comments on new site available → [here](#)
14. Future Interop meetings: Northern Fall 2023: Tucson
15. Date of next Exec meeting
16. AOB
17. Review of new action items

**Next Exec Meeting:** Sunday, 7 May 2023 10:00 CEST/12:00 PM UTC (UTC+2)

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# Discussion

## 1. Roll Call and Agenda

- The names of the attendees are recorded.

## 2. Review and Approve Minutes of TM110

The minutes from TM110 were reviewed and accepted.

## 3. Review of Exec Action for TM111

- **ACTION TM108.3:** CA will review the feedback that JE forwarded about the IVOA website and get back in touch with YG. **DONE**
- **ACTION TM109.1:** CA: Update IVOA webpage IVOA working group to reflect the creation of the IAU-IVOA Liaison Committee Chair and VC **DONE**
- **ACTION TM109.4** BB will draft a charter and terms of service for the IVOA-IAU Liaison Committee based examples provided by CA. **Updated actions: Add Patricia's name as Vice-Chair; BB to update charter draft as discussed in this meeting. IN PROGRESS**
- **ACTION TM109.6:** CA & JE will coordinate the addition of Kazakhstan VO logo and link to <https://www.ivoa.net/about/member-organizations.html> and <https://wiki.ivoa.net/wiki/bin/view/IVOA/IVOAHistoryPage>, and also check the rest of the member organization links on that page. **DONE**
- **ACTION TM109.10** CA: Contact Tim Jenness regarding the logistics for Northern Fall 2023 Interop (Tucson) **DONE**
- **ACTION TM110.2:** MM will look into Sunday 7 May dinner arrangements and discuss it with the LOC. **DONE**
  - MM has located a few venues; the final step is to select one and make the reservation.
- **ACTION TM110.3:** Exec members to send CA and SO names of potential candidates for WG/IG expiring terms. **IN PROGRESS**
- **ACTION TM110.5:** PW will reach out to her Hungary contacts about the VO website and logo. **DONE**
- **ACTION TM110.6:** Exec will review and comment on the new draft IVOA website by mid-February. **IN PROGRESS**

## 4. Status of Hungarian VO withing IVOA

- This discussion is in reference to the recent email exchange on the Exec email list.
- There has not been any activity with the HVO for many years (over a decade). Their website is not active, their contact point is not responsive either. A possible contact in Hungary confirmed this and indicated there is no plan to resume VO activities in Hungary for the time being.
- CA mentioned an IVOA member can be considered active when there is minimum activity, which includes participating in working/interest groups, participating in email discussions, serving on Exec, coordinating of activities in the country, etc.
- A proposal is put forward to remove HVO from the list of members. If activity resumes, we will add them back.

- MA: This is consistent with IVOA guidelines for participation. We've been much more lenient than the official guidelines.
- FP: Agree with MA; it's time we do something.
- SG: What is the mechanism to re-admit them?
  - CA: It would be similar to how new members join: they express interest in membership, they submit a formal request, and the Exec votes.
- CA: IVOA Exec approves that the Hungary VO is removed as its members.
- A motion to remove the Hungarian Virtual Observatory from the list of IVOA member organizations has been discussed and approved by Exec. This motion is recorded in the official minutes.

## 5. Update of the IVOA Logo

- **Action for CA:** Ask CC to remove the HVO logo from IVOA website.

## 6. IVOA-IAU Liaison Group – Review of draft charter

- BB: What is the official role of this group vis-à-vis the IAU?
- PW suggests, and BB agrees, that the IAU-VO Working Group become the IVOA IAU liaison group, with the functions described in BB's draft document.
  - What is important is that we are very visible, active participants to the General Assembly, which we have done by submitting proposals, etc.
  - It was suggested to make the Exec members part of the IAU.
  - BB not sure how to proceed.
  - PW: Very supportive of everything BB wrote. It's important to the IAU and IVOA that this group actually works.
    - IVOA might want to involve IAU non-members; we should suggest they be made associates.
    - If this WG is not active, it's likely to be disassociated by the IAU. A six-year term is a maximum and the IAU likes to remove groups that are not active.
    - The draft is currently pitched from the IVOA's perspective, and we need to change that to give the IAU a higher profile within the IVOA.
    - BB concurs, but we cannot give the impression that the IVOA reports to the IAU.
  - YG: If the term is six years, the commitment for the VC is 12 years, which is a bit long (especially if they're planning to retire sooner).
    - BB: We need to verify if it really is six years.
    - PW: It's an upper limit; whatever happens, you have to leave after six years, but we could change the typical term to three years. It may require speaking with IAU officials.
    - BB prefers three years, which is in-line with our internal working groups.
  - PF: Agree this needs to be an IVOA working group under IAU management, but we want to make sure the member is part of the Exec and will keep us informed. There needs to be an association between IVOA and IAU leadership.
    - Just make the point that the Chair of the group shall report to IVOA meetings.
  - **Updated Action for BB:** Update the IAU-IVOA Liaison charter based on this discussion.

## 7. Project Reports (Significant Events Only)

- MA suggests we make sure all project reports are collected before the next Interop.
- CA will also ask all Exec member to provide him with 1 slide summarizing their project VO activities for CA interop opening presentation about the state of the IVOA.
- **Action for CA:** Request that each Exec member produce one slide from their respective project report for the May 2023 Interop State of the IVOA presentation.

## 8. Overall TCG Status (JE)

- Last TCG meeting - Mar 08 - Main theme Interop planning; next mtg - Apr 05
- For Interop:
- Schedule has been filled in - <https://wiki.ivoa.net/wiki/bin/view/IVOA/InterOpMay2023?redirectedfrom=IVOA.InterOpMay2023DRAFT>
- Highlights - 2 Science Plenaries, 1 DOI Plenary, Newcomer's session, lunchtime newcomers question corner
- Dave Morris will lead the Sci Platform plenary. It has GWS, Apps, Ops, CSP combined group sponsorship
- WG/IG asked to put out calls to their groups for participation; provide abstracts for talks
- LOC put out the 2nd call on Monday - 73 participants as of today
- JE notes that we are returning to having parallel sessions; there are no gaps in the schedule now that we are post-virtual meetings.

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

- None
- There may be a review item put forth either before or during Interop.

## 10. CSP Status (AN)

- No update

## 11. Future Interop Meetings: Northern Spring 2023 (Bologna, Italy)

- MM: 77 in-person registrants; 10-12 are registered for remote attendance

## 12. Renewal of WG/IG Chairs and Vice-Chairs

- Some names have been submitted, but more are needed.
- The vacancies and candidates will be discussed at the May 2023 Exec meeting at Interop.
  - DM WG: Laurent Michel, Jesus Salgado - no extension
  - GWS WG: Giulllano Taffoni - no extension / Note on D. Morris Vice-Chair until 2025
  - Semantics WG: Markus Demleitner, Carlo Maria Zwölf - no extension
  - Theory IG: Vice-Chair OPEN (since 9/2022)
  - Operations IG: Mark Taylor, S. Groom - no extension
  - Radio IG: M. Lacy, F. Bonnarel - have extension available; Mark Lacy suggested Alessandra Zanichelli, Yan Grange, and Mark Kettenis in a Nov. 9, 2022 email to BB to replace them in Radio IG for Chair; **Francois is interested in a one-year**

**extension for Vice-Chair.** Also, SVO proposed Ricardo Rizzo as a candidate for Vice-Chair.

- PF said there is no problem with recycling members for Chair and Vice-Chair roles.
- CA requests that Exec send recommendations to CA and Simon. (Ref: **TM110.3**)

### 13. IVOA Website

- Yan's draft of new website: [https://sdc-dev.astron.nl/ivoa\\_web/](https://sdc-dev.astron.nl/ivoa_web/)
- There is a wiki page with comments on the website from the TCG: <https://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaLandingtSep22>
- CA: How do we finalize these comments? It may be challenging to do this remotely, so should it be addressed during the May meeting?
  - JE agrees with CA's proposal.
- PF: I like it, it looks nice. It is not new content.
- YG has been liaising with the developer on the website.
- CA suggests having guidelines on when content on the website expires and is refreshed.
- **Action for YG:** Follow up with Klaus on the status of each item on the IVOA website checklist.
- **Action for CA:** Find and organize a review session of the IVOA website at the Bologna meeting.

### 14. Future Interop Meetings: Northern Fall 2023 (Tucson)

- This topic is tabled for the next Exec meeting.
- MM noted we are waiting for ADASS to close to determine when to schedule this meeting.
- MA: Are there going to be costs associated with the IVOA Tucson meeting?
  - CA: Yes, there might be. The law has changed in the US that does not allow Rubin to spend money on hospitality. (BB confirms this.)
  - The costs would consist mainly of the coffee breaks. Some of the sponsoring organizations at ADASS could contribute to cover the IVOA as well.
  - The funding for ADASS is in good shape.

### 15. Date of Next Exec Meeting

- Sunday, May 7 in Bologna

### 16. AOB

No updates

### 17. Review of New Action Items

- **ACTION TM111.1** MH to reconcile the list of projects in the Exec and make sure they're reflected in the meeting notes template
- **ACTION TM111.2** MH to write official wording on removal of HVO for the official minutes.
- **ACTION TM111.3** CA to contact CC about removing the HVO logo from IVOA website
- **ACTION TM111.4** CA: Request that each Exec member produce one slide from their respective project report for the May 2023 Interop State of the IVOA presentation.

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## **Project Reports**

**Argentina-NOVA**

**ArVO**

**AstroGrid**

**Australia-VO (ASVO)**

**BRAVO**

**China-VO**

**CVO**

**ESA**

**Euro-VO**

**France VO**

**GAVO**

**HVO**

**JVO**

**Kazakhstan VO**

**NLVO**

**RVO**

**SA3**

**SKAO**

**SVO**

- First Latin American VO school. (14-16 March, 2023) ([https://svo.cab.inta-csic.es/svoMeetings/index.php?mid=58&action=page&pagename=I\\_Escuela\\_Latinoamericana\\_VO/Presentation](https://svo.cab.inta-csic.es/svoMeetings/index.php?mid=58&action=page&pagename=I_Escuela_Latinoamericana_VO/Presentation))
  - With >160 registered participants (and an average attendance of 80-90) it was the largest VO school ever organized.
  - Participants from 17 countries, most of them early-career people.
  - High percentage (60%) of VO newcomers.
  - Very positive feedback. Many people interested in a second edition covering new topics.
  - The school was conducted in Spanish so part of the material is in Spanish.
  - The school was recorded and the recorded sessions are available from the school web page so the reached audience can even be larger.
  
- EAS2023 SS4 "Science with the Virtual Observatory" (<https://eas.unige.ch/EAS2023/session.jsp?id=SS4>)
  - The deadline for abstract submission was March 8th.
  - We received 16 requests for talks and 7 for posters.
  - In the coming days the reviewing process will begin.



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