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IVOA INTEROP WELCOME

VIRTUAL MEETING MAY 25-28, 2021 (UTC)

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WELCOME TO THE 3RD VIRTUAL INTEROP MEETING

- On behalf of the IVOA — Welcome to the Northern Spring Meeting 2021
- We have a very good turnout with ~245 attendees
- The Interop Programme has been posted and is available:
<https://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/InterOpMay2021>
- Along with the Interop programme, you'll also find:
 - Link to a time converter — <https://www.worldtimebuddy.com>
 - List of contributed abstracts —
<https://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/InterOpMay2021Abstracts>
 - Link to Gather.town — <https://gather.town/app/PuCDQczUl8pfyXH3/ObAS>
 - A helpdesk email alias — interop_helpdesk@ivoa.net
 - Daily Zoom link to connect to the Interop Sessions — posted a few hours before the session starts

SCHEDULING

- We picked times around 3 areas of the globe — 5 UTC; 13:30 UTC; 20:30 UTC — aiming at Sydney/Shanghai, Victoria BC/West Coast US, and Central Europe
- At least 2 of the sessions should fit during the day/evening, with one falling into the overnight for each location
- We don't expect everyone to attend every session — pick what interests you and works with your schedule
- All of the Sessions welcome your feedback and discussion !!

SESSIONS

- Sessions will be recorded and posted !!
- Each session has a monitor who will be managing interactions
- Best practice to 'mute' unless talking and turning 'cameras off' during a presentation
- Questions will be asked using the Zoom 'Hand waving' feature
- For messaging we'll use the Zoom 'Chat' window
- Etherpad will be used for session notes & another place to write in questions
- We encourage discussion and questions

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Newcomers session (May 24-20:30UTC) – Completed !!
- IVOA/Astropy/Astroquery/PyVO Collaboration session (May 25@15:00 UTC)
- Theory/GWS Workshop (May 25-27@13:30UTC) - Use of Science Platforms for the dissemination of Cosmological Simulations (3 sessions)
- DM Workshop (May26-28@15:00UTC) - Data Model usage in the VO (3 sessions)
- Working Group Sessions – Applications (Apps), Data Access Layer (DAL), Data Model (DM), Grid and Web Services (GWS), Semantics, Registry
- Interest Group Sessions – Data Curation & Preservation (DCP), Education (Edu IG), Operations (Ops), Radio Astronomy (Radio IG), Solar System (SSIG)

CONTACT

- If you have a technical problem and need help resolving it ... please email interop_helpdesk@ivoa.net !!
 - We have a set of folks watching email who will try to help answer questions and offer advise.
- Thank you ALL for participating !!