



State of the IVOA

Santiago, Chile

2017 October 27-29

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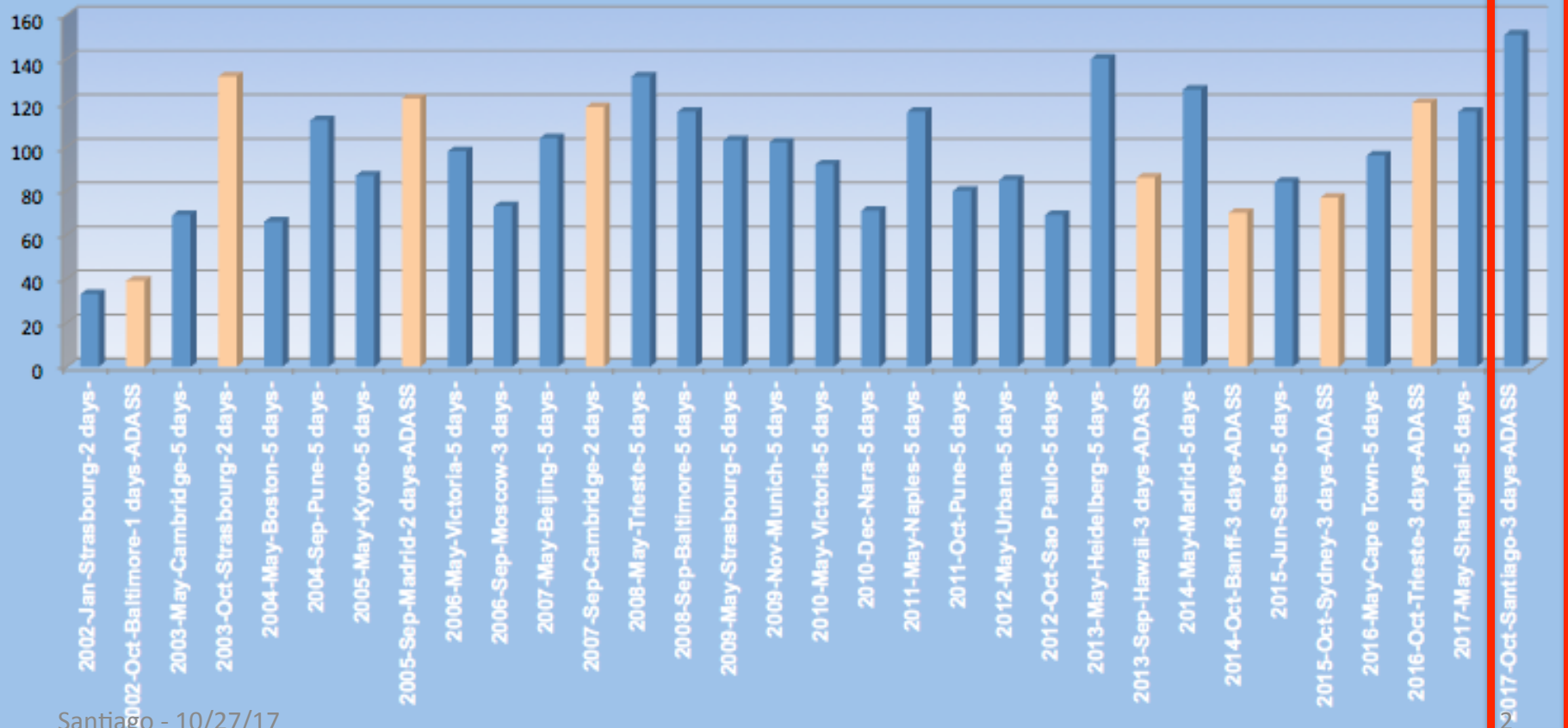
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IVOA Interoperability Meeting Opening Session
Santiago, Chile, 27/October/2017

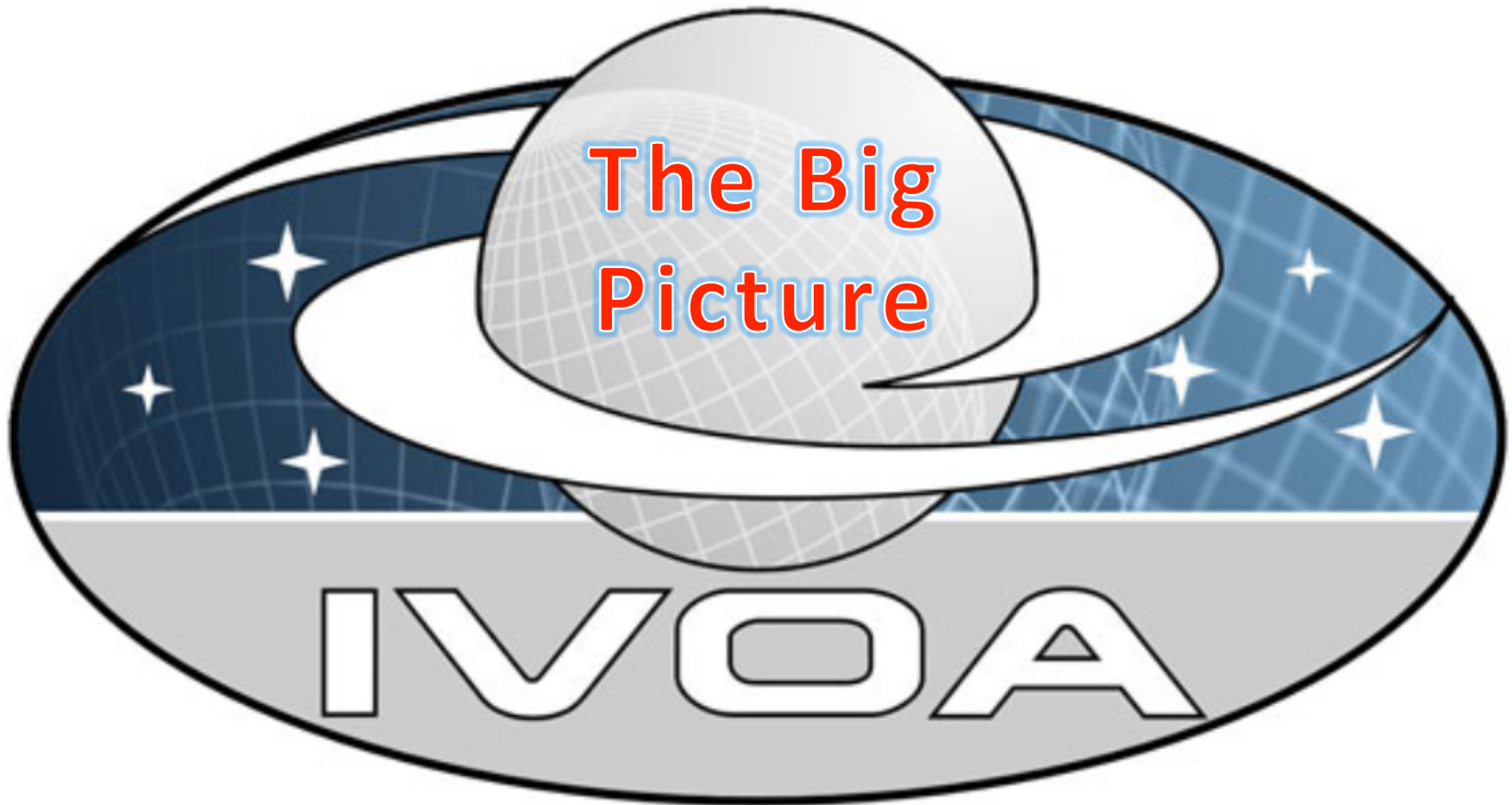


The Greatest Attendance so far

Number of Participants per IVOA Interoperability Meeting



Santiago - 10/27/17

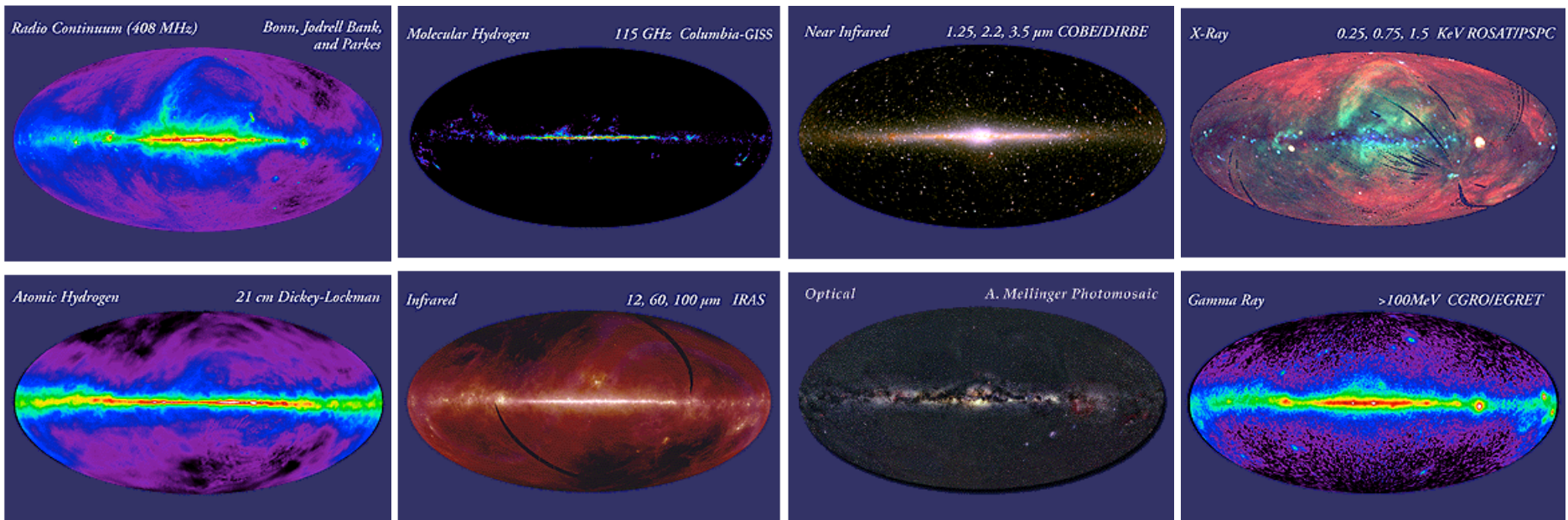




What is the Virtual Observatory?

A multi-wavelength digital sky that can be searched, visualized, and analyzed in new and innovative ways

Space, Ground, and Theory data





What is the Virtual Observatory?

The VO is a paradigm for Supporting interdisciplinary and collaborative research in astronomy and exploiting the full power of growing and emerging data sets

The latest stage of good data practices in astronomy

FITS provided a first standardization, the Virtual Observatory is the natural progression towards interoperability of data, services and tools

The VO is a framework

- For data centers to provide co-operating data services,
- For software providers to offer a variety of compatible analysis and visualization tools and user interfaces



The VO **is not** a Killer Application





The VO is an Evolving Ecosystem

- **IVOA defines VO “ecosystem” and interoperability standards**
- VO registries, Archive interfaces and VO-enabled software offer Entry Points to VO resources, Visualization, Analysis
- **Astronomy projects and data services build VO services and VO applications**
- Projects are welcome and encouraged to participate in the standards process



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- **IVOA defines VO “ecosystem” and interoperability**
- **Major Data Centers World-Wide are VO-enabled and participate in the IVOA standards development**
- **Many new services are built on VO standards : e.g. Gaia, ASKAP**







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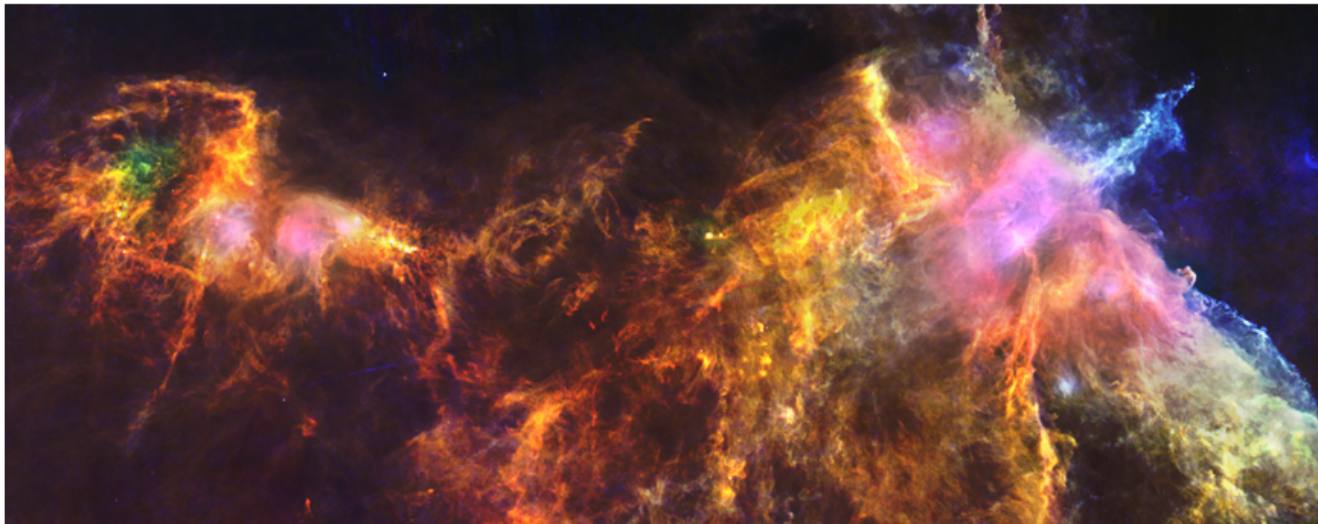


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United Nations / Italy Workshop on the Open Universe Initiative

VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 20-22 NOVEMBER 2017

Organized by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs and
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Open Universe

- Initiative of UNOOSA (United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs) and Italy (Agenzia Spaziale Italiana)
- **Part of the activities of UNISPACE+50**
 - 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the first United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space
- Preparatory ‘Expert’ meeting held in Rome (ASI) in April 2017
 - Fabbiano, Allen, Schade, Arviset, Kovaleva attended for IVOA & stressed the importance of using established interoperability standards and working with the IVOA
- Meeting in Vienna, Austria, 20-22 Nov. 2017



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5. Programme

The programme of this Workshop will include keynote addresses, plenary presentations, discussions and a poster session on the following topics:

Session 1: **Current status and perspectives in space science data**

Session 2: **Beyond the current paradigm: new initiatives and services**

Session 3: **Social and economic benefits of universal open data:** open access as an enabler of education, capacity building and knowledge-based economic development

Session 4: **Astronomy and space science citizen-science projects**

Session 5: **International cooperation, policy and legal aspects**

Session 6: **Roadmap to future success**

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The IVOA will have a strong presence at this meeting

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IAU General Assembly

2018, Vienna Austria



- IAU Inter-Commission B2-C1-C2 WG Data Driven Astronomy Education and Public Outreach (DAEPO) was launched
 - Chenzhou Cui chair
 - https://www.iau.org/science/scientific_bodies/working_groups/305/
- The IVOA Exec has decided to have an IVOA booth
- Several of our data centers will be at the IAU General Assembly





Media and Data Presence

- The New IVOA Media Group announced at the Shanghai meeting
 - **Debbie Baines** (ESA) – Lead Newsletter Editor
 - **Simon O’Toole** (Aus-VO)– Lead for other media presence
 - **Li Shanshan** (China-VO)
 - **Yihan Hao** (China-VO)
 - **Jamie Anne Budynkiewicz** (USVOA)
 - **Teresa Dower** (USVOA)
 - **Giulia Iafrate** (Italian VO)
- Group in charge of assembling & producing IVOA newsletters
- Also exploring a more complete media presence
- **If interested in helping out, ask Debbie**



- The Committee on Science Priorities will explore an IVOA Portal
- **New chair Bruno Merin (ESA)**



Nov 2017 issue of Newsletter being prepared

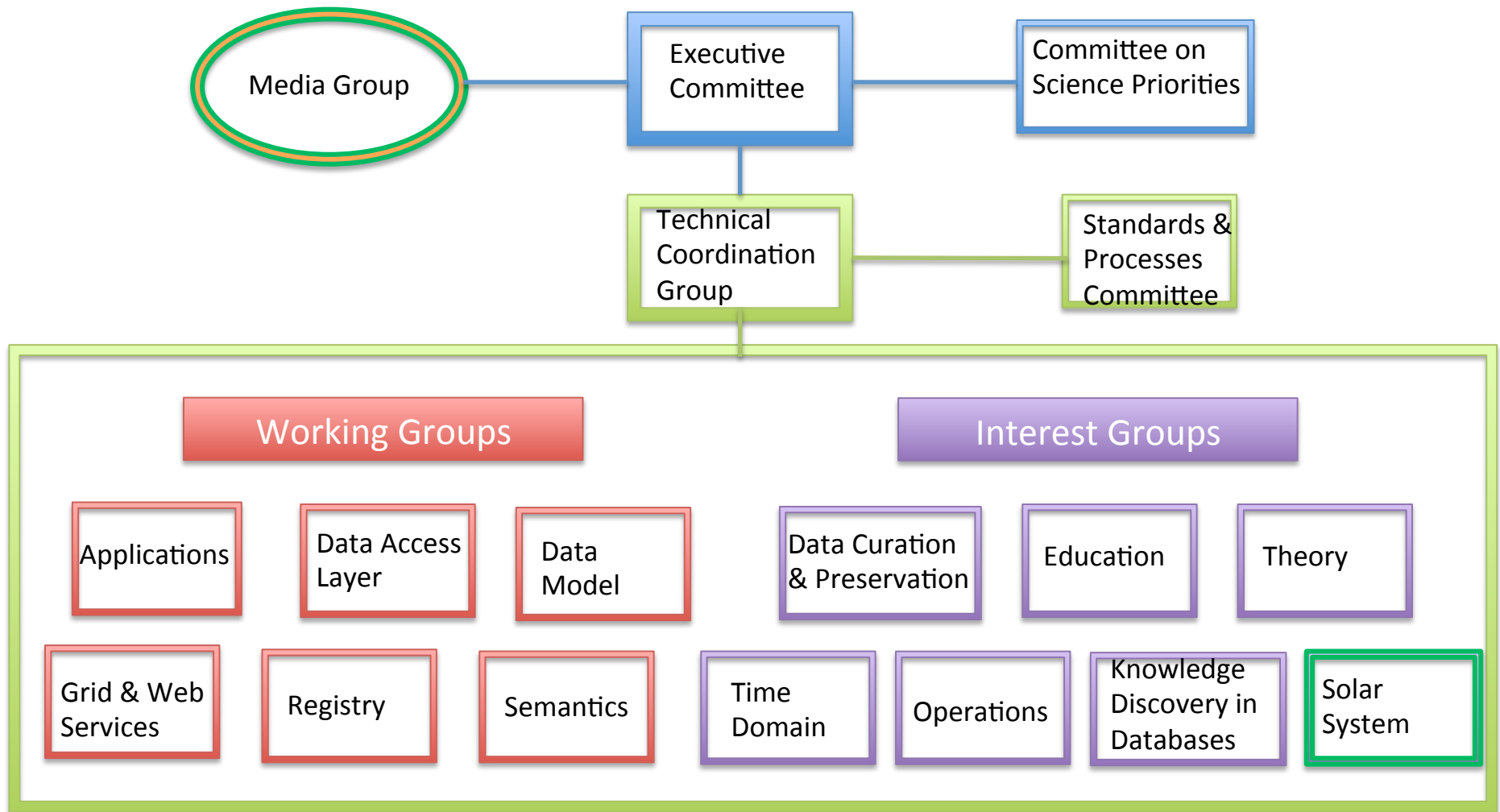






...after the Shanghai meeting

IVOA Organization Chart





Chair & Vice-chair Rotation

1 Year extensions

New Chair/V Chairs

Coming out of
Shanghai meeting

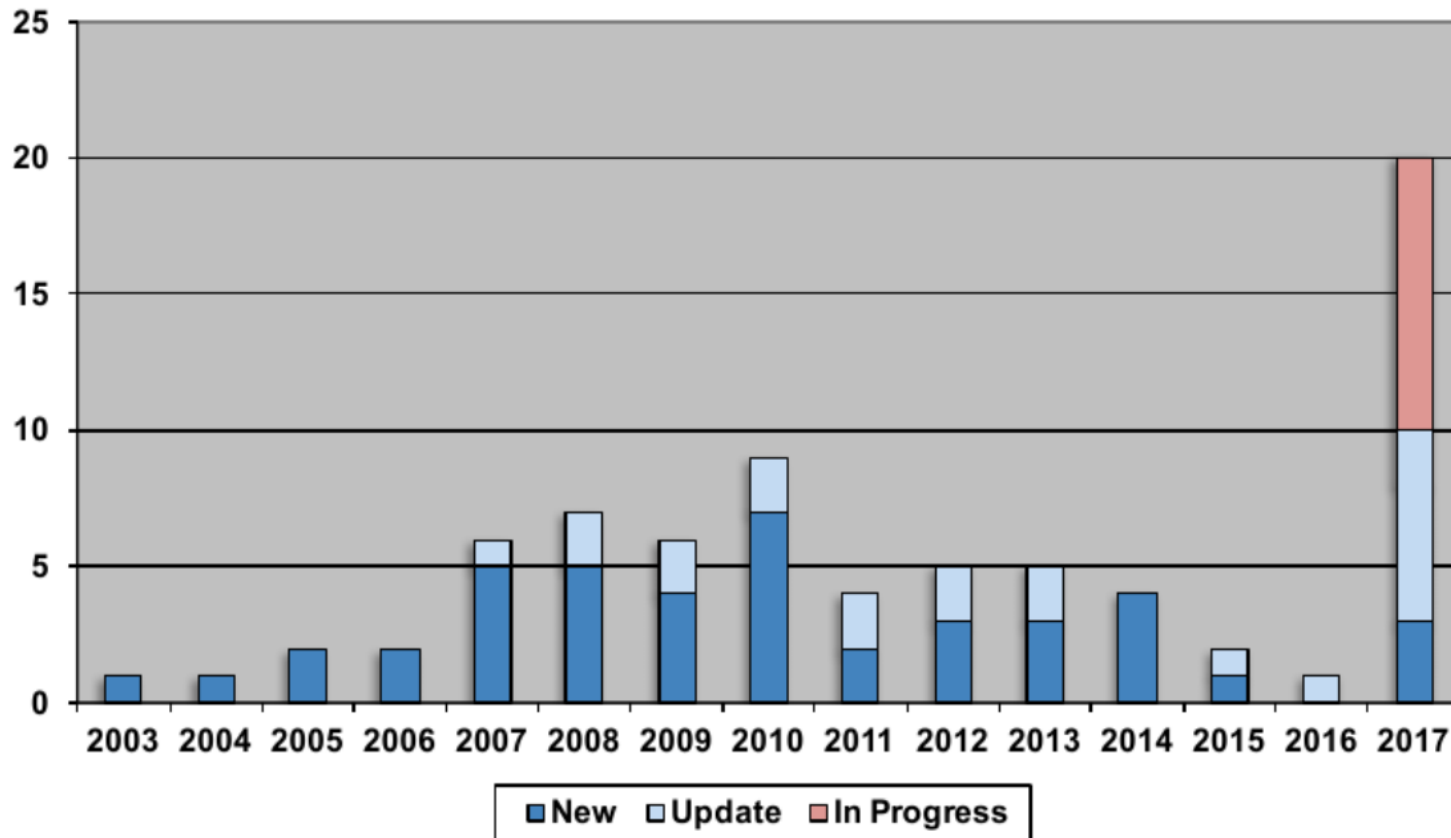
| Area | Chair | Vice Chair |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|
| <i>Working Groups:</i> | | |
| Applications | PierreFernique | TomDonaldson |
| Data Access Layer | FrancoisBonnarel | MarcoMolinaro |
| Data Model | MarkCresitelloDittmar | LaurentMichel |
| Grid & Web Services | BrianMajor | GiulianoTaffoni |
| Registry | MarkusDemleitner | TheresaDower |
| Semantics | MireilleLouys | AlbertoAccomazzi |
| <i>Interest Groups:</i> | | |
| Data Curation&Preservation | FrancoiseGenova | n/a |
| Education | Chenzhou Cui | Hendrik Heini |
| Knowledge Discovery in Databases | KaiLarsPolsterer | n/a |
| Theory | CarlosRodrigo | n/a |
| Time Domain | Ada Nebot | DaveMorris |
| Operations | TomMcGlynn | MarkTaylor |
| Solar System | B. Cecconi | |
| <i>Other Groups / Committees:</i> | | |
| Media Group | Debbie Baines | |
| Technical Coordination Group | MatthewGraham | PatrickDowler |
| Liaison Committee | MasatoshiOhishi | |
| Standing Committee on Science Priorities | Bruno Merin | |
| Standing Committee on Standards & Processes | C. Arviset | |



Progress in Standards

At the end of the Shanghai meeting

IVOA Standards Recommended per Year





Other News

- **USVOA news**

- USVOA will hold annual face-to-face meeting at Jan AAS
- NAVO
 - Awarded by NASA 3-year continuation of NAVO activities
 - Will hold a workshop at the 231st meeting of the AAS on January 7, 2018
 - All CAOM data in MAST now available through TAP
 - IRSA has made an initial public release of SIA2 and SSA services. A few of its major datasets (Spitzer, WISE, 2MASS) are available through these services now, others on the way. Visit
 - <https://irsa.ipac.caltech.edu/ibe/sia.html>
 - <https://irsa.ipac.caltech.edu/ibe/ssa.html>
- LSST looking into big-data use cases and comparison with IVOA protocols

- **China VO**

- HiPS interface for WWT under internal test
- China-VO 2017 – november, 140 participants expected

- **ChiVO**

- ALMA data indexing, SIA, SCS TAP services
- SAMP support for Jupyter notebooks

- **Euro-VO**

- Activities in framework of H2020 ASTERICS project

- Astronomy and Astroparticle physics
 - ESFRI partners

- Events

- 3rd DADI VO School – Nov 14-16, 2017, Madrid (32 students, ~10 tutors)
 - ESFRI Forum and Training event, Dec 2017
 - European Data Provider Forum and Training event, June 2018

- **GAVO**

- Datasets: Antares (neutrinos), GPS1 catalogue
- DaCHS publication suite
- SLAP and VAMDC protocols in SPLAT-VO
- pyVO DataLink support
- Education and Outreach activities

A working meeting

- Keywords: Engagement and participation
 - Vision
 - Standardisation
 - Implementation
 - Feedback
- Address the real needs of Astronomy research
- Realistic compromises that foster implementation and innovation



Lets go to work...

- And now lets go to work...
 - We have a packed program

Programme for October 2017 Interop in Santiago, Chile

| Session | Time | Room | Session |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|---|
| Thursday Oct 26, 2017 | | | |
| 0 | 15:30-17:30 | Prat | IVOA Executive Meeting - Sheraton Convention Centre |
| Friday Oct 27, 2017 | | | |
| 1 | 09:00-09:15 | San Cristobal | Welcome and Logistics |
| | 09:15-09:35 | | State of the IVOA |
| | 09:35-09:45 | | State of the TCG |
| | 09:45-10:15 | | Charge to Working Groups |
| | 10:15-10:30 | | Science Priorities |
| 10:30-11:00 | | Break | |
| 2 | 11:00-12:30 | San Cristobal | GWS |
| | | O'Higgins | DM 1 |
| 12:30-14:00 | | Lunch | |
| 3 | 14:00-15:30 | San Cristobal | TDIG/DAL/DM 1 |
| | | O'Higgins | Semantics |
| 15:30-16:00 | | Break | |
| 4 | 16:00-17:30 | San Cristobal | DAL 1 |

**Thank you Mauricio
and the LOC**