VOTable Conclusions & Roadmap

- Sparse attendence! were discussed:
  - Current VOTable status
  - News from Applications
  - Questions about VOTable schema
  - Question of empty columns
  - Utype & STC
  - Late topics
  - Actions & Future

Utype and STC

3 scenarios presented and discussed:

- #1 = GROUP of PARAM's + FIELDref's describing the coordinates

- #2 = GROUP defining the coordinate system; closer to the former <COOSYS>; FIELDs representing position components use the ref mechanism to indicate the coordinate system

- #3 = similar to #2, closer to original STC definition

VOTable conclusions

- utype and STC – discussion will continue on the VOTable list to validate the choices made at this meeting
- Modified VOTable document ➔ V1.2
    - clarifications about empty TDs, referencing TABLE, etc...
    - presentation of the links to external data models (utypes), with documented examples for the expression of coordinates; and consequently deprecation of the COOSYS tag.
- Modified VOTable schema ➔ V1.2
    - COOSYS will remain for backward compatibiolity *(how to do to discourage its usage?)*
    - Need volunteers to test the new schema !
- For the next IVOA meeting

VOTable Roadmap

- utype and STC – discussion will continue on the VOTable list to validate the choices made at this meeting
  - checkpoint at ADASS meeting (mid-October)
- Modified VOTable document → V1.2
  - target for first draft: around ADASS
- Modified VOTable schema → V1.2
  - prototype could be ready quite soon (before ADASS)
  - need some tests !!
- Follow-up discussion on the VOTable list started.
- Final discussions at next IVOA meeting