

IVOA Telecon Meeting 18: TM18  
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Glossary

ArVO - Armenian VO	<a href="http://www.aras.am/arvo.htm">www.aras.am/arvo.htm</a>
AstroGrid - UK VO initiative	<a href="http://www.astrogrid.org">www.astrogrid.org</a>
Aus-VO - Australian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.aus-vo.org">www.aus-vo.org</a>
AVO - Astrophysical Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.euro-vo.org">www.euro-vo.org</a>
AVO - AVO Science Working Group	
CDS - Centre de Donnes Astronomiques de Strasbourg	<a href="http://www.cdsweb.u-strasbg.fr">www.cdsweb.u-strasbg.fr</a>
China-VO - Chinese Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.china-vo.org">www.china-vo.org</a>
CVO - Canadian Virtual Observatory	
DRACO - The Italian Datagrid for Research in Astrophysics and Coordination with the Virtual Observatory	
F-VO - VO-France	<a href="http://www.france-vo.org">www.france-vo.org</a>
GAVO - German Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.g-vo.org">www.g-vo.org</a>
GSC - UK Grid Steering Committee	
HVO - Hungarian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://hvo.elte.hu">hvo.elte.hu</a>
VO-India - Indian Virtual Observatory	
JVO - Japanese Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html">jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html</a>
KVO - Korean Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://kvo.kao.re.kr">kvo.kao.re.kr</a>
NVO - National Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.us-vo.org">www.us-vo.org</a>
PDS - AAS Division of Planetary Sciences	
RVO - Russian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.inasan.rssi.ru/eng/rvo/">www.inasan.rssi.ru/eng/rvo/</a>
SVO - Spanish Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.laeff.esa.es/svo/">www.laeff.esa.es/svo/</a>

IVOA - International Virtual Observatory Alliance <http://www.ivoa.net>

Agenda:

1. Roll Call and Agenda
2. Minutes of FM17
3. Review of Actions
4. VO Reports
5. Participation of Brazilian VO
6. Preparation status of the spring IVOA Interoperability meeting in Canada
7. IAU in Prague : status report
8. IVOA demonstration stand during the IAU GA in Prague
9. AOB
  - 9.1 IVOA Email configuration
  - 9.2 IVOA/GGF workshop in Tokyo
  - 9.3 Date and Venue of the next exec meeting
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10. Summary of Actions

A. Appendices - reports from the VOprojects - see the wiki at <http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM18>

1. Roll Call

The participants - as listed above - introduced themselves, with apologies noted.

2. Previous minutes.

Notes from meeting 2005-10-05 - at <http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaRepMin/ivoa-fm17-20051005.pdf>

AGREED

3. Review of open action items from previous meetings and their new status

ACTION TM16-4B RW Revise document to clarify change of status of standards as listed in Table 2 of the doc. MO, FG, BH, AL would discuss off-line with RW the possible wording.

ONGOING: RW to update.

RW noted that the process is:

- Working Draft with in the WG
- Working Draft 1.0 or above goes to the wider community
- then a Proposed Rec
- a Rec.

The process document does have a flow diagramme showing what happens when a proposed recommendation does not get promoted to a recommendation.

ACTION TM18-3A BR to post the procedure document to the document matrix page at <http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/docMap.html>

ACTION FM17-6A ML: add a link on the document review page at <http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/docMap.html> to the RFC pages for individual standards.

CLOSED: link to RFC's added

ACTION FM17-6B MO/ML/RM: generate an agreed format for presentation of materials associated with the document process. This could involve one or more summary web pages.

CLOSED: MO reported that the document matrix pages fulfill this function.

ACTION FM17-8.2 APM Bring forward a revised charter for the Semantics WG to define its expanded role (including responsibility for opening a discussion list to look at wider Semantics issues).

ONGOING: MO reported that the revised charter had not yet been received from APM.

RW: noted that the UCD WG was now renamed to the Semantics WG and that the IVOA web pages for the UCD group would need to be re-aligned to reflect that.

ACTION TM18-3B APM - bring forward a plan (by May InterOp 2006) as how to maintain the existing UCD WG pages (supporting the current stds) and then how to create the new Semantics WG mailing lists, web areas etc.

ACTION FM17-9 MO: email exec with suggestions as to whether there should be an IVOA stand in the general assembly exhibit hall. Or presentation materials?

CLOSED: See agenda item later in this meeting. MO reported that he had now contacted the IAU re the demo stands.

ACTION FM17-11 BH generate a proposal addressing IVOA recommendations covering reference development systems, open source s/w release, copyright/open source for IVOA documents.

ONGOING: BH reported that the work is ongoing. VO-India have released their source code under a reasonable open source license - but this is not full open source (see VOPlot v1.2.1 License)

In discussion it was noted that the issue of licensing is complex, and can vary from institute to institute, country to country.

For background see:

<http://www-128.ibm.com/developerworks/opensource/library/os-license/>  
<http://www-128.ibm.com/developerworks/opensource/library/os-license2/>

#### 4. Reports from VO projects (to be uploaded to web page)

These are located at  
<http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM18>.  
MO encouraged all to upload reports if not yet done.

#### 5. Participation of Brazilian VO

MO reported that he had been approached by Albert Bruch (LNA Director Laboratorio Nacional de Astrofisica) who noted that the Brazilian

astronomical community are currently creating a Brazilian VO project. They therefore would wish to join in the IVOA

It was AGREED that the IVOA would be happy to receive a proposal from the Brazilian community. This should state the background to the VO activities in Brazil, list the active community in Brazil, and state the extent of the Brazilian VO project.

ACTION TM18-5 MO: contact Albert Bruch to request full proposal from the Brazilian community: stating extent of the Brazil VO project, and community involved in their activity. The proposal from Brazil VO could be considered at the next IVOA Exec in May 2006.

#### 6. Preparation status of the spring IVOA Interoperability meeting in Canada

DS reported that the meeting will be held at the Laurel Point Inn in Victoria (see <http://www.laurelpoint.com/>).

DS has modeled the meeting on the Kyoto meeting. He now needs to make firm up the agenda as major changes from the Kyoto model would require notification to the venue soon.

DS is pursuing sponsorship options. Anyone with experience of setting up wireless networks should contact DS. CA noted his experience from the Oct 2005 InterOp and ADASS wireless set ups.

It was AGREED that the conference meeting dinner costs would be met by the attendees unless specific sponsorship can be found.

Re accommodation, DS thought that all attendees would be staying at the venue hotel.

ACTION TM18-6A: InterOP WG/DS: arrange a telecon by end Jan 06 - define agenda for Victoria Meeting

ACTION TM18-6B: CA to put his sys admin wireless expert in contact with DS and OM. (Help with setting up a wireless network)

#### 7. IAU in Prague : status report

AL provided a status report (18 Jan 2006) at <http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/PragueReportJan06>

A small working group has been formed, (NW, BH, FG and AL). Much progress was made at a planning telecon early Jan 2006.

AL noted the key deadline dates - one is Apr 09 which is the date for application for travel grants. Jun 26 2006 is the deadline for submission of abstracts to IAU

All projects should think about how their materials, graphics, might want to appear in the conference on-line web site.

Speakers are largely all confirmed now. In discussion names of a number of additional invited speakers were raised. There was currently a gap in coverage of stellar astronomy in particular.

Comments welcome on the speaker list and the coordinated stands.

MO: a brochure should be created containing materials describing VO projects.

ACTION TM18-7 ALL: email AL with suggestions for 'stellar' area

speaker for the VO conference.

## 8. IVOA demonstration stand during the IAU GA in Prague

BH reported that there is limited availability of stands (9m<sup>2</sup> in area.) Booking deadline is 15 feb 2006.

FG reported that she now has details on network costs - 1MB, 3000 euro and 2MB, 5200 euro.

ACTION TM18-8A PQ/AL: determine point contact for coordination of the IVOA stand (probably paolo padovani). The coordinator will then contact all with plans for stand, presentation materials etc.

## 9. AOB

### 9.1 IVOA Email configuration

BH noted the worries of how the current default setup on the IVOA mailing lists made it easy to reply by mistake to the whole list.

Currently the default is to 'reply to all the list', BH's suggestion is that the option is changed that the default should be 'reply to sender'.

ACTION TM18-9.1 BH Will generate an email stating the options and invite all to vote on this. (BR will set up the poll on the ivoa.net web site).

### 9.2 IVOA/GGF workshop in Tokyo

NW reported that there will be a GGF/IVOA workshop in Tokyo, May 2006 (GGF17/GridWorld: May 9-12, 2006, Tokyo, the week before the IVOA May 2006 InterOp meeting). Proposal deadline for this workshop is 20 Feb 2006.

### 9.3 Date and Venue of the next exec meeting

It was AGREED that there will be a IVOA Exec+TCC meeting on the Sunday 14 May 2006, and that the Exec only would meet later in the week at 5pm (Weds or Thurs, avoiding the banquet)

ACTION TM18-9.3 FG will contact Czech contacts to arrange a room in the Prague observatory for a potential Exec meeting during the IAU in Aug 2006.

## 10. Summary of Actions (New (at end of list) and Outstanding Action Item Review)

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GMT 18:30 - Close of meeting

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