

# IVOA Full Meeting: TM27

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Notes: NAW

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Glossary

ArVO - Armenian VO	<a href="http://www.aras.am/arvo.htm">http://www.aras.am/arvo.htm</a>
AstroGrid - UK VO initiative	<a href="http://www.astrogrid.org">http://www.astrogrid.org</a>
Aus-VO - Australian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.aus-vo.org">http://www.aus-vo.org</a>
China-VO - Chinese Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.china-vo.org">http://www.china-vo.org</a>
CVO - Canadian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www1.cadc-ccda.hia-ihp.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/cvo/">http://www1.cadc-ccda.hia-ihp.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/cvo/</a>
Euro-VO European Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.euro-vo.org">http://www.euro-vo.org</a>
F-VO - VO-France	<a href="http://www.france-vo.org">http://www.france-vo.org</a>

GAVO - German Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.g-vo.org">http://www.g-vo.org</a>
HVO - Hungarian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://hvo.elte.hu">http://hvo.elte.hu</a>
VO-India - Indian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://vo.iucaa.ernet.in/~voi/">http://vo.iucaa.ernet.in/~voi/</a>
VObs.it - The Italian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://vobs.astro.it/">http://vobs.astro.it/</a>
JVO - Japanese Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html">http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html</a>
KVO - Korean Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://kvo.kao.re.kr">http://kvo.kao.re.kr</a>
NVO - National Virtual Observatory (USA)	<a href="http://www.us-vo.org">http://www.us-vo.org</a>
RVO - Russian Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://www.inasan.rssi.ru/eng/rvo/">http://www.inasan.rssi.ru/eng/rvo/</a>
SVO - Spanish Virtual Observatory	<a href="http://svo.laeff.inta.es">http://svo.laeff.inta.es</a>
 IVOA - International Virtual Observatory Alliance	 <a href="http://www.ivoa.net">http://www.ivoa.net</a>

## Agenda:

1. Roll Call and Agenda
2. Minutes of TM26
3. Project Reports - Significant events only
4. Review of Actions - [NW]
5. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]
6. WG and IG Updates - RW
7. Review of WG/IG Chair Rotations - DD
8. Term of IVOA Chair - DD
9. Report of Assessment Committee - DD
10. Final Approval of Documents and Stds Document - BH
11. TCG Charter Status - RW, CA
12. Review of 2008 Roadmap - RW
13. Draft Policy on Inactive Members - DD
14. Seaman Report of UTC - MO
15. May Interop Status - FP
16. Fall Interop Status - BH
17. Date of next Meeting of Exec
18. AOB
19. Review of New Action Items

A. Appendices - reports from the VO projects - see the wiki at <http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM27>

**NEXT MEETING: Sunday 18 May 2008 at 16.00 GMT (in Trieste at May08 InterOp)**

### ***1. Roll Call and Agenda Items***

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

### ***2. Previous minutes.***

Notes from telecon meeting 20080117 are at <http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaRepMin/ivoa-fm25-20080117.pdf>.

The minutes were **AGREED**

### ***3 Reports from VO projects and WG/IGs (to be uploaded to web page)***

DY encouraged all to upload reports if not yet done. All reports at the wiki at

<http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM27><http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM27>

BH reported that the operational proposal to NASA/NSF for 5 years funding has been submitted. <http://www.us-va.org> is the new website of the US Virtual Astronomical Observatory.

WV reported that GAVO has a further three years of funding (independently of AstroGrid-D). The PI is Prof Wamganss at Heidelberg.

AL discussed the AstroGrid status in the UK. Further information on the outcome of the review will become available July 2008.

FG noted that the Euro-VO AIDA programme (30 months from 1 Feb 2008) is now underway.

#### ***4. Review of Actions and their current status***

**ACTION FM23-6B DDY** will consult at the appropriate level with the appropriate Solar and Planetary projects and report back to the IVOA Exec

**CLOSED:** replaced by TM26-16A – see below.

**ACTION TM24-6 MO:** bring forward a revised Charter for the Astro-RG IG after discussing the interface with the GWS-WG with Matthew Graham.

**ONGOING:** This action will be closed at the May 08 InterOp.

**ACTION FM25-3 RW/CA :** proposal from the TCG as to its role would be brought forward to the Exec at the May 2008 InterOp.

**ONGOING:** defer to the May 2008 InterOp.

**ACTION FM25-5.1A: DDY/RW:** suggest the contents of an induction pack to be issued to incoming WG/ IG Chairs.

**ONGOING:** a draft package will be presented at the May 2008 interop.

**ACTION FM25-5.1B: BH:** bring forward revised standards promotion document.

**CLOSED:** see agenda item 10.

**ACTION FM25-5.3: FG:** ask the VOTable WG to comment on whether they wish to switch to a maintenance mode, and bring their views to the next Exec.

**ONGOING:** Francois Ochsenbein has been asked, he will reply before the next May 08 Interop.

**ACTION TM25-7: RW/ BH:** will report to the Exec at the Spring 2008 Interop meeting as to the development of Google Sky and its possible impact on the IVOA activities.

**ONGOING:** RW/BH to update

**ACTION TM26-2.1 DDY** contact WG/IG Chairs to invite them to upload reports at least one week before future IVOA Exec meetings.

**CLOSED:** will happen routinely in future: reports please to

<http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM27>

**ACTION TM26-5 RW/CA** organise a Feb/Mar 2008 TCG telecon.

**CLOSED:** RW/CA to reported on the outcome – see item 6.

**ACTION TM26-7 DDY** – set up a meeting with RW, FG, CA, Keith Noddle, to explore routes forward with KML and IVOA input into its development.

**CLOSED:** DDY reported that this meeting did not happen – but that there is a KML session in

Trieste at the May 2008 interop.

**ACTION TM26-8 DDY** – contact Ray Plante (Reg-WG Chair) to progress development of the VAMP (Virtual Astronomy Multimedia Project) standard.

**CLOSED:** DDY reported that a note will be distributed soon. Further discussion will occur at the Trieste May 2008 InterOp.

**ACTION TM26-10A FG** As chair of the Stds-WG she will provide content for the Stds-WG web page. FG will oversee promotion of the Standards document.

**CLOSED:** see material at <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaStdsDocsProc>

**ACTION TM26-10B BR** will renew the Stds-WG ivoa.net pages.

**CLOSED:** see material at <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaStdsDocsProc>

**ACTION TM26-11 DDY** draft a policy on 'inactive IVOA member projects'.

**CLOSED:** see discussion agenda item 13.

**ACTION TM26-12 RW/CA** to consider the organisation of the WG wiki sites at the next TCG telecon.

**CLOSED:** RW/CA – CA has this wiki reorganisation in hand.

**ACTION TM26-16A DDY** to contact the planetary data community (IPDA) to organise a joint meeting at the Spring 2008 Interop.

**CLOSED:** DDY reported that he had been in contact with the US /European solar/ planetary communities – there will be a small meeting at the Trieste meeting on the Wednesday afternoon.

**ACTION TM26-16B DDY** to contact follow up earlier representations to the IVOA from the VSO and UK solar communities and re their possible participation into the IVOA.

**CLOSED:** DDY reported that he has been in touch with Peter Fox from the VSO – but still needs to followup Silvia Dalla from the UK. It was suggested that these should be made aware of the Trieste meeting.

**new ACTION TM27-4 DDY** to contact solar reps to inform them of the Trieste Interop solar / planetary meeting.

## ***5. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s)***

DY reported that there are no new recommendations for this meeting.

## ***6. Working Groups and Interest Groups***

RW referred to the reports on the meeting page at <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM27>

- Good progress on SAMP from Apps-WG
- DAL- WG – issues with TAP – good progress elsewhere.
- DM-WG:
- GWS-WG: VOSpace 1.1 will soon be in PR. Moving along well on SSAP, SIAP.
- Reg-WG: now at the 1.0 standard and all registries now (23 Apr 2008) using this new protocol.
- Semantics-WG: vocab std coming to PR.
- VOEvent: new projects using this standard (e.g. SNFactory).
- VOQL: PR for VOQL – issues on 'REGION'
- DataCP:

- Theory-IG: working to produce an access protocol for theory.
- Astro-RG-IG: session at OGF 23 in June – Barcelona.

## ***7. Review of WG/IG Chair Rotations***

DDY reminded all that the Chairs have a three year term with a possible one year extension. The following Chairs are about to conclude their terms – around the May 08 InterOp.

- RW: TCG Chair – CA will become Chair in May 08
- Apps: Mark Allen
- Semantics: Andrea Preite-Martinez
- VOEvent: Roy Williams
- VOTable: Francois Ochsenbein
- Theory-IG: Gerard Lemson

## ***8. Term of IVOA Chair***

DDY referred to the proposal to extend the term of the IVOA Exec Chair to 18 months. See <http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM27/IVOAChairTerm0408a.pdf>

The move to the 18 month term for the next and following IVOA Chair was **AGREED**.

## ***9. Report of the IVOA Assessment Committee***

DDY noted that the Assessment Group was: Dave De Young, Françoise Genova, Bob Hanisch, Fabio Pasian, Masatoshi Ohishi, and Nic Walton. A full draft report and recommendations has been circulated – see

<http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM27/IVOAAssess0408a.pdf>

The aim is to approve, or not, the report and recommendations at the Trieste May 2008 InterOp. DDY invited any comments to be sent to him.

## ***10. Final Approval of Documents and Stds Document***

FG noted that the latest draft is online. There are some comments still to consider. The RFC period will commence before Trieste. The RFC period is one month, therefore final approval is expected end June 2008.

## ***11. TCG Charter Status***

**new ACTION TM27-11 CA** to bring forward the revised TCG Charter at the Trieste May 2008 InterOp.

## ***12. Review of 2008 Roadmap***

RW noted that there will be a number of recommendations moving to PR in the autumn of 2008. There will be an updated roadmap available for the May 2008 InterOp with agreed issue in June 2008.

## ***13. Draft Policy on Inactive Members - DD***

DDY referred to the previously issued draft policy – see

<http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM27/IVOAInactiveMember0408a.pdf>

There was agreement that there should be a one + one year period before removal from the IVOA (rather than the one + two year in the draft) – this was **AGREED**. There could in practise be room for some discretion in special circumstances, upon agreement by the IVOA exec.

**new ACTION TM27-13 DDY** will generate a revised draft for agreement at the May 2008 InterOp.

#### ***14. Seaman Report of UTC***

DDY reported that there has been a note to the IVOA Exec outlining proposed changes to the UTC. This has come from the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) – which would abandon the leap-second'.

A Working party of the ITU has recently met. MO reported that he spoke to the Chairman of that ITU WG in Geneva – there will be a recommendation removing the leap second. Changes to the time system will require Governmental approval – 2011 would be the earliest for global approval on this. The new time system would then come into effect from 2017 or 2019.

The astronomy community needs to be aware of this change, and from the IVOA point of view the impact on s/w systems.

It was **AGREED** there was little that the IVOA could do to impact on these ITU level discussions – representation for Astronomy should/ could come from the IAU. MO will report on further developments in this area (he is the IAU-IU liaison representative).

#### ***15. Status of preparation for May 2008 Interop***

The dates are confirmed for the 18-23 May 2008. The meeting page is at <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/InterOpMay2008>

The May 08 Interop meeting will be held from May 18th to 23rd at the main congress centre in Trieste, the “Stazione Marittima” building, conveniently located on the waterfront in the centre of town (<http://www.promotrieste.it/congressi/palazzo.aspx>, glossy info available at <http://www.promotrieste.it/pdf/depliant.pdf>).

All are reminded to register and book hotels.

NW hoped that there would be a telephone dial in facility for the Trieste Exec meeting.

#### ***16. Status and venue for the autumn 2008 Interop***

BH reported that the autumn 2008 Interop will be organised by the STScI/JHU in Baltimore on campus. STScI will provide the logistical support for hotel bookings etc. Dates are Sun 26 Oct – Fri 31 Oct 2008.

#### ***17. Date and venue of the next Exec meeting***

Full meeting, Sunday 18 May 2008 at 16.00 GMT.

#### ***18 AOB***

CA noted that there is an urgent need for the replacement of Markus Dolensky as vice chair of the DAL-WG. Keith Noddle has made a suggestion. It was **AGEED** that there should be a short (week) comment period on the proposed vice-Chair.

**new ACTION TM27-18 DDY** to email Exec as to suggested vice-Chair for DAL.

#### ***19. Summary of New Actions***

**new ACTION TM27-4 DDY** to contact solar reps VSO/UK to inform them of the Trieste Interop

solar / planetary meeting.

**new ACTION TM27-11 CA** to bring forward the revised TCG Charter at the Trieste May 2008 InterOp.

**new ACTION TM27-13 DDY** will generate a revised draft of the inactive members policy for agreement at the May 2008 InterOp.

**new ACTION TM27-18 DDY** to email Exec as to suggested nominations vice-Chair for DAL. One week comment period.

Meeting Closed: 16.30 GMT