

IVOA Telecon Meeting: FM32

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Notes: FP and FG

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CC China-VO (partly)
RDC BRAVO
DDY NVO
PF NVO
FG F-VO
BH NVO (partly)
AK India-VO
AL AstroGrid
PP Euro-VO/ESO
FP VObs.it
DS CVO
JW GAVO

SD F-VO - *Semantics*
SG CVO - TCG
MG NVO - GWS
ML F-VO - DM
FO F-VO - VOTable
RP NVO - Registry
NG AstroGrid
HW F-VO - Theory

FC Euro-VO/ESO
OM RVO
MO JVO
ESo SVO
NW AstroGrid
RW NVO
TMG NVO – *Applications*
KN AstroGrid – DAL
PO Euro-VO/ESA - VOQL
RS NVO - VOEvent

There was no representation from the Aus-VO or Korea-VO projects – both currently inactive.

Glossary:

ArVO - Armenian VO	http://www.aras.am/arvo.htm
AstroGrid - UK VO initiative	http://www.astrogrid.org
Aus-VO - Australian Virtual Observatory	http://www.aus-vo.org
BRAVO - Brazil Virtual Observatory	
China-VO - Chinese Virtual Observatory	http://www.china-vo.org
CVO - Canadian Virtual Observatory	http://www1.cadc-ccda.hia-ihp.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/cvo/
Euro-VO European Virtual Observatory	http://www.euro-vo.org
F-VO - VO-France	http://www.france-vo.org
GAVO - German Virtual Observatory	http://www.g-vo.org
HVO - Hungarian Virtual Observatory	http://hvo.elte.hu
VO-India - Indian Virtual Observatory	http://vo.iucaa.ernet.in/~voi/
VObs.it - The Italian Virtual Observatory	http://vobs.astro.it/
JVO - Japanese Virtual Observatory	http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html
KVO - Korean Virtual Observatory	http://kvo.kao.re.kr
NVO - National Virtual Observatory (USA)	http://www.us-vo.org
RVO - Russian Virtual Observatory	http://www.inasan.rssi.ru/eng/rvo/
SVO - Spanish Virtual Observatory	http://svo.laeff.inta.es
IVOA - International Virtual Observatory Alliance	http://www.ivoa.net

Agenda:

1. Roll Call and Agenda
2. Minutes of TM31
3. Welcome to BRAVO
4. Review of Action Items
5. Project Reports - Significant Events Only
6. Approval of New IVOA Recommendations - Standing Item
7. TCG status - CA
8. Reports by WGs and IGs
9. Newsletter - MA
10. Report by committees - DDY
 - * Liaison Committee
 - * Take-up Committee
11. ICSU SCCID and IVOA
12. Proposal for a group on "VO implementation"
13. Future Interops
14. AOB
15. Review of New Action Items

A. Appendices - reports from the VO projects, WGs and IGs - see the wiki at:
<http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM32>

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 27th May 2009 at 13.00 CST

1. Roll Call and Agenda Items

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

2. Previous minutes.

Notes from telecon meeting 20090219 are available at:

<http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaRepMin/ivoa-tm31-20090219.pdf>

These minutes were **AGREED**

3. Welcome to BRAVO

FP reported that the BRAVO has been accepted (via an email poll of the Exec) as a Member Project of the IVOA. The Exec **AGREED**. RDC briefly summarised the activities of the Brazilian VO community. FG noted that some Exec members (FG, BH, FP) will be in Rio de Janeiro for the IAU GA and offered their support for any BRAVO initiative in the GA period.

4. Review of Actions and their current status

ACTION TM31-7.1: DDY: Summarise the 'take up committee's work' and present to the Exec before the May 2009 InterOp.

CLOSED during the Exec meeting.

ACTION TM31-7.2: DDY: Organise a meeting of the liaison group at the May 2009 Interop

CLOSED: Liaison Committee session on Tuesday.

ACTION TM31-9: FP: Organise a poll (by end March 2009) of the Exec to decide on Brazilian membership IVOA involvement.

CLOSED: poll approved BVO membership in IVOA.

ACTION TM31-13 FP: Invite the TCG to the May 24 2009 at 16.00 CST Exec meeting.

CLOSED.

ACTION TM31-14: FP: Ask Peppe Longo to submit a draft charter for the proposed Data Mining-IG to the Exec, and suggest that an open data mining session be organised at the May 2009 Interop.

CLOSED: Peppe Longo has organised an open data mining session at the Interop (Thu), where the draft charter for the proposed Data Mining-IG will be discussed.

5. Reports from VO projects (significant events only)

FP asked all to ensure that projects have uploaded their reports to

<http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM32>

PF noted a delay in the allocation of funds for VAO, the NVO follow on. The funding period is for five years after kick-off. She also noted that the NVO portal is under extensive testing.

FG noted that the EuroVO-DCA project, which ended on 31 December 2008, has undergone a successful final review. Activities continue through the EuroVO-AIDA project. FG and PP noted that EuroVO-AIDA organised a very successful "hands-on" VO workshop for young astronomers at ESO, with science cases brought by participants. FP mentioned an educational initiative aimed at high school students and undergraduates, to allow them to prepare research projects using VO data and simplified VO tools.

DS noted an injection of new funds in CVO, starting Sept 08, used for VO-based support to surveys on the CFHT and other telescopes (gathering of requirements and delivery of services).

6. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s)

CA reported that SAMP v1.11 was promoted to REC via an email poll among Exec members. The Exec **AGREED**. There are currently no pending recommendations.

7. TCG Status and Roadmap Review

CA noted that the WGs/IGs have uploaded their reports to

<http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM32>

CA reported on the status of standards. He will distribute the minutes of the TCG meeting, where the status of approval of the various standards is clearly indicated.

ACTION FM32-7: CA: distribute the minutes of the 12 May TCG meeting.

In the discussion that followed the importance of the relationships among standards was noted, with special reference to interactions between Registry and GWS. FG noted the urgency to reach consensus quickly on Utypes and Units.

CA noted that around Interops a number of standards enter the RFC period. It was **AGREED** that such overlaps should be pragmatically avoided, possibly extending deadlines.

A discussion followed on the need to define priorities. ML noted that it would be desirable that more national projects be involved in DM activities, and FG noted that lots of user requirements are relevant to DM standards. It was **AGREED** that a looping mechanism between the Exec and the TCG is necessary: the Exec sets requirements, the TCG recommends priorities from the technical point of view, the Exec approves. The Exec role is twofold: national projects gather feedback from their communities, which are used to set up the priorities, and they commit manpower to standards development. The mechanism will be further discussed during Wednesday's Exec meeting.

CA reported that some of WG Chairs will see their three-years term expiring shortly: PO (VOQL) in Aug, RP (Registry) in Sept. Other terms will expire in May 10. The Exec agreed FO's term as VOTable Chair to be extended since the WG is expected to move to a dormant state.

CA indicated that the 2009 Technical Roadmap is scheduled for June.

8. Reports from WG/IGs (to be uploaded to web page)

The WG and IG Chairs reported on the activity of their groups. MG filled in for RS in reporting the activities of VOEvent. WG and IG reports are posted on the meeting web page at

<http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM32>

and their objectives for the meeting will be presented during the first plenary.

9. Newsletter

FP inform that the second issue of the IVOA Newsletter is now available at

<http://www.ivoa.net/newsletter/002/>. A report has been Uploaded by Mark Allen on

<http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM32>

10. Informal/ Exec Committees

DDY reported on the two ad hoc committees (Liaison and Take-Up).

10.1 External Liaison: DDY noted that the group will have a meeting on Tue and he will report back to Exec on Wed. The interaction with other disciplines will follow paths tailored to the individual context.

FG noted that the situation with respect to liaison with other disciplines is evolving. She noted AIDA interactions with the Climate modelling community – in the area of data models. FP noted interest of the European HEP community towards VO concepts.

MO noted JVO interactions with the geophysics community.

ACTION FM32-10.1: DDY: report to Exec on the meeting of the Liaison Committee.

10.2 Take up by the community: DDY noted that the group will have a meeting on Tue and he will report back to Exec on Wed. The 'take-up' committee has decided to look at how the IVOA might get involved in promoting take-up of VO tools and services by the astronomy community, also through the analysis of the feedback from past user workshops (e.g. PP 's report on the feedback received from the participants in the 1st EuroVO-AIDA User Workshop) and from usage of VO portals.

ACTION FM32-10.2: DDY: report to Exec on the meeting of the Liaison Committee.

11. ICSU SCCID and IVOA

FP announced that MO has been appointed as the astronomy representative in the Strategic Coordinating Committee on Data and Information (SCCID) within the International Council for Science (ICSU) . The scope of the Committee is to “play a proactive role in developing the global agenda for scientific data and information and in guiding and monitoring the activities of all ICSU’s data and information bodies”. Terms of reference and membership have been uploaded to <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM32> .

The Exec welcomed the initiative.

12. Proposal for a group on "VO implementation"

DS presented the proposal he has submitted to the Exec about the creation of a WG on “VO implementation”. The text of the proposal has been uploaded to <http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM32> .

The purpose is to define some metrics to measure the growth of VO activities, in terms both of technical implementation and user take-up. The WG structure is proposed as to give weight to the initiative, to ensure its longevity and to guarantee open sessions. Backing from the major projects is necessary. In the discussion that followed, the recommendation was made not to underestimate the burden this initiative could carry.

The Exec **AGREED** that the proposal be discussed during the meeting of the Take Up Committee on Tue.

13. Next Interops

PP reported that the meeting will be 8-13 Nov 2009. A LOC has been formed and details are being sorted out. FP noted that Caltech and CADC were suggested as possible locations for the May 2010 Interop. MO has proposed Japan as the venue for the Oct-Nov 2010 Interop.

14. AOB

CA noted that, given the reduced number of requested sessions, this Interop could have fitted in 4 days. FG remarked that it has been required to limit the number of parallel session. The point will be discussed again after the meeting.

15. Summary of New Actions

ACTION FM32-7: CA: distribute the minutes of the 12 May TCG meeting.

ACTION FM32-10.1: DDY: report to Exec on the meeting of the Liaison Committee.

ACTION FM32-10.2: DDY: report to Exec on the meeting of the Liaison Committee.

The meeting closed at 18.15