IVOA Exec Meeting: FM87
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Glossary:
NOVA – Argentina Virtual Observatory   http://nova.conicet.gov.ar

ArVO – Armenian VO   http://www.aras.am/Arvo/arvo.htm
AstroGrid – UK VO initiative   http://www.astrogrid.org
Aus-VO – Australian Virtual Observatory http://aus-vo.org.au/
BRAVO – Brazil Virtual Observatory   http://www.lna.br/bravo/
China-VO – Chinese Virtual Observatory http://www.china-vo.org
ChiVO – Chile Virtual Observatory   http://www.chivo.cl
CVO – Canadian Virtual Observatory   http://www1.cadc-ccda.hia-iha.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/cvo/
ESA-VO – European Space Agency Virtual Observatory
https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/esdc
Euro-VO – European Virtual Observatory   http://www.euro-vo.org
GAVO – German Astrophysical Virtual Observatory   http://www.g-vo.org
HVO – Hungarian Virtual Observatory   http://hvo.elte.hu
JVO – Japanese Virtual Observatory   http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html
OV-France – VO-France   http://www.france-vo.org
RVO – Russian Virtual Observatory   http://www.inasan.ru/eng/rvo/
SA^3– South Africa Astroinformatics Alliance   http://www.sa3.ac.za
SVO – Spanish Virtual Observatory   http://svo.cab.inta-csic.es
UkrVO – Ukraine Virtual Observatory   http://www.ukr-vo.org/
USVOA – US Virtual Observatory Alliance   http://usvoa.cfa.harvard.edu
VO-India – Indian Virtual Observatory   http://vo.iucaa.ernet.in/~voi/
VObs.it – The Italian Virtual Observatory http://vobs.astro.it/
IVOA – International Virtual Observatory Alliance   http://www.ivoa.net

Agenda:
1. Roll Call and Agenda
2. Minutes of TM86
3. Review of Exec ACTIONS
4. Project Reports [Significant Events Only]
5. Overall TCG Status
6. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]
7. Renewal of IVOA Exec Chair and Vice Chair roles
8. IVOA code of conduct
9. CAOM
10. Future Interop meeting: Sydney May 2020 (Simon O'Toole)
11. Date of next Exec meeting
12. AOB - IVOA article for ADASS proceedings
13. Review of New Action Items

NEXT EXEC Meeting:
Tuesday November 26, 2019 at 11 (US, EAST) (16:00 UTC)

1. **Roll Call and Agenda**
   The participants' names in the room and on the phone were recorded.

2. **Minutes from TM86**

   The minutes from TM86 were accepted.

3. **Review of Exec Actions**

   FM84S-1: MA continue reporting on IAU Working group **working**
   → MA: Draft of Charter was circulated and more comments are welcome until final document will be circulated.
   TM86-1: MA and CA draft an IVOA code of conduct document **DONE**
   TM86-2: MA set up a telecon before the Groningen meeting for the past exec chairs to discuss nominations for chair and vice chair roles **DONE**
   TM86-3: Exec to send nominations for the Exec chair and vice chair roles to MA **DONE**
   TM86-4: BM contact possible speakers for radio astronomy session at Groningen interop meeting **DONE**
   TM86-5: FC set up Webex for the exec meeting on 10/10/19 **DONE**

4. **Reports [Significant Events Only]**

   Reports for several organizations are included in the wiki page of the meeting. Further notes from participants include:
   - BB: NAVO renewal proposal is due in February 2020 therefore a lot of effort is going into this.

   - CC: National Astronomical Data Center (NADC) was announced by Chinese government in June as one of the first 20 national scientific data centers. NADC will become the official backend platform for the China-VO. Long-term and stable operation funding support from the government is expected.

   - SO: Funding for VO related work were awarded for 2 more years at AAO Macquarie. A new data center named Gravitational Data Center is starting soon possibly bringing new people and new projects/ideas.

5. **Overall TCG status**

   PD: The TCG Report is included in the wiki page of the meeting. In brief: five proposed recommendations have been completed and approved by the Exec prior to this meeting; there are four current proposed recommendations (all data models); 3 are in RFC review stage, 1 to be reviewed by TCG after the document had been updated.

There was a discussion about the timescale (sometimes very long) needed for several Data Model standards to go through the RFC review stage. MA suggests to stick to the roadmap. Use-cases are very important and need to be well outlined, any interoperability issues and linkage of models need to be solved. MA (and several members) suggests that it is important that the relevant IVOA member projects support DM work by committing enough resources.
JE suggests to held an open discussion at the next interop meeting about DM and standard process with all IVOA members not just a discussion at the TCG or exec level.

Moving to Github (discussion about this during this meeting) poses the issue about document licenses and copyright. More discussion is needed on the subject. The Standing Committee for Standards and Processes should propose to Exec which final license (if any) should be included in IVOA documents.

6. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation

Five standards approved prior to this meeting.
Four DM standards are in the RFC review stage.

7. Planning for renewal of IVOA Exec Chair and Vice Chair roles

MA: Exec Chair and Vice Chair roles both need to be filled; two telecons including most of the previous chairs were held to discuss potential nominations for both roles; the nominations brought to this exec meeting were Chenzhou Cui for Chair and Bruce Berriman for Vice Chair. The members of the Exec agree on these nominations.

New Exec Chair: Chenzhou Cui (China-VO)
New Exec Vice Chair: Bruce Berriman (USVOA)

8. IVOA code of conduct

MA and CA drafted a document for the code of conduct and circulated it to the Exec for comments in the past month.

Several comments were provided and implemented in a new draft that was circulated/discussed before/during this meeting.

The discussion highlighted that any incident can be reported to the Chair **or** the Vice Chair **or** any member of the Exec so to cover a broad range of people, nationalities and genders.
Moreover, the members focused on what could be the appropriate consequences depending on the gravity of the reported violation.

MA will implement the agreed changes and circulate the new draft.

MA will present the document during its State of the IVOA talk at the Groningen interop meeting.

9. CAOM

BB requested a discussion about CAOM as the NAVO archives are going to adopt CAOM soon. TJ reports that LSST is going to adopt CAOM as well. BB enquired about the decision of turning CAOM into an IVOA standard.
PD: CAOM is a de facto standard adopted by many archives. CADC could produce an IVOA Note about CAOM to go through the process of Endorsement managed by TCG and finalized by Executive.

The Exec agrees that there is not yet a choice for CAOM becoming an IVOA standard given the needs of continuous updates by CADC. The relationship of CAOM to IVOA DMs needs further discussion.

10. Future Interop Meetings

Northern Spring Meeting
SO: the Sydney meeting will happen May 4-8, 2020; the exec meeting will be held on May 3rd, 2020. The location is the Kirribilli Club (North Sydney) reachable with multiple transportations (including subway and ferry) and that allow to stay in multiple areas of Sidney. There are going to be two meeting rooms available with 200 and 80 people occupancy, respectively. A small registration fee will be requested (<$100) and will cover the catering during the meeting.

Northern Fall Meeting
The northern fall meeting will be held after ADASS meeting in Granada in November 2020. CC will be in touch with Francesco Pierfederici, the organizer of ADASS, and also E. Solano from Spain VO.

11. Date of the next exec meeting

Tuesday November 26, 2019 at 11 (US, EAST) (16:00 UTC)

12. Actions

FM87-1: MA will implement the suggested/agreed changes on the Codes of Conduct document and will circulate the new draft.
FM87-2: CC will contact ES and the organizers of ADASS 2020 to discuss the details about IVOA interop
FM87-3: The Standing Committee for Standards and Processes should discuss about document license and propose which kind of license can be included in IVOA documents.