IVOA Exec Full Meeting: FM38 Supplementary

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Glossary:

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
CVO - Canadian Virtual Observatory	http://www1.cadc-ccda.hia-iha.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
VAO - Virtual Astronomical 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. Inactive IVOA members (PP)
2. Possible new IVOA members (PP)
3. IVOA basic standards: what's still missing? (all)
4. Proposal for an IVOA Education interest Group (all)
5. Publication of IVOA documents
6. Future Interops
7. AOB
8. Review of Actions

A. Appendices - reports from VO projects, WGs and IGs, see the wiki at:
   http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM38

NEXT MEETING: TM39, March 15, 17:00 CET

1. Inactive IVOA Members
Australian VO - PP contacted Andrew Hopkins. Email exchange found Rachel Webster is no longer the contact, and Andrew Hopkins is the temporary contact. An official contact will be nominated soon. It was noted that Simon Murphy (Australian National University) is attending this interop.

Hungarian VO - PP made contact and found they are active within JHU, and promised to be more active at the exec level. A new contact will be nominated soon.

There is a change in the contact for Brazil. Alex Carciofi is the new contact.

2. Possible new IVOA members
Argentina - Patricia Tissera has made a formal request for the Nuevo Observatorio Virtual Argentino (NOVA) to become an IVOA member. The request appears to be somewhat short and not detailed enough. **ACTION FM38S-1 PP** to circulate to exec

Ukraine - email received from Irina Vavilova. PP will point them toward the terms of participation.

Some interest has also been expressed informally by Chile, Serbia and Bulgaria. AK reports interest in South Africa. Other countries were briefly discussed.

3. IVOA Basic standards
PP raised the issue of how far standardization should go, 'where do we stop?'.

It was pointed out that this is addressed in the architecture review, and that there are the proper processes in place. Some aspects however appeared to some to be esoteric. Examples countered these points and highlighted different nature of different VO projects. Overall it was agreed that the increased oversight of developments in IVOA is addressing the issue of guiding the standards development. The discussion turned to getting feedback from implementations, and measuring usage of VO services.

4. Proposal for an IVOA Education Interest group

The background of CC's idea for an Education Interest Group was discussed. There is strong interest from various projects for using VO in various levels of educations (schools, college etc.). BH explained that VAO has a Education and Public Outreach activity. The role of IVOA was discussed and it was **AGREED** that this would be best served via liaison activity of the IVOA, rather than as an interest group.

The possibilities of including an education session at the next interop were discussed, along with the potential invitees.   **ACTION FM38S-2** PP to ask CC and FP to suggest to Massimo Ramella to organise a Education session at the Naples interop.

5. Publication of IVOA documents

PP raised an extra item on the publication of IVOA documents. This has been discussed in a DCP IG session, with the main point being that IVOA documents could be cited as formal references. Alberto Accomazzi (Chair DCP) has been addressing this and has suggested the arXiv.org e-print archive (http://arxiv.org/) as an appropriate place to hold IVOA documents (of a certain level), and then the documents would be visible via the ADS (SAO/NASA Astrophysics Data system) that is widely used for Astronomy references.

The DCP IG found this to be a good idea, and AA presented various alternatives for how to proceed.

There was some discussion on what level of document would be appropriate to make available via arXiv, and who would manage the submissions.

It was **AGREED** that standards documents (Proposed Recommendations, and Recommendations) and IVOA notes as decided by exec would be appropriate. And it was **AGREED** that it would be the role of the Document coordinator to manage the submissions.

ACTION FM38S-3 BH and FG to check with AA on how the process would work, in particular for the bibcode.

ACTION FM38S-4 Document Coordinator (after ACTION FM38S-3) to submit al existing RECs.

It was noted that REC documents will replace preceding PR documents.

6. Future Interops

PP reviewed the interop attendance and frequency issues discussed at the previous meeting.

AK outlined possibilities for an interop in India in late 2011. Initial ideas for Goa are set aside due to travel and seasonal reasons. Pune is now the preferred location as it has guaranteed access to the facilities. Various logistical aspects were discussed.

Possible date is Oct 17-21, 2011 with TCG and exec meetings on Mon 17 October.

ACTION FM38S-5 AK to check dates for an Interop in Pune

7. AOB

SG reported that the number of sessions at this interop was under-scheduled, but the sessions ended up being overloaded. There was a proposal for a 'hackathon' like session(s) at the interop to allow for more flexible face-to-face time, and for focus sessions to occur. Also there may need to be greater TCG coordination in setting the interop schedules.

ACTION FM38S-6 TCG to organise POC/TCG/CSP telecon to discus interop scheduling.

8. Review of Actions

New actions from FM38S
ACTION FM38S-1 PP to circulate Argentina membership email to exec.

ACTION FM38S-2 PP to ask CC and FP to suggest to Massimo Ramella to organise a Education session at the Naples interop.

ACTION FM38S-3 BH and FG to check with AA on how the process would work, in particular for the bibcode.

ACTION FM38S-4 Document Coordinator (after ACTION FM38S-3) to submit all existing RECs.

ACTION FM38S-5 AK to check dates for an Interop in Pune

ACTION FM38S-6 TCG to organise POC/TCG/CSP telecon to discus interop scheduling.

New actions from FM38
ACTION FM38-1: AL to provide an update on the development of the IVOA web pages.

ACTION FM38-2 ML, SD, RP, MG, BH to arrange a splinter meeting to discuss units and utypes.

ACTION FM38-3 PP email exec for proposal for the next Registry WG Chair

ACTION FM38-4 FP to report on possibilities for shorter Interop meeting in Naples.

ACTION FM38-5 TCG next meeting should discuss implementation and validation tools for data centres to takeup VO Standards.

Ongoing actions
ACTION TM35-2: FP Coordinate formation of a liaison group to represent IVOA in OGF.
ONGOING: **FP**