IVOA Exec Full Meeting: FM42 Supplementary

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Apologies

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. Roll Call and Agenda (MA)
2. IVOA membership application from Ukrainian Virtual Observatory (PP)
3. Next IVOA Exec Chair and vice Chair
4. The VO in the current global economic situation (PP, All)
5. CSP status (MA)
6. Date of next telecon
7. AOB
8. Summary of Actions (MA)

A. Appendices - reports from VO projects, WGs and IGs, see the wiki at:
   http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM42

NEXT TELECON: Tuesday February 7, 17:00 CET

1. Roll Call and Agenda
The participants' names were recorded, ES joined the meeting via videocon. The agenda items for this supplementary meeting continue on from the previous meeting

Two items were identified for the AOB: FP to provide news on OGF. FG to provide news on the World Data System organization.

2. IVOA membership application from Ukrainian Virtual Observatory

PP reported on contact with Ukraine VO. They explained that 7 out of a total of 11 partners in Ukraine have formed a working group. Irina Vavilova would serve as the exec of Ukraine VO until their next meeting. They have funding from their Academy of Science until 2013, plus other sources of funding.

It was **AGREED** to invite Ukraine VO to join IVOA

ACTION FM42S-1 IVOA exec to contact Ukraine VO and welcome them, with cc to the IVOA Document Coordinator in order to organize the mailing list and incorporation of the Ukraine logo etc.

3. Next IVOA Exec Chair and vice Chair

PP summarized the process of choosing the next chair via the search committee. The proposal is for Ajit Kembhavi for Chair, and David Schade for Vice Chair.

The exec members present approved the proposal.

ACTION FM42S-2 PP to email exec asking for approval on the proposed Chair and Vice Chair

4. The VO in the current global economic situation (PP, All)

PP introduced the topic to stimulate discussion on how to manage VO in the current economic situation. One thing to emphasize is that VO allows for re-use of data that is already collected and that this is not expensive.

In discussing the metric by which VO projects are assessed BH indicated that peer review papers remain the main metric. There is a secondary metric related to the extent to which VO is supporting infrastructure for large projects.

Some examples of VO contributing to the infrastructure were mentioned, including TMT.

CA noted the importance of visibility of IVOA standards and reported the immediate positive effect of the RECs being available via ADS and astro-ph.

BH indicated that VAO has been asked to collate a list of VO enabled data centres. Following some discussion it was decided to look at this globally.

ACTION FM42S-3 All IVOA members to collate lists of data centres that have or will publish to the VO.

FG noted that this information is very useful, for example is showing the distributed nature of VO when plotting on a map.

There was some discussion on the efficiency of the current format of IVOA interop meetings, and how this would be affected by reduced resources.

The necessity of of interop meetings was emphasized in order for people to interact, and that people work to deadlines and milestones associated with the meeting.

Various ideas for format changes were raised, including extended TCG meetings, possibly including document authors. The importance of open sessions was mentioned, in particular for implementors to make comments. It was agreed that the balance between official sessions and splinter sessions could be better. It was also recognized that progress on the documents is a key aspect. As a result of the discussion CA will consult the TCG and get back to the exec with proposals for format changes.

ACTION FM42S-4 CA to consult TCG on format changes to the interop meetings

5. CSP Status

MA reported on the CSP activities, including the CSP meeting held on Tuesday. The CSP is trying to forge stronger links to the IVOA member project science committees and boards. The ones currently aware of a EuroVO-Science Advisory Committee, the VAO Science Board and the CANFAR science management committee. MA requests all to send information on other such committees or boards.

CSP carries out a science impact assessment during the interop meetings comparing current capabilities to priority case examples. Many positive things to note at this meeting including TAP and ObsTAP implementations as well as much progress on SED building. See the Science Impact Assessment presentation in final plenary of the interop.

Likely new project areas for CSP include time-series, IVOA relevance to radio astronomy.

6. Date of next telecon

AK proposed Tuesday February 7 at 17:00 CET. Accepted by all.

7. AOB

World Data systems (FG)

FG briefly introduced the World Data System (WDS) of the International Council of Science http://www.icsu-wds.org. It could provide visibility to IVOA which is important for EC and NSF. There is a membership category for network organizations to which IVOA could apply.

ACTION FM42S-5 FG to email exec to the links to the WDS information and to start a discussion on the exec mailing list.

Open Grid Forum (FP)

FP reported on the possible formation of a Astro user group of the OGF. This group would encompass many aspects of Astronomy, and an IVOA liaison could be a sub-group of the Astro user group.

A draft Terms of Reference for the Astro user group has been drafted (by someone with previous VO experience) and is expected to match IVOA expectations/requirements. The draft will be discussed in a small group including DS, Nic Walton, CA, André Schaaff, FP.

Review of Action Items

ACTION FM42S-1 IVOA exec to contact Ukraine VO and welcome them, with cc to the IVOA Document Coordinator in order to organize the mailing list and incorporation of the Ukraine logo etc.
CLOSED - done

ACTION FM42S-2 PP to email exec asking for approval on the proposed Chair and Vice Chair
CLOSED - done, AK and DS announced as new Chair and Vice Chair at closing plenary of Interop meeting.

ACTION FM42S-3 All IVOA members to collate lists of data centres that have or will publish to the VO

ACTION FM42S-4 CA to consult TCG on format changes to the interop meetings

ACTION FM42S-5 FG to email exec to the links to the WDS information and to start a discussion on the exec mailing list. **CLOSED** - done

ACTION FM42-1 PP to contact John Swinbank about starting date as VOEvent Chair.
CLOSED - done

ACTION FM42-2 SG to send AC a list of things to consider when organizing an interop meeting.

ACTION FM42-3 PP to request information from Ukraine VO on how they plan to coordinate their consortium, and how their representative would be designated.
CLOSED - done

ACTION FM42-4 BH to advise the exec on whether VAO can host the May 2012 interop
CLOSED - VAO will host the May 2012 Interop in Urbana, Illinois, with NCSA as the host organization.

ACTION FM40S-4 AL to compile a summary and to-do list for the update for the update of the IVOA web pages.
ONGOING

(note some actions were done immediately, or before the end of the interop meeting and are marked CLOSED)