

IVOA Exec Full Meeting: FM49

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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-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 Astrophysical 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.cab.inta-csic.es
UKR-VO - Ukraine Virtual Observatory	http://www.ukr-vo.org/
IVOA - International Virtual Observatory Alliance	http://www.ivoa.net

Agenda:

1. Roll Call and Agenda
2. Minutes of TM48
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4. Project Reports [Significant Events Only]
5. TCG Status
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12. Future Interops
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15. Review of Action items

A. Appendices - reports from VO projects, WGs and IGs, see the wiki at:

<http://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingFM49>

1. Roll Call and Agenda

The participants' names were recorded. It was decided to move discussion of agenda items 8, 9, 10 to the Wednesday exec meeting.

2. Minutes of TM48

The TM48 minutes were accepted.

3. Review of Action Items

ACTION TM48-1 MA to include agenda item for Heidelberg on take-over of IVOA web pages

CLOSED - done

ACTION FM46S-6 AK to send a letter to ICSU to formalize membership of IVOA in WDS

CLOSED - Letter sent

ACTION TM47-1 MA to review the Multi-dimensional data use cases to include more general usage.

ONGOING - more general use cases will be sought from focus session participants and also the exec.

ACTION TM47-2 SG to coordinate the TCG to make an initial investigation of the CSP science priority cases.

ONGOING - TCG is participating in the focus sessions

4. Project Reports

Project reports for Australia-VO, China-VO, CVO, ESAVO, GAVO, Japan-VO, VAO, South Africa VO, SVO and VO-India appear on the meeting wiki page.

FG reported that OV-France recently had its annual meeting, and that efforts were being made in the area of planetary science. FG also mentioned the Research Data Alliance (RDA) and that people involved in RDA will make presentations at this interop meeting.

BH indicated that the VAO report on the wiki page is drawn mostly from the VAO annual report. BH outlined extra information from the VAO project execution plan. The 'professional engagement' part of the plan (AAS meeting/community days) has not been accepted. The priority for the remainder of the project is a protocol for cube data, which needs to be done by summer 2014. The other priority is python bindings.

The VAO plan and outlook was discussed. The VAO told their funding agencies that a successor organization needs to be identified at least 6 months before the close of the VAO project if a smooth transition is to be arranged.

AW outlined funding for specific projects in Australia in 2011/2012 under the All Sky Virtual Observatory (ASVO) program.

SB highlighted the South Africa report on the wiki page. There are changes in the administration of astronomy in South Africa due to current and future large projects. VO currently has no active funds but gets support from a number of institutes and separate funding is expected in the future. The name of the South Africa project is now 'South African Astroinformatics Association' or SA³. Patricia Whitelock remains the IVOA contact.

CA reported that ESAVO has funding for registry work to be performed under contract by a Greek company.

DS reported on cloud processing efforts at CADC that have been going for 2-3 years. This is now working a lot better with ~60 users in all, with 7-8 with active users per day. The side effect is that the CADC VOspace is being heavily used with data rates going from TB/week to TB/day and ~100 users have accounts. 'Free storage draws users'. Efforts in the area of data cubes has led to a Data-Link/ObsCore prototype, and Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) are being allocated to some JCMT data products.

RS reported on a VObs.It school held December 2012.

5. TCG Status

SG reported on the TCG meeting held earlier in the day.

PhotDM development was dependent on the current discussion about utypes but has now been decoupled from this and will proceed independently.

SimpleDALRegExt 1.0, VOUnits 1.0, DALI and VOTable 1.3 are in their TCG review period.

Utypes have been the topic of much discussion in the TCG meeting. The utypes tiger team has produced 3 documents. The tiger team work is now done, and SG extends his thanks for all of the work. The tiger team conclusions were not unanimous, and there will be discussion of the technical issues this week in the WG sessions.

The Publishing Data in the VO wiki pages were reviewed in the TCG meeting and SG will invite input during the plenary sessions so that the information can be updated.

The TCG discussed their participation in the focus sessions.

The TCG discussed the September 2013 3-day interop, emphasizing that this will consist entirely of technical WG sessions.

The IVOA roadmap is presented as a wiki page this year and has been updated. There was a discussion in the TCG meeting on how to 'snapshot' the page in order to track progress year to year.

The TCG meeting discussed the role of IVOA Notes, and how some may need to be endorsed or labelled as superseded.

There was a discussion on the presentation of the roadmap. BH indicated that this was needed for external views of IVOA. FG indicated that it is important to maintain the graph of the number of standards per year.

6. WG Reports

Apps: MT indicated that current efforts are in the area of VOTable, and Multi Order Coverage maps (MOC). Apps will have 4 sessions, 3 for 'show and tell' and one joint session with Registry WG.

DAL: PD described DALI 1.0 which addresses how future DAL documents are put together. Other areas of activity are DataLink work and prototypes, and SimDAL. Future DAL activities will draw on the CSP focus sessions.

DM: JS reported that PhotDM is now decoupled from the utypes tiger team work and will go ahead independently, but a version will also be used for utype prototyping. ImageDM will be discussed at this meeting, as will VO-DML as a way to create future data models.

GWS: AW reported that workflows will be addressed at this meeting.

Registry: PLS indicated that Registry session will concern coverage, registry interfaces and the 'Registry of Registries'.

Semantics: NG indicated that Semantics sessions are all joint with other WGs at this meeting, in particular with DCP.

DCP: AA indicated that there will be 2 sessions. One on the Thesaurus which is a draft document with IVOA thesaurus heritage. The other on data citation to consider proposals by RDA, and Thompson-Reuters.

Education IG: MR reported that this meeting will include the first EduIG sessions. These sessions are full of contributions, and include participation from the Hands-on-Universe project. There will also be a plenary session on Friday.

Theory IG: FLP outlined the issues for the Theory sessions, including Data Link and simulated data, the utypes related work and VisIVO a visualization tool.

12. Future Interops

BH provided an update on the arrangements for the Hawaii interop meeting. The LOC will be BH, DS and MG. The meeting will be 3 days Thurs/Fri/Sat before the ADASS meeting. VAO has a contract for 3 days x 70 rooms for Wed/Thurs/Fri nights. There are 2 meeting spaces that will be suitable for the plenary sessions, and will allow for 2 parallel sessions during the meeting. Breaks/food are not organized, and no fund raising has been done yet. The venue is a relatively closed resort environment.

FG said it is important to be able to register for IVOA interop now because the ADASS registration is already open. BH indicated that Daniel Devost is the ADASS contact. There was some discussion of the target audience of the interop meeting with respect to people who might add it on to their ADASS trip. CA suggested an ADASS tutorial on the Sunday on the subject of VO publishing. MG indicated that the tutorial deadline is at the end of the month (May).

Action FM49-1 All - decide on Wednesday about ADASS tutorials

Ideas for future interop meetings were briefly mentioned. May 2014 at ESAC, and Sept/Oct/Nov 2014 in Banff were mentioned as possibilities.

11. IVOA Web pages and Document Repository

BH indicated that the IVOA web site, mailing lists and document repository will need to be transferred to another organization on ~1 year timescale. Since VAO plans are unclear it is prudent to have another organization take it over.

The level of resourcing required for the doc coordinator is about 0.25 FTE. It was also mentioned that the existing framework is antiquated and needs to be updated.

A decision on the transfer is required no later than the Hawaii interop meeting.

13. Date of next meeting

Wednesday as per interop schedule, although time may change.

14. AOB

None

15. Review of Action items

New Action Items:

ACTION FM49-1 Exec to decide on Wednesday exec meeting about ADASS tutorials

On-going items:

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