

IVOA Exec Meeting: TM115



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Virtual Meeting (WebEx)

Notes: MH

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Glossary

Acronym	Institution Name	Institution Website
ArVO	Armenian Virtual Observatory	https://www.aras.am/Arvo/arvo.htm
AstroGrid	UK VO initiative	http://www.astrogrid.org
ASVO	Australian Virtual Observatory	https://asvo.org.au/
BRAVO	Brazil Virtual Observatory	http://bravo.iag.usp.br/
China-VO	Chinese Virtual Observatory	http://www.china-vo.org
ChiVO	Chile Virtual Observatory	https://chivo.cl/
CVO	Canadian Virtual Observatory	https://www1.cadc-ccda.hia-ihp.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/cvo/
ESA	European Space Agency	https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/esdc
Euro-VO	European Virtual Observatory	http://www.euro-vo.org
GAVO	German Astrophysical Virtual Observatory	https://www.g-vo.org/
HVO	Hungarian Virtual Observatory	http://hvo.elte.hu/
JVO	Japanese Virtual Observatory	http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html

Acronym	Institution Name	Institution Website
KazVO	Kazakhstan Virtual Observatory	https://fai.kz/
NLVO	Netherlands Virtual Observatory	https://www.virtualobservatory.nl/
NOVA	Argentina Virtual Observatory	https://nova.conicet.gov.ar
OV-France	VO-France	http://www.france-vo.org
RVO	Russian Virtual Observatory	http://www.inasan.ru/organizational-activity/rvo/rvo/
SA3 (or SA ³)	South Africa Astroinformatics Alliance	https://sa3.ac.za/
SKAO	Square Kilometre Array Observatory	https://www.skao.int/
SVO	Spanish Virtual Observatory	https://svo.cab.inta-csic.es/main/index.php
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://voi.iucaa.in/voi/
VObs.it	The Italian Virtual Observatory	https://vobs.it
IVOA	International Virtual Observatory Alliance	http://www.ivoa.net

Agenda

1. Roll call and agenda
 - Regrets: Chenzhou Cui (China-VO), Oleg Malkov (Russian VO), Chingis Omarov (KazVO), Simon O'Toole (ASVO, Exec Vice-Chair), Ajit Kembhavi (VO-India), Joachim Wambsganss (GAVO), Sebastian Gurovich (NOVA)
2. Review and approval of TM114 (PDF) minutes
3. Review of Exec actions for TM115 (PDF)
4. Status of upcoming Tucson Interop, Nov. 10-12
 - Tim Jenness, LOC Chair
 - Confirmation of Exec Meeting on Nov. 9 @ 17:00 UTC
 - Confirmation of TCG Meeting on Nov 10 @ 8-9:30 Local time (UTC-7) in NOIRLAB
 - First Interop session starts on Nov 10 @10am in NOIRLAB
5. Project reports [Significant Events Only]
6. Overall TCG status
7. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]
8. CSP Status
 - Proposal for a new CSP member, Rosie Bolton
9. IVOA-IAU Liaison Group
10. Future Interop meetings
 - Northern Spring 2024: Sydney (week of May 12)
11. IVOA Website
 - Web content: near-term solution for curation and maintenance, user-focused landing page (see JE email to Exec dated 30 Aug. 2023)
 - Draft new website available [here](#)
 - Comments on new site available [here](#)
12. New IVOA Chair and Vice-Chair
 - Christophe and Simon's current terms coming to an end at upcoming Interop
13. Date of next Exec meeting
14. AOB
15. Review of new action items

Next Exec Meeting: Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 17:30 local time (UT-7)

Discussion

1. Roll Call and Agenda

- The names of the attendees are recorded.

2. Review and Approval of TM114 Minutes

- TM114 (PDF)
 - The minutes have been reviewed and approved.

3. Review of Exec Actions for TM115

- **TM111.1** MH to reconcile the list of projects in the Exec and make sure they're reflected in the meeting notes template **IN PROGRESS**
- **TM112.3** All Exec to send BB and SO the names of potential candidates to serve on the Organizing Committee of the IAU Functional Working. **IN PROGRESS**
 - *BB received some input; CC and Eric have volunteered to take part. He hasn't received any further recommendations. BB asks that anyone who sent an email with input should re-send it because it was not received.*
 - **UPDATED ACTION: BB will summarize in an email the exact current information he's requested.**
- **TM112.4** GBB to finalize the charter for the IVOA-IAU Liaison Group **DONE**
- **TM114.1:** BB to release the two IAU documents and fix editorial comments in IAU notes to clarify the terms, which is three years with a possible extension. **DONE**
- **TM114.2:** JE to reach out to Tim Jenness for status on the Tucson Interop and invite Tim to the next Exec meeting. **DONE**
- **TM114.3:** MH to set up Doodle/When2Meet poll for weeks of Sept. 11 and 18 for 20:00 UTC. **DONE**

4. Status of Upcoming Tucson Interop, Nov. 10-12

- Tim Jenness, LOC Chair
- Confirmation of Exec Meeting on Nov. 9 @ 17:00 UDT
- Confirmation of TCG Meeting on Nov. 10 @ 8-9:30 a.m. Local time (UTC-7) in NOIRLAB
- First Interop session starts on Nov. 10 @ 10 a.m. (UTC-7) in NOIRLAB
- JE said these times work for the TCG; they were discussed in the last TCG meeting
- **Action: CA to ask Rob Seaman to find a meeting room for Exec meeting for 10-15 people with Zoom support on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 5-7 p.m. local time**
 - JE says a smaller room will be sufficient for the Exec meeting

- Tim J. said there are some logistical complications because a new lab employee will need to stay on site for the duration of the meeting. Tim has booked the Rubin conference room for all day Friday, so there is no problem with running the TCG meeting there. Attendees will have to sign into the building.
- JE said the sign-up needs to be discussed because notices need to go out. She has distributed a save-the-date and should follow up with details soon.
- MM said he needs to know who will provide him w/ the details for the page, or if a team wants to connect to the Indico platform that he can set up.
 - Tim said he'd prefer Exec to handle sign-ups.
 - MM can sketch something for sign-ups but would like Tim to handle registration.
 - Tim said because Rubin isn't launched, funding requirements mandate that the meeting is going to be at Steward Observatory. This works to our favor because the meeting is on a school holiday but still a workday for the observatory.
 - Registration should ask whether attendees will be in person or remote.
 - Tim is sorting out associated costs for meeting support: name tags, coffee, etc.: five coffee breaks for 100 people.
 - JE asked about the video/hybrid capabilities. Tim said we should be able to provide Zoom links for the TCG; not sure about Exec yet. That will be sorted out between CA and Rob Seaman.
 - JE: Someone from ADASS offered to provide an IVOA advertisement on a page. We should provide the registration link, when it's ready, to close the loop.
 - CA notes the ADASS website (<https://adass2023.lpl.arizona.edu/>) already mentions IVOA Interop.
 - JE would like these details sorted out by the end of current week so people can start their travel planning

5. Project Reports

- JE said the project reports are often blank now and she asks that folks make more of an effort to provide updates.
- **Action for all Exec members: Fill in their project report status before the Interop, to provide a snapshot of their respective project's status (not systematically, but a few points).**

6. Overall TCG Status

- JE will not be able to attend the next Interop in person but will attend the first two days virtually and will continue working with MM on event planning.
- No change in REC status: TCG currently reviewing [ADQL](#) 2.1, [DataLink](#) 1.1, VOunits 1.1 (ready for review in 1 week), SpectrumDM 1.2
- Interop planning

- November schedule in place: <https://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/InterOpNov2023>
- Save-the-date email sent on 14Sept. 2023
- TCG signing up for sessions on our “Program Prep” page: <https://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/ProgramPrepNov2023>
 - team took an action to complete in 2 weeks; MM/JE will then fill in the schedule and resolve any conflicts
- JE will attend Nov. 9/10 virtually; will continue to work Interop setup and support MM, who will be there in person
- Set up a running page of "TCG things we see out of place -or- need to be addressed;" candidates for future meeting agenda items or actions
 - https://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/TCG_RunningList_2023
- Presented idea of crowd sourcing hack-a-thon session to curate web material/docs with TCG—asked them for other ideas
- Sent email to Pat Dowler (Sept. 14) about updating the Architecture doc
 - Identified updates over last three years and suggested end of this year as cut-off
 - Thought we could make it a minor update to bringing it up to date; goal to have it ready for May 2024 Interop
- Next meeting in 1 month on Oct 10th at 13:00 UTC

7. Approval of new IVOA Recommendations(s)

- No updates

8. CSP Status

- There will be a meeting the first week of October and the idea is to get more involvement with interest group and prepare for the next Interop.
- Proposal for a new CSP member, Rosie Bolton
 - The Exec approves the nomination.
 - **Action: AN will invite Rosie to join the CSP.**

9. IVOA-IAU Liaison Group

- No updates beyond what was discussed during the review of open actions.

10. Future Interop Meetings

- Northern Spring 2024: Sydney—week of May 19 (date corrected as per Simon confirmation)
 - Discussion tabled because SO is not present. We will ask him for a small report at Interop.
- Northern Fall 2024: ADASS will be held in Malta. We do not have a VO in Malta so planning that meeting may be complicated.

11. IVOA Website

- Draft new website [here](#)
- Comments on new site [here](#)

- Web content: near-term solution for curation and maintenance, user-focused landing page (see JE email to Exec dated 30 Aug. 2023)
 - MM: Klaas Kliffen has a draft version of his own gitlab. It needs to be transferred and used on the ivoa.net web server for the draft of the new website. MM is going to create a new website on the IVOA servers in Trieste on a different path with respect to production so we can see the new version.
 - The website has to be translated from HTML to the HUGO toolkit.
 - **Action for MM: Check with Klass on a potential target release date for the new IVOA website.**
 - MM has some concerns deploying new things during Interop. He suggests releasing a draft new website on a different URL path and swap it with the production version after after the Interop.
 - JE has received feedback about stale/dead links, outdated, info, etc. We need to make the site better curated and more reliable for new users.
 - We don't have a media group anymore; who takes the lead on this project? She suggests a hack-a-thon at Interop.
 - JE asked in the TCG for volunteers and no one stepped forward. It's a lot to ask on top of their roadmap tasks. She suggests an interest group or a designated curation person.
 - MM said it's okay to ask the TCG or another IG, but everyone is really really busy. Perhaps Exec can find someone who has volunteered in the past.
 - JE clarifies this would be an internal curation for TCG Exec; it requires deeper institutional knowledge.
 - CA suggests trying to organize an effort at Interop when people may feel more motivated to participate.
 - **Action: JE will email Tom Donaldson and cc: MM to see if he's interested in leading a session at Interop on curating the website.**
 - AN asked how long the hack-a-thon would last because it's a shorter meeting. JE said it could be an evening; she's encouraging joint meetings.
 - Tim Jenness said if it's held at Steward we'd have to clear out. At the Rubin conference room, which accommodates 30 people, a staff member would have to stay on site.
 - JE will see if it could be scheduled during a long lunch break.

12. New IVOA Chair and Vice-Chair

- CA's term as Chair was temporary until it could be handed over to Simon. He would like to activate the Chair Search Committee to discuss candidates for future VCs.
- This will be confirmed at the IVOA Exec meeting at Interop in November.
- **Action: CA to activate the IVOA Chair and VC Search Committee to search for potential candidates. Self-nominations are welcome.**

13. Date of Next Exec Meeting

- Thursday, Nov. 9 at 17:30 local time @ Tucson (UT-7)

14. AOB

- None

15. Review of New Action Items

- **TM115.1:** CA to ask Rob Seaman to find a meeting room for Exec meeting on Thurs. Nov. 8 at 5-7 p.m. local time.
- **TM115.2:** MM to finalize IVOA Interop registration page and provide a link to Rob Seaman.
- **TM115.3:** Action for all Exec members: Fill in their project report status before the next Interop, to at least provide a snapshot of their respective project's status (not systematically, but a few points).
- **TM115.4:** AN will invite Rosie Bolton to join the CSP.
- **TM115.5:** MM: Check with Klaus on a potential target release date for the new website.
- **TM115.6:** JE will email Tom Donaldson and cc: MM to see if he's interested in leading the Interop session on curating the website.
- **TM115.7:** CA to activate the IVOA Chair and VC Search Committee to search for potential candidates. Self-nominations are welcome.

Project Reports

Argentina-NOVA

ArVO

AstroGrid

Australia-VO (ASVO)

BRAVO

China-VO

CVO

ESA

Euro-VO

France VO

GAVO

HVO

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Kazakhstan VO

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