

IVOA Exec Meeting: TM120



19 May 2024, 16:00–18:00 Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)
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Hybrid Meeting:

Zoom and Macquarie University Wallumattagal Campus, 25 Wally's Walk, Building C, Room C120/121, Macquarie Park NSW 2109

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

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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://www.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/
JVO	Japanese Virtual Observatory	http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/index-e.html
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: Robert Nikutta (USVOA/OIR), Patricia Whitelock (SA³), Joachim Wambsganss (GAVO), AK (VO-India), Chingis Omarov (KazVO), Enrique Solano (SVO), Encarni Romero Colmenero (SA³), Yan Grange (NLVO)
2. Review and approval of TM119 Minutes
3. Review of Actions for TM120
4. Jordanian VO: expression of interest to join IVOA
5. OPAL project funding application
6. Project Reports [Significant Events Only]
7. Overall TCG Status
8. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]
9. CSP Status
10. IVOA Website [New Standing Item]
 - Draft new website available: <https://webtest.ivoa.info/>
 - GitHub repository: <https://github.com/ivoa/ivoa-web>
 - Bug reporting and change requests: <https://github.com/ivoa/ivoa-web/issues>
11. TCG May 2024 position turnover review - In prep for May Interop mtg

- Expiring terms
 - TCG - chair & vice
 - CSP - chair - extensible; vice - extensible (There is 7 months more to go)
 - Apps - vice - extensible
 - DAL - chair & vice - extensible
 - KDIG - chair - extensible
 - Edu - chair - extensible
 - SSIG - chair extensible
 - Other considerations
 - Theory - Recall Simon saying he would prefer not holding 2 chairs
 - Radio - François is retiring so Ch position opens
12. Future Interop meetings
- Northern Fall 2024: Malta - Week of November 10 (ADASS Nov. 10-14)
 - Summary of costs and contributions from partner organizations
13. Date of next Exec meeting
14. AOB
15. Review of new actions

Next Exec Meeting: Wednesday, May 22, 2024; 12:30 p.m. AEST / 2:30 a.m. UTC

Discussion

1. Roll Call and Agenda
 - The names of the attendees are recorded.
2. Review and Approval of TM119 Minutes
 - The minutes have been reviewed and approved.
3. Review of Exec Actions for TM120
 - **TM118.4:** SO to add Sydney logistical information (accommodations and maps of how to get around) to the Interop web page. **DONE**
 - **TM119.1:** MM will reach ask those who are already working on the website if they want to be in the Media Group. **IN PROGRESS**
 - JE notes this effort is different from the documentation group, which is what originally renewed this topic

- SO: the media group is focused more on publicity (i.e., the newsletter), and now, social media.
 - CA suggests recruiting 1-2 people to take on duties to produce the newsletter for one or two-year terms.
- **TM119.2:** SO to send out another email before Interop inviting participants, with a more thorough description of the Media Group and its goals. **IN PROGRESS**
 - Time frame for term to start: June-July
- **TM119.3:** SO will add MM and AN as SPIE poster authors. **DONE**
 - Poster is due on Wednesday; the manuscript is due the following week
 - SO is unable to attend SPIE, but this is good publicity for the IVOA
 - BB said SPIE is reasonable with extending deadlines on request
 - **Action: SO will request a deadline extension for the SPIE poster and manuscript; he'll also send out the abstract**
- **TM119.4:** JE will update the online Interop schedule (full day vs. free day). **DONE**
- **TM119.5:** SO will send a message to all online registrants for Sydney Interop to confirm their status as in person or virtual. **DONE**
- **TM119.6:** SO and JJ will work together to reach out and coordinate with the current Chairs and VC and see who is open to continuing their terms. **DONE**
- **TM119.7:** SO will send out a summary of costs and contributions for Malta Interop. **IN PROGRESS**

4. Jordanian VO: Expression of Interest to Join IVOA

- Someone from Jordan has reached out. He's a registered participant to Sydney Interop and will attend the Malta meeting.
- They have a telescope and some data sets and want to build an infrastructure for an archive.
- SO has invited them to get involved in the mailing lists and Slack.
- They can be invited to do a presentation at a future Exec meeting.
- SO has sent them the guidelines for formally applying to the IVOA.

5. OPAL Project Funding Application

- Led by Baptiste on Kepler semantics in heliophysics
- Strong connection w/ IVOA; referenced standards
- Requested a letter of support from IVOA
- CA suggests writing a support letter with an invitation to participate in IVOA meetings and IGs

6. Project Reports [Significant Events Only]

- SO requests more updates from projects.
- It's important that Exec stay informed on funding circumstances in different countries. An annual "weather report" of an organization's financial situation, and particular highlights at the national level on projects that are doing well, are useful, especially with larger projects and observatories coming online.
- **Action: CA to investigate if registry statistics per country could be reported.**

7. Overall TCG Status

- TCG met today
 - Passed a Vocabulary; approved 2 Errata; each also have HOLDS that will be resolved soon
 - Review the program (<https://wiki.ivoa.net/wiki/bin/view/IVOA/InterOpMay2024>)
 - Two-day P3T meeting and way forward (Th/Fri)
 - Reviewed each WG/IG Priorities/Progress/Issues
 - Two plenaries - Aus & CSP
 - Documentation hackathon

8. Approval of new IVOA Recommendation(s) [Standing Item]

- None

9. CSP Status

- Plenary session: "Handling a deluge of big data"
- Panel discussion: We have given the following 3 topics to the panelists
 - 1. Bulk data access protocols
 - 2. Science Platform standards: e.g., execution broker
 - 3. Data Models: e.g., Provenance
 - Other questions

- AN: The group needs help from more people so it doesn't seem like only two people are doing the job. FC and AN are calling for active members around your institution to participate.
- SO said it's difficult to get engagement from individuals outside the IVOA; everyone is time-poor and oversubscribed and their work is tied to funding, which leaves little room for extra activities.
- Separate funding streams between researchers and infrastructure folks
- Exec could reach out to younger researchers and invite them to participate in IGs & WGs.
- Many researchers have used the VO, but they don't know what it is.
- AN: We need to publicize our activities; totally encourage that services say "Built by the IVOA (or VO) on them."
- CA: Maybe include the VO logo, and when clicked on, the user goes to the IVOA website.
- Building IVOA/VO recognition is an ongoing discussion.

10. IVOA Website [new standing item]

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- MM proposes migrating a large chunk of the website now, then doing the rest in stages

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 - Radio – François Bonnarel is retiring, so Chair position opens
- **Action for Exec: Please email suggestions for Ch and VC to Exec**

12. Future Interop meetings

- Northern Fall 2024: Malta—Week of Nov. 10 (ADASS Nov. 10-14)
 - Summary of costs and contributions from partner organizations
 - SO said it will be roughly 1,000 Euro difference in costs and contributions; AUS will be able to cover this.
- Northern Spring 2025: Time to start discussing
 - Put out a call to find a host

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TM120.1: SO will request a deadline extension for the SPIE poster and manuscript; he'll also send out the abstract to Exec

- **TM120.2:** CA to investigate if registry statistics per country could be reported for planning Spring 2025 Interop at UMD in College Park, Maryland (USA).
- **TM120.3:** All Exec: Please email suggestions for Ch and VC to Exec