

IVOA Exec Telecon Meeting: TM45

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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 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://voobs.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 (MA)
2. Minutes of FM44 and FM44S
3. Review of Actions (MA)
4. Project Reports - Significant Events Only
5. Report of the TCG status (SG)
6. Approval of new IVOA Recommendations [Standing Item]
7. VO-related events at the IAU GA
8. October 2012 Interop
9. Future Interops (All)
10. CSP status (MA)
11. Date of next meeting
12. AOB
13. Summary of Actions (MA)

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

<http://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaExecMeetingTM45>

NEXT MEETING: Sunday October 21, São Paulo 16:00

1. Roll call and Agenda

The participants names were recorded. Items were added to the AOB:

- i) FP: Status of the liaison with the Open Grid Forum (OGF)
- ii) FP: Building a new 'education' group in IVOA

2. Minutes of FM44 and FM44S

The minutes of FM44 and FM44S were accepted.

3. Review of Actions

ACTION FM42S-1 MA to put the list into a form appropriate for the web pages

ONGOING : List forwarded to document coordinator, and discussion ongoing on how to incorporate it into the new web pages

ACTION FM44-2 AL to define a group who will develop policy recommendations in the areas of service validation and standard compliance.

DONE - group formed as described below

AL indicated that a group has been formed, consisting of AL, CA, Markus Demleitner, Gretchen Greene and Pierre Le Sidaner. This group will discuss service validation work.

AL described a broader sense of concern about the registry, in particular its sustainability and importance. These issues would need to be discussed within the exec.

BH described the need to distinguish between mechanical compliance of registries, and issues to do with the scientific content. A recent review of VAO suggested that VO should be providing some guidance to users as to what data to use, compared to simply exposing access to data. BH emphasized that we need to be clear about these aspects of data curation and validation.

AL proposed a 2-step approach. Firstly to have a 'narrow' report on the mechanics of validation. The secondly, to follow up on this report to consider the bigger issues.

AL requested that a report on the mechanics of validation be prepared by the Registry WG for consideration by the exec.

ACTION FM44-3 Registry WG to summarize validation processes and the current levels of compliance

ONGOING

4. Project Reports

A problem with the IVOA wiki has prevented some reports being posted.

FG reported on the status of Euro-VO. Coordination activities in Europe are expected to continue under a new project CoSADIE (Collaborative and Sustainable Astronomical Data Infrastructure for Europe) starting September 1, 2012. This will include a Data Centre forum, and discussion with funding agencies via the Astronet project. More details to be provided on the wiki.

BH reported that VAO has been subject to a second review in June 2012. This review was confidential with no face to face interaction with the review panel. Deliberations of the panel should be concluded by the end of July. The VAO next quarterly report is currently being prepared and will provide more details on the status of VAO.

5. TCG Status

SG reported on the TCG status. There have been changes to the membership since the last meeting with Matthew Graham taking up the position of deputy chair of the TCG, Mireille Louys deputy chair of Semantics WG, Rick Wagner deputy chair of Theory IG, Pierre Fernique deputy chair of Applications WG. The TCG pages have been updated to reflect these changes.

SG reported that CA has made a TCG 'hand-over' page on the wiki including a checklist of things for the new chair, which has proved very useful.

In terms of progress on various standards, the Photometry Data model RFC period has closed and the TCG review period has begun.

The Utypes 'tiger team' has been formed with the criteria that it be relatively small, and that it be representative of WGs and data providers. The tiger team consists of Jesus Salgado (Data Models WG, ESA), Omar Laurino (Data models WG, CfA), Matthew Graham, Pat Dowler (Data Access Layer WG, CADDC), Mark Taylor (Applications WG), Mireille Louys (Semantics WG, CDS), Gerard Lemson (Theory WG), Markus Demlietner (GAVO).

The TAP Registry Extensions standard has been approved.

The DALI standard working draft was due in June but this is being followed up.

Simple DAL Registry Extensions development is ongoing.

The RFC for VOspace 2.0 is closed, and the GWS WG needs to respond to the comments received.

FG noted that the Units standard will go to RFC very soon.

BH requested that the RFC pages on the wiki be made easier to find, perhaps in the form of a table.

ACTION TM45-1 SG to address the issue of access to the RFC pages on the wiki

6. Approval of new IVOA Recommendations [Standing Item]

No new recommendations to approve at this telecon.

7. VO Related Events at the IAU GA

This included the VO Working Group of WG (VOWG) of Commission 5, and the Data Intensive Astronomy Special Session.

BH reported that the Special Session agenda is finalized. It goes over 4 days and is an impressive line-up. There will be Commission 5 Business Meetings and the VOWG meeting will be chaired by BH.

ACTION TM45-2 All to forward items to BH for the VOWG agenda at the IAU

There will also be a Library WG meeting to discuss the role of libraries.

There will be discussion on the question of whether there should be a separate WG of commission 5 on the topic of Astronomical Data.

FG indicated that IAU is considering the re-organization of its divisions, Division XII should be split and Commission 5 (and Commission 5 VO WG) would be connected to one of the new Divisions.

There was some discussion of the role of IAU for VO standards, in particular the endorsement of IVOA standards by the IAU. Given the wide general acceptance of IVOA as the standards body there was no urgency to pursue this immediately, but it is useful to leave the possibility open.

8. October 2012 Interop

No members of the POC or LOC attended the telecon. SG noted that effort was ongoing on the preparation of meeting web pages.

ACTION TM45-3 AC to post information on the Sao Paulo interop meeting

Other preparations for the meeting were considered including the need for TCG telecon before the interop meeting.

ACTION TM45-4 SG to organize a TCG telecon prior to the Sao Paulo interop meeting

9. Future Interops

Future interop locations were briefly discussed and it was emphasized that the May 2013 interop will be in Heidelberg. FG noted that possibility of some financial support for the Heidelberg meeting and will discuss with JW. FP noted his intention to send information about a future interop proposal for Italy.

10. CSP status

MA reported that the use cases for time series and radio astronomy were being developed and that a wiki page for this information would be available soon.

Following the CSP meeting at the previous interop, it was decided that there would be a CSP 'session' at the Sao Paulo interop, and that this session should be early in the agenda, and be a plenary session.

ACTION TM45-5 MA to contact the POC to organize a CSP session for the Sao Paulo interop

11. Date of next meeting

Sunday October 21, São Paulo 16:00

12. AOB

i) FP: Status of the liaison with the Open Grid Forum (OGF)

A draft Terms of Reference for this liaison have been written and FP is waiting for the OGF to finalize the organization of the Astro Working Group.

ACTION TM45-6 FP to send the draft Terms of Reference document for the Astro Working Group of OGF to the IVOA exec.

ii) FP: Building a new 'education' group in IVOA

FP described how the idea for some kind of education group in IVOA had been discussed at the Naples interop meeting. Massimo Ramella has now drafted a document for such a group, initially thought of as a liaison group.

There was some discussion that this would be better as an Interest Group. FP will circulate the document in order to discuss it at the next exec meeting.

13. Summary of Actions (MA)

New Actions:

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Ongoing Actions:

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