

Closing Remarks

Southern Spring 2026 Interop · Perth, Australia

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Chair, IVOA Executive Committee
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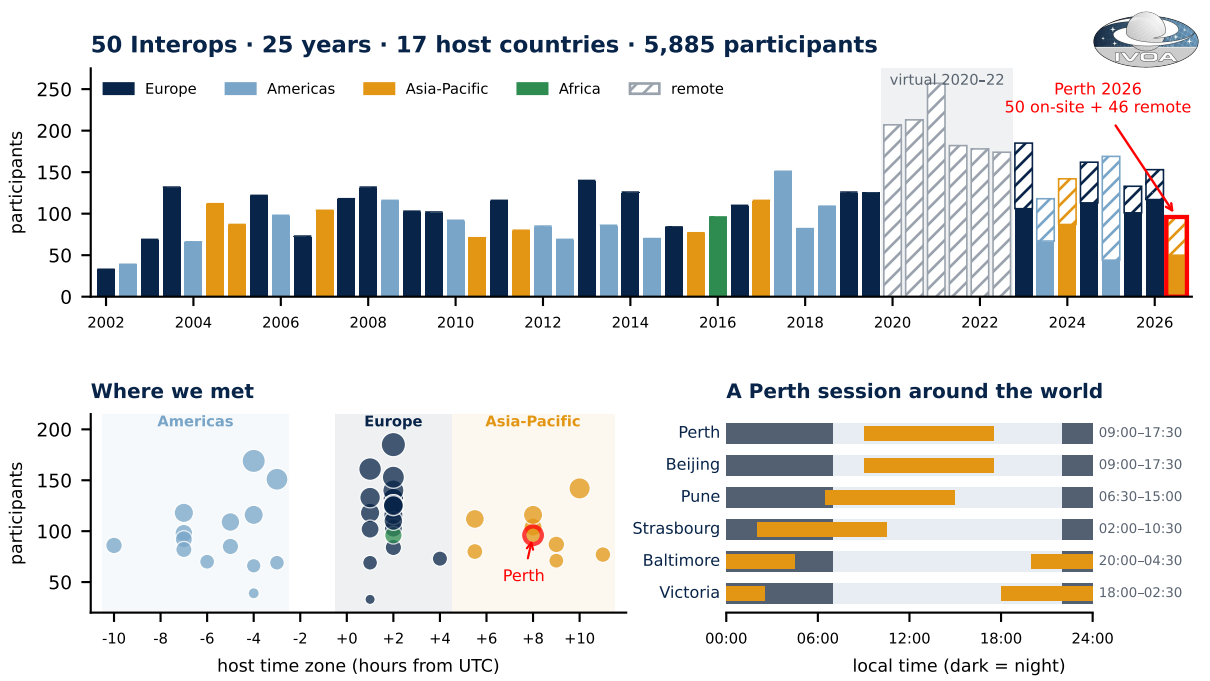
50 Interops · 25 years · 17 host countries · 5,885 participants
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Americas
Asia-Pacific
Africa
remote
virtual 2020–22
Perth 2026
50 on-site + 46 remote
participants
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Where we met
Americas
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host time zone (hours from UTC)
A Perth session around the world
Perth
Beijing
Pune
Strasbourg
Baltimore
Victoria
09:00–17:30
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06:30–15:00
02:00–10:30
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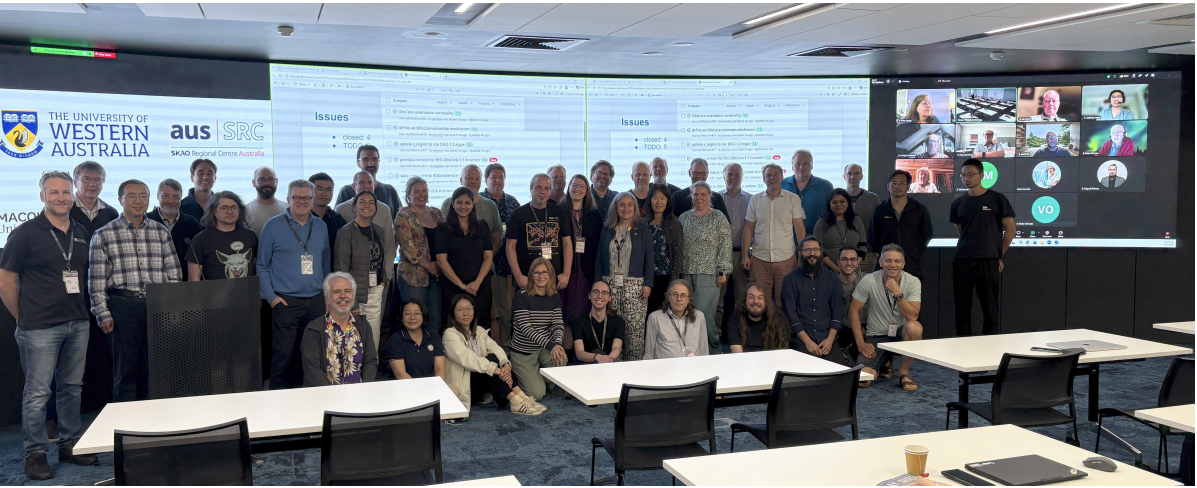
local time (dark = night)

Who is the IVOA?



Working and Interest Group leadership: welcome!

Working Group	Chair	Vice-chair	
Applications	**Sipőcz** 11/29	**Pineau** 11/29	●
DAL	Mantelet 5/27	Fraustro 5/27	●
Data Model	Servillat 5/29	Dowler 5/29	●
DSP	Salgado 5/27^{+1}	Bertocco 5/27^{+1}	●
Registry	Landais 5/29	Dower 5/29	●
Semantics	Cecconi 5/27^{+1}	Derriere 5/27^{+1}	●
Committee			
TCG	Molinaro 5/27*	Donaldson 5/27*	●
CSP	Civano 5/27*	Desai 5/27*	●
Std. & Processes	Demleitner 2026–		●
IAU liaison	Berriman GA 2027	—	●

Interest Group	Chair	Vice-chair	
Data Curation	D'Abrusco 5/29	Raugh 5/29	●
Education	Li 5/27	Hasan 5/29	●
High Energy	Khelifi 11/27	Evans 11/27	●
KDD	Tao 5/27	Schaaff 11/27	●
Operations	Civera 5/29	Norman 5/29	●
Radio	Kettenis 5/27^{+1}	**Wagg** 11/29	●
Solar System	Erard 5/28	Taylor 5/29	●
Time Domain	Racusin 5/28	Fernique 5/27^{+1}	●
Theory	resting		

New: Brigitta Sipőcz, Applications WG chair; François-Xavier Pineau, Applications WG vice-chair; Wagg, Radio IG vice-chair. Welcome, and thank you to everyone who serves!

● settled ● term ends by late 2027 Term end month/year. $^{+1}$ in a one-year extension; * nominal three-year term.

New leadership for the IVOA Executive Committee



Mark Allen

Euro-VO

Chair

November 2026 – May 2028



Francesca Civano

NASA Goddard

Vice-Chair

November 2026 – May 2028

Congratulations, and thank you both for taking this on!

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IVOA Interop May 2027,
ESAC, Madrid, Spain

Christophe Arviset, Silvia de Castro

IVOA Nov 2026, Perth, Australia

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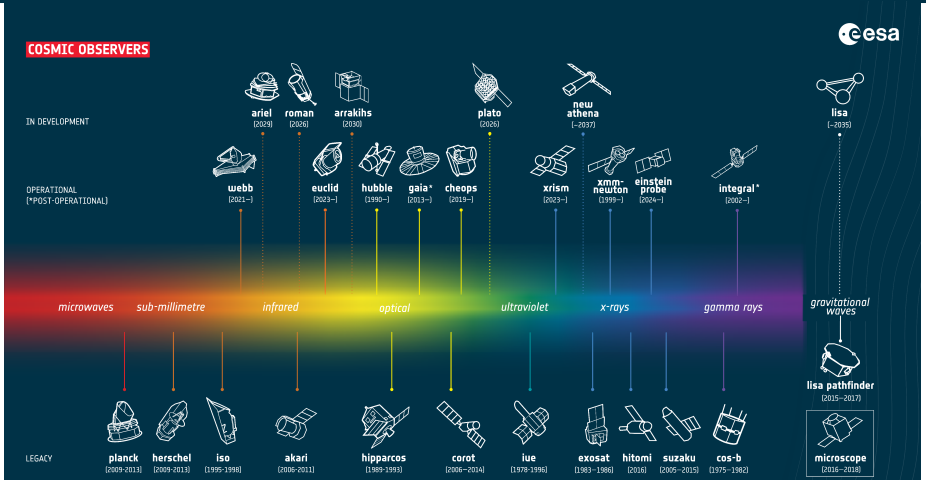

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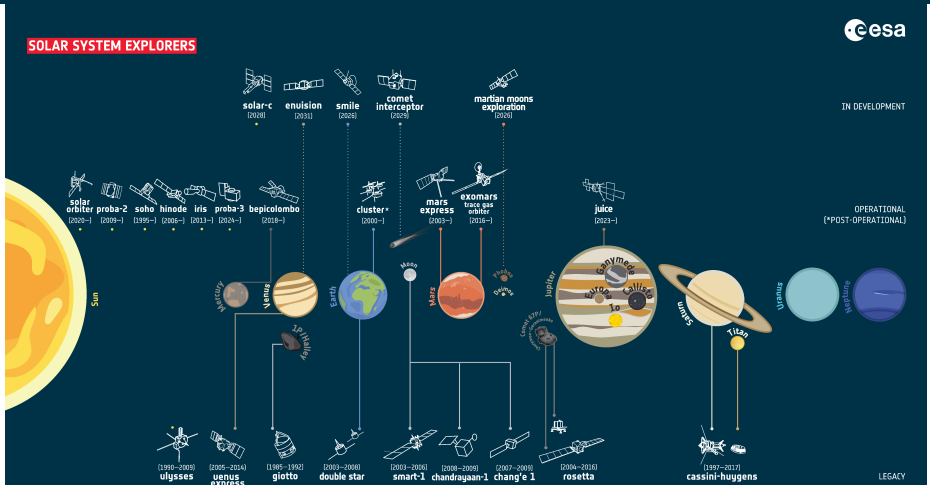

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ESA Science Archives Strategy

All ESA Science Missions' data products
hosted at ESAC into the "Digital Library of the Universe",
preserved for the long-term and made available to the community

MADRID

Art, energy & flavour

WORLD-CLASS ART
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GREEN ESCAPE

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Gran Vía, lively neighbourhoods and rooftop views

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Tapas, jamón ibérico and churros con chocolate



A capital that blends masterpieces, grand boulevards, relaxed parks and unforgettable food.

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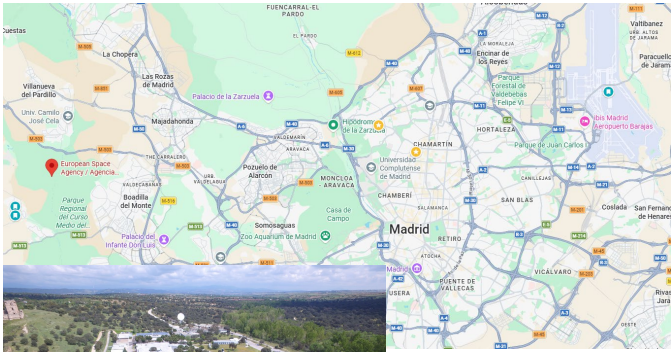
- ESAC about 25km west of Madrid-Moncloa, difficult to get by public transportation
- Recommendation to stay in Madrid, close to Moncloa
- We'll organize daily bus transfer from ESAC-Moncloa
- Lunches can be taken at ESAC canteen (Spanish time though ;-))
- Meeting dinner will probably be at ESAC as well - TBC





Local organisers

Simon O'Toole
Dior Etherton
Andrew Williams
Greg Sleap
Andreas Wicenec
The Hub, Bentley Technology Park,
and the ADASS XXXVI organisers



Thank you!

Marco Molinaro, Tom Donaldson and all the WG and IG chairs and vice-chairs

Francesca Civano, Vandana Desai and the CSP

Everyone who presented, chaired, took notes, ran the Zoom, or stayed up to join us remotely

A personal note



I am very happy to have served as your vice-chair and then chair.

I think I had only just figured out how to fulfil this role, and now it's over!

These three years have been busy: many standards, WG notes, Interops, missed meetings... so much to have been part of.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Madrid.