Memorandum of AOV retreat 2018

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Place: University of Tasmania

Items:

- 3rd AOV Meeting
- AOV Observations
- VGOS Observations

3rd AOV Meeting

- The third Meeting of the AOV will be held in Canberra from November 9-10 2018, hosted by Geoscience Australia.
- The Meeting dates lie in between the 21st International Workshop on Laser Ranging (IWLR) in Canberra from November 5-9 and the 7th International VLBI Technology Workshop (IVTW) in Krabi, Thailand from November 12-15. AOV meeting attendees are highly encouraged to participate in these meetings as well as AOV.
- The two-day meeting will consist of mainly discussions on the Friday and a presentation style workshop on the Saturday.
- Potential discussion topics are the collaboration between VLBI and SLR, and colocation survey. This will be discussed and organized by SOC.
- Wakasugi will consult with Dr. Otsubo (SOC of IWLR) about the collaboration with SLR group.
- First announcement has been sent out to IVSMail, and was published on the AOV website.
- The timeline is as shown in the first announcement. GSI will prepare a meeting website.

AOV Observations

- Observations in 2018 are performed well until now.
- Setting up a new email list including interested people in order to improve the feedback loop between the scheduler, stations and correlators.
- Lucia will report on recent activities, topics and plans including the results of the 1-Gbps mode sessions at the 10th IVS General Meeting. We should advertise our activities in IVS more.

VGOS Observations

- In near future, we will have several VGOS stations in this region. Also some organizations have interest in VGOS correlation. We will promote AOV-VGOS including original sessions. A new small group talking this topic will be set up when the time is right.
- We should take into consideration of collaboration with group outside especially on data processing.