Abstract:
A day-and-a-half course devoted to the VO, called VOday, was therefore organized for the Italian community, in the framework of the Euro VO-AIDA project and of the coordination initiatives at the international (IVOA) and national (VOs) level. The course was held in INAF cities where there are INAF astronomers, with the support of INAF-OAF, and INAF-SI, and in collaboration with some the INAF structures, CINECA, and some Italian Universities. The goal of the workshop was to expose the astronomers to the variety of VO tools and services available today so that they can incorporate them efficiently in their everyday research activities.

Web Page: http://wwwas.oats.inaf.it/voday

Vo-Day ... in Tour: Program

- A fast overview about what is the VO, the IVOA and the tools
- lecture and tutor the participants on the usage of such tools (with Italian partnership as first)
- give real life examples of scientific applications
- hands-on exercises

First Day:

09:30 - 09:35: Introduction
R. Smaregglia

09:35 - 09:50: The Virtual Observatory: an Overview
R. Smaregglia - F. Pasini

09:50 - 10:15: A Virtual Tour of the Virtual Observatory
P. Mannato

10:15 - 11:50: Use Case 1: Confirmation of a Supernova candidate
G. Istrafite - M. Ramella

11:50 - 13:00: Use Case 2: Sarchino for Data available for the bright galaxy M51
M. Molinaro

13:00 - 14:00: Lunch

14:00 - 15:00: Use Case 2: (continue)

15:00 - 17:00: Use Case 3: Photometric redshifts with DaME
M. Brescia, O. Laurino , R D’Abrusco

17:00 - 19:00: Presentazione attività di supporto alla didattica
G. Istrafite - M. Ramella

Second Day:

09:30 - 11:30: Use Case 4: Data Extraction from Multidimensional Dataset
U. Becciani - A. Costa

11:30 - 12:00: Discussion / Feedback

Results:

From December 2009 to April 2010:

- 12 Sessions + 1 Videoconf with TNG,
- Touch all city with INAF structures,
- 6 tutors for each session (35 people involved)

Registered: 272

Attendant: 244

Evaluation Form: 176 (sum of the forms are available at VO-day pages)

- About 70% already known VO as name (mainly they known tools but without use VO feature)
- Several People request more specific tutorials on VO tools and how publish his/her data on VO

Evaluation form result: http://wwwas.oats.inaf.it/voday/Result.htm

Conclusions:

The dissemination for any big and innovative project like the Virtual Observatory, should be one of the targets of the project itself. This gave to the people involved in the project the right view of how important it is and a lot of energy to increase them work, new ideas and a good with the community.