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## IVS Retreat 2015

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On October 7 and 8, 2015, the IVS Directing Board held an IVS Retreat at the Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory, Penticton, BC, Canada, to discuss current implications and future challenges of the IVS's existence and operations. In order to benefit from outside views, six external advisors had been invited as well. The group spent two days discussing correlation, product lines, institutional relations, and operations details with concepts for the future. Critical items included the aging of the experienced workforce of the IVS, the preparation of the correlators for the large increase in data throughput for VGOS, an emphasis on the service aspect of the IVS, and the need for increased public relations work, among other items. In this presentation, the chair of the IVS will inform the participants about the retreat and its consequences.

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