

VDFS Users Committee (VDUC)

Terms of Reference (DRAFT v0.1)

The VISTA Data Flow System Users Committee (VDUC) is charged with being the primary forum for scientific discussion and for making scientific recommendations concerning the VDFS Project for calibrating, archiving & providing access to a science archive for WFCAM data & VISTA data.

The VDUC is a committee formed by the VDFS Project and acts a channel for the scientific views of UK users of WFCAM & VISTA data. Its recommendations are provided as advice to the VDFS Project Leader, and the VDFS Management Group, in order to help guide the VDFS Project.

Specific responsibilities and arrangements are as follows, and apply both to WFCAM data & to VISTA data:

Responsibilities :

- VDUC.1. to take a scientific overview of the VDFS project, reporting to the VDFS Project Leader;
- VDUC.2. to critically examine the scientific impact of VDFS design, plans and performance;
- VDUC.3. to monitor VDFS progress in achieving the performance needed to meet its Science Requirements;
- VDUC.4. to contribute to and oversee a plan for performance verification in the commissioning phase;
- VDUC.5. to contribute to and oversee a plan for monitoring performance in the operational phase;
- VDUC.6. to support and advise the VDFS Project Management Group;
- VDUC.7. to recommend as necessary any amendments to the design, or to the Science Requirements;

Membership:

- VDUC.8. A Chairman nominated by the VDFS Project Leader in consultation with PPARC (i.e. Colin Vincent)
- VDUC.9. The WFCAM Project Scientist (Steve Warren)
- VDUC.10. A member nominated by the Chairman of the UKIDSS Consortium
- VDUC.11. The VISTA Project Scientist (Will Sutherland)
- VDUC.12. A member nominated by the VISTA Consortium Director
- VDUC.13. The Astrogrid Project Scientist (Nic Walton)
- VDUC.14. Others may attend by invitation
- VDUC.15. Members shall serve for two years
- VDUC.16. *??? (too many?) The WFCAM Food taster (TBD)*
- VDUC.17. *??? (too many?) The VISTA camera scientist (Gavin Dalton)*

Procedures:

- VDUC.16. The Committee will meet at least 3 times a year.
- VDUC.17. Members of the VDFS Management Group will be in attendance.
- VDUC.18. A list of actions with due dates and person responsible shall be circulated to members within 1 week of the completion of each meeting, and copied to the VDFS Project Leader.