



**Workshop on
How to Publish Data in the VO
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**Feedback on
Metadata session**

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Goals of the session

- Assigning metadata
 - UCDs
 - Units
 - Registry
 - Characterization
- Use of metadata in tools
 - UCDs
 - Units
 - Utypes

UCDs

- Use on-line tools: no install/config issues
 - browser
 - Web Start startup of TopCat
- Small issue with PERL SOAP libraries / Mac
- Most participants did quite well with UCDs
- Need for 'real' VOTable editor
 - <COOSYS> for FK5/J2000 description
 - Complex descriptions:
 - <GROUP><FIELD ucd='...'/>
 - <PARAM ucd='...' / value='... '>
 - </GROUP>

Units, Registry

- On-line tools and documentation
 - easy to use
 - no troubles on this aspect

Characterization

- PROs:
 - Oral presentation of the characterization DM
 - Example use of CAMEA on the provided image
- CONs:
 - instructions not detailed enough
 - fuzzy scope of applying a characterization
- Need for a generalized mapping tool
- Need for practical tools using charac metadata

Use in tools

- The funny part
- Demo of usage in Aladin
- Participants tried their work:
 - CSV file with added metadata -> VOTable
 - eager to see their images' footprints with the publishing toolkits!