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Setting up of SCHED re-factoring forum

One of the tasks in work package 8 is titled "Re-factoring of legacy scheduling software". Its aim is to re-factor SCHED, a program that was written, in FORTRAN, in the early eighties, providing a common, generalised user interface for scheduling VLBI observations. While quite essential for the operations of several VLBI networks, it is not formally supported by any institute, and requires specialised knowledge for maintenance. The re-factoring should lead to a modernised version of the program, far easier to maintain, modify and adapt to the needs of future astronomical instruments.

As a first step towards defining the scope of this work and finding out what users would like and developers think is feasible, a SCHED re-factoring forum has been established. The forum members (active developers and demanding users) will be asked to participate in a number of telecons and to provide input and comments by email on specific issues.

The following persons will constitute the forum:

- Huib Jan van Langevelde - JIVE
- Bob Campbell - JIVE
- Des Small - JIVE
- Mark Kettenis - JIVE
- Arpad Szomoru - JIVE
- Cormac Reynolds -CSIRO
- Andreas Brunthaler - MPIfR
- Thomas Krichbaum - MPIfR
- Ivan Agudo – IAA
- Craig Walker - NRAO
- Amy Mioduszewski - NRAO
- Walter Brisken - NRAO
- Brian Glendenning - NRAO