

Reorganization of the LRC

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Why Reorganize the LRC?

- Initial goals:

To provide an organized channel for the interchange of information between the LIGO management and those who utilize the scientific opportunities afforded by LIGO

To serve as an advocacy body for the study of gravitational waves and related physics and astronomy

- The LSC is now the central organization for the scientific utilization of LIGO.
- GWIC is an organization of project leaders for discussions about and advocacy of gravitational wave science
- There is a need for an international organization of researchers and other interested individuals to support the coordinated research of the international community and to stimulate the enthusiasm of technical professionals and the lay public.

Name and Purpose

- Names considered by the Executive Committee:

The International Gravitational-Wave Research Association (IGRA).

GRAVitational-Wave International ASSociation (GRAVITAS).

- The purpose of the organization:

GRAVITAS, an international organization of individuals, will promote interest and progress in gravitational wave science through scientific meetings and information services

Activities

- Meeting organization:
 - Topical workshops
 - Tutorials sessions and meetings
 - Sessions at general meetings
 - Entire general meetings
- Information dissemination in the form of list servers, web pages and the like
 - Project contacts
 - Meeting calendars
 - Source alerts.
 - Forum or conference type software
 - Illustrative and/or explanatory material for the general public on sources and projects

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