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Gravitational Wave Agencies Correspondents (GWAC)

- The GW scientific community recommended “... a closer link between the global funding agencies, to start to coordinate medium- and long-term planning, and looking for synergy between the agency capabilities to most effectively stimulate the field.” (Dawn 1 Workshop, May 2015, Silver Spring MD.)
- NSF created an informal communication framework between funding agencies called “*Gravitational Wave Agencies Correspondents*” (GWAC). Only one condition for membership: **the participating individuals have to represent a funding agency in official capacity.**
- Current member agencies: ARC (Australia), CFI (Canada), CNRS (France), CONACYT (Mexico), DFG (Germany), INFN (Italy), NASA (US), NSF (US), STFC (UK).
- Meetings are conducted through teleconferencing to minimize costs. The first meeting was held in October 9, 2015 (teleconference).



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- What is GWAC for?
GWAC's primary purpose is to enable international co-sponsoring activities in Gravitational Wave Astrophysics.
- What type of activities? Some examples are:
 - Large scale: Developing of new GW observatories
 - Medium scale: Support of GW R&D of any kind (risk mitigation, characterization, data analysis, etc.)
 - Small scale: Training of postdocs and students. Investigator exchange programs, etc.
- Any country in the world should be able to participate, regardless of the level of funding (past, present or future).
- GWAC is a tool for the GW community. **If you have any projects that could benefit from the coordination of funding agencies let NSF and the foreign agency know about it!**

