

## Meeting of the COST-G Consortium

COST-G stands for „Combination Service for Time-Variable Gravity Fields“ and is part of the „International Gravity Field Service“ (IGFS) of the „International Association of Geodesy“ (IAG). The operational activities were developed by an international team supported by the „International Space Science Institute“ (ISSI) in Bern under the lead of the Astronomical Institute of the University of Bern (AIUB) since the foundation of COST-G in the year 2019. Aside of AIUB members, the COST-G core team comprises also members of the German Geoforschungszentrum (GFZ), Potsdam, Germany, of the Institut für Geodäsie der Technischen Universität Graz (TU Graz), Austria, of the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES), Toulouse, France, of the Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany, and of the Company „Stellar Space Studies“, Toulouse, France. Representatives of the COST-G core team and members of other associated institutions met on July 4 – 7, 2002, at ISSI in Bern with about 20 participants on site and about 20 virtually connected participants from China, in order to exchange current developments and, on occasion of the last meeting sponsored by ISSI, to coordinate the plan for the future. Just in time for the last COST-G team at ISSI an issue of the ISSI magazine Spatium entitled „Exploring the Earth's Time-Variable Gravity Field Using Satellite Observations“ was published, which should give an understanding of the work of the COST-G consortium to a broader public. The title page of this issue of Spatium shows yearly mass variations of the Earth's gravity field for six months, derived from observations of the GRACE missions. Further information may be found at

<http://www.bernese.unibe.ch/publist/2022/others/Spatium49.pdf>