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An international database for absolute gravity measurements - a continued activity of BKG and BGI

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The steadily growing number of absolute gravimeters and absolute gravity measurements all over the world emphasises the demand of an overview about existing locations, observations, instruments and institutions involved. A first goal is to collect meta-data about this information to provide a basis for future cooperation and the coordination of forthcoming measurements. Furthermore, an exchange of gravity values and processing details between contributing groups should be possible. For both purposes, a relational database was designed and implemented and has reached the operational status now. Prospectively, the database will contribute to the realisation of an international gravity reference and serve as a basis for geophysical interpretation of absolute gravity on a global scale.