Minutes from GrEAT Network kick-off telecon (9 March 2018)

The GrEAT Network with China is an STFC training network to build links between UK-China based on gravitational wave research.

Looking at documents in repository:
https://owncloud.gla.ac.uk/cloud/s/8bOBJIPuLrp1GTg

application_costings/proposal_pieces/case_for_support_v4.docx

Going through Work Packages:
WP1: industry
WP2: outreach
WP3: Data analysis
WP4: Instruments WP5: Space GW WP6: Management

-Tim: when will the funding be in place?
-Siong: nominal start date is 1st of Jan but still trying to get funding in place (award letter arrived late)

GrEAT_support_form.docx
-manager: Siong and Zong-hong with WP leads; aim to have light-touch approach to assessing applications

2018/18932_01_GCRF Template collaboration Agreement_v2.docx
-ACTION (everyone): need to collect info in section 10 on contact persons for legal and technical reports
-need to have collaboration agreement in place before funding can start

Due Diligence Questionnaire.docx
-ACTION (Chinese instutitons): need to be completed by Chinese partners before end of March
-ACTION (Siong): Siong will seek template for guidance (administrators have been contacted about this query, waiting for response)

Communicating and organisation
-how often should we have telecons?
-at the beginning biweekly, then monthly.
-Baoqing: propose to have small group meetings
-Alberto: not ideal in the beginning; want to have broad discussion to allow all to participate
-Siong: Both points taken. Will adopt something in between.

Summer school/workshop timing?
-Ed: July
-Alberto: June and September
-Xilong: July and August
-Siong: shall determine later
-Alberto: so many schools we could combine our efforts; also have hand-on session (eg. boot camp style)

-Siong: what about hands-on experimental work at summer schools?
-Ed: experience with India, cheap and portable optical bench
-Tim: collect a list summer school info at website
-Siong: will do

ACTIONS (Siong):
-set up forum to get census of participants
-network computing infrastructure
-list of summer schools being planned to incorporate into this network
-list of meetings where we might be attending to see if there are enough people to have a GrEAT meeting

(have already spoken to admin about setting this up and will ensure that this is in place shortly)

AOB:
-Tim: Side meeting on international meetings (e.g. LISA meeting)?
-Siong: Funding only supoort direct link UK-China
-Tim: just discuss when many are attending the same meeting, not seek financial support
-Baoqing: what should Shandong do to get involved in GW instrumentation?
-Ed: Interested to talk. Similar in India

Call ends.