

### **ABSOLUTILC**

# An Experiment in Science Communication

ALCPG/GDE Workshop/Vancouver
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# From Science, May 26



 "Barish will need a deft touch to manage the GDE, a largely virtual collaboration that stretches around the world and is itself a bold experiment in how science is done."

 ...and ALSO a bold experiment in science communication.

# **Communication is key**



 We must succeed at a colossal job of global communication—the most challenging one our field has ever attempted.

 We have a long way to go, but we have made a good start.

### Working Group 6: 11/04 @ KEK







Hard-core Interactions lab communicators (CERN, KEK, Fermilab, SLAC) chaired by Neil Calder

# **ILC: Many audiences**



- The global ILC community
- Our own laboratories
- Regional HEP communities
- Universities and institutes
- Other fields of physics
- Other fields of science

- Funding agencies
- Policy makers and opinion leaders
- ICFA, ECFA, ACFA, HEPAP, OECD, IUPAP, JPS, EPS, APS, DPF....
- Media
- Industry
- Public
- Our neighbors
- Students and teachers
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# Many ILC communicators



- Lab directors
- University presidents, provosts, Nobel laureates...
- Chairs of organizations (ICFA, ACFA, ECFA, ILCSC, HEPAP...)
- Soon: GDE
- Funding agencies

- Regional ILC communicators
- Lab communicators
- Lobbyists
- "Outreach" committees of APS, CARE, EuroTev, LC steering groups...
- Our audiences themselves

# Many communicators



- This is good.
- Need all the help we can get.

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### But

- Coordination challenge
- Confused messages, crossed wires
- Duplication of effort, inefficient use of resources
- Lack of clear purpose

### **Strategic Communication**



- Goal
- Strategy
- Tactics

### Goal



# Build the International Linear Collider

# **Strategy**



 Use collaborative, strategic communication to build support for constructing the international linear collider for particle physics research.

(BTW, hire a dedicated ILC communicator for each region.)

# **Strategy**



- Use collaborative, strategic communication...
  - Collaborative means we plan and carry out communication together on a global scale, combining resources and coordinating regional communication efforts.
  - Strategic means we keep our eyes on the goal and put our communication resources where they will do the most good.

### **Tactics**





• Develop common ILC logo, common graphic standards



Publish weekly electronic ILC newsletter





Develop ILC Web site, build traffic



Prepare ILC talks in many languages



Cultivate partnerships with industry

### **More tactics**





 Develop common messages, try them on audiences





- Develop answers to hard questions
  - What's it for? Why now? How much? Where?



 Get communication on the agenda at ILC workshops at all levels

### **More tactics**



 Develop targeted print publications (brochures, etc.)



 Use available media (symmetry, CERN Courier, ILC Web site, lab publications, speakers' bureaus) to convey ILC message



Participate in "World Year of Physics" project

### **Electronic newsletter**





Different from Web site; comes to your mailbox



Unites far-flung ILC family



Joint European, Asian, American publication



"Voice" of the ILC; must be well done



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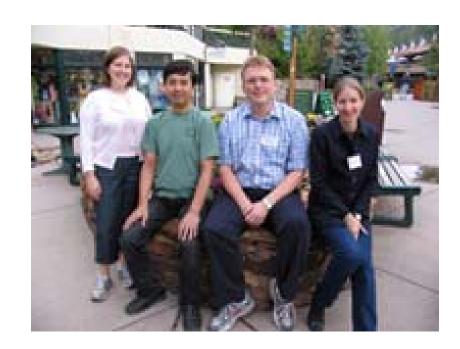


 News, announcements, features, profiles, milestones, photos, channel for GDE...

### Nine months later...



- GDE communicators at Snowmass
- First issue of ILC Newsline August 05
- ILC Website launched
- A tradition of collaboration



Elizabeth Clements, Youhei Morita Karsten Buesser, Perrine Royole-Degieux

# Dedicated(!) ILC communicators





Elizabeth Clements Perrine Royole-Degieux Barbara Warmbein

Youhei Morita

### **The Power of Communication**



Need a power outlet?

See your ILC communication team!

They'll give you what you need to get connected— and stay connected!



### **ILC Newsline**





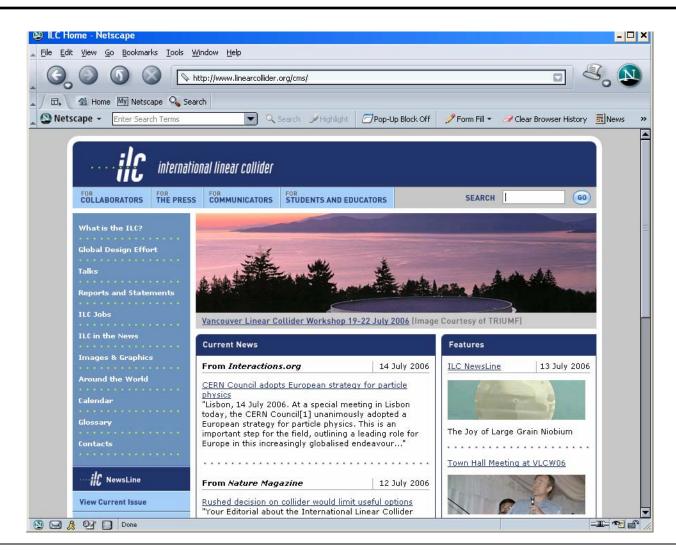
46 issues!

1,424 subscribers

Poll shows it's on the right track.

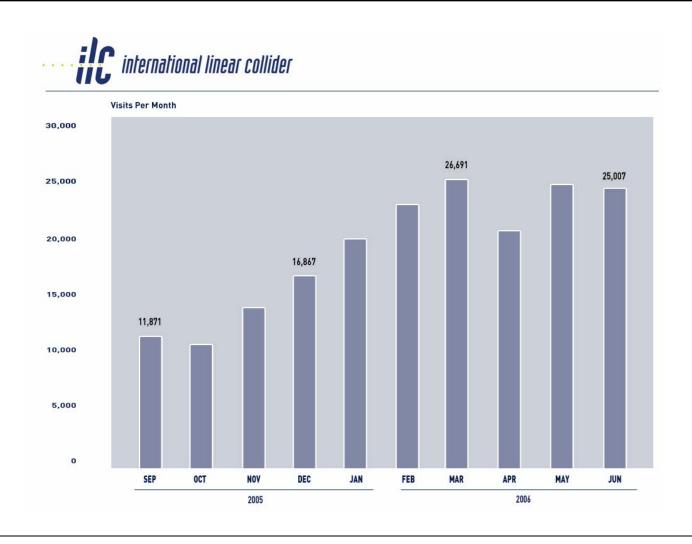
### Web site





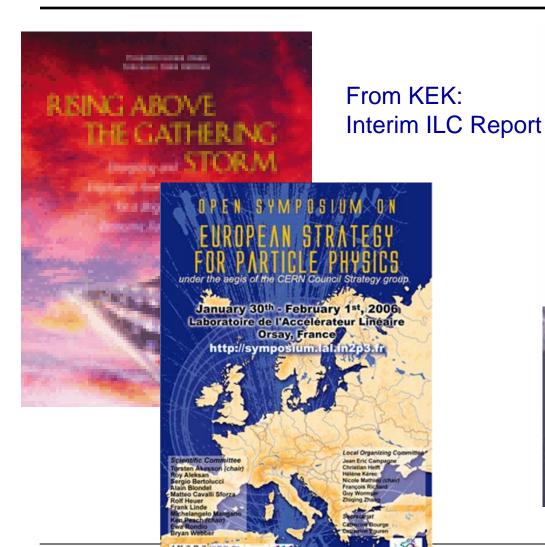
# Web visits





# What a year for particles!





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Charting the Course for Elementary Particle Physics

Committee on Elementary Particle Physics in the 21st Century

Board on Physics and Astronomy

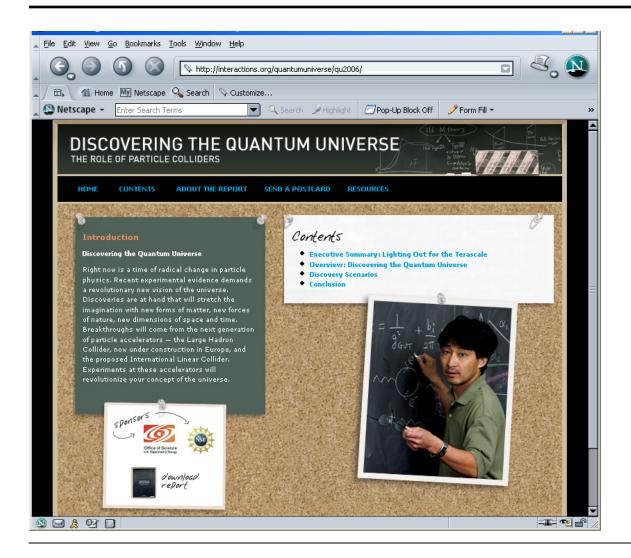
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# **R&D Caucus Briefing 8 May**







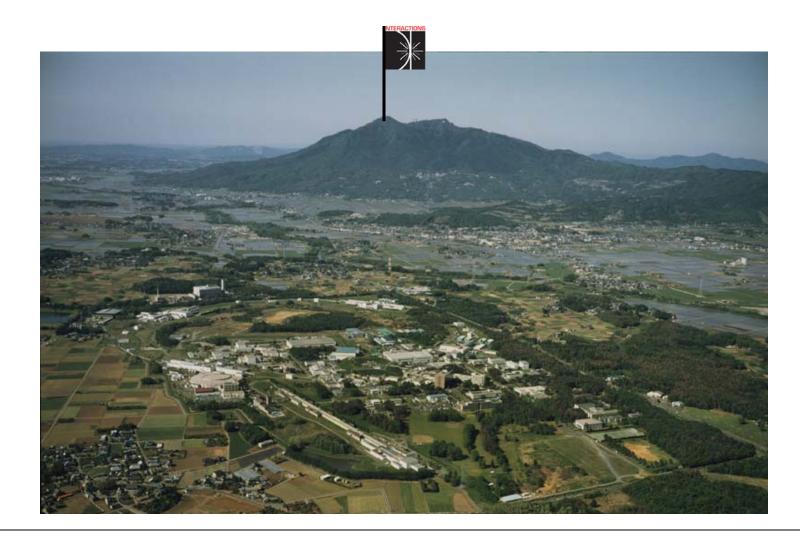
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# **ILC InterActions Mtg, 29 May**





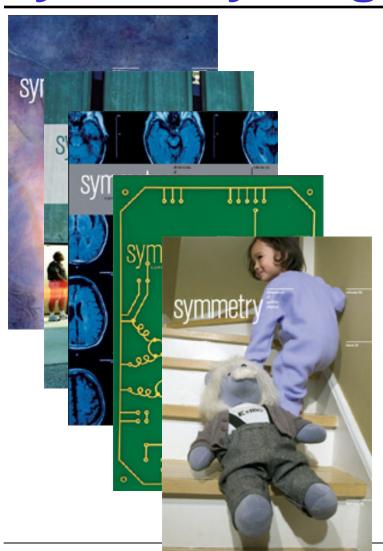
### Talks, visits, lectures....

- EPP2010 Committee
- ALCSG
- Norm Augustine
- Users' organizations
- GDE director, lab directors
- Funding agencies
- Lobbyists
- Many of you



# Symmetry magazine







After only one year of publication, US calls for doubling physics budget!

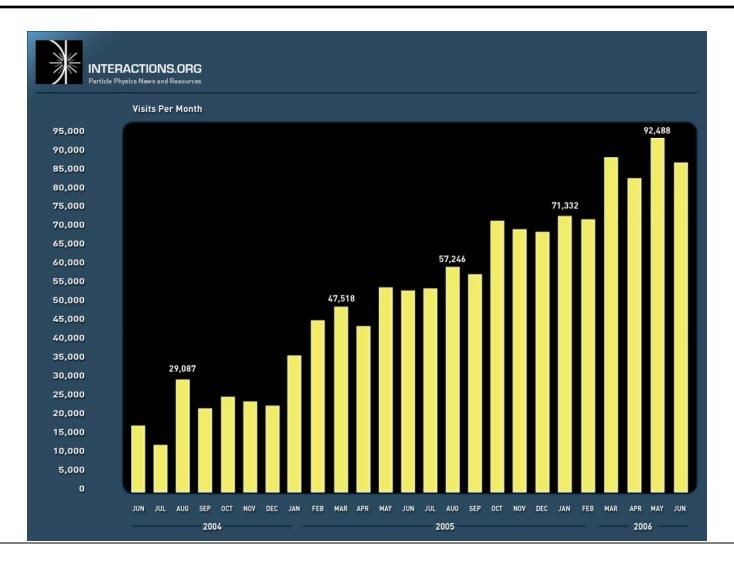
# **ILC Covers**





### **Interactions Web site**





### Science, Nature, NY Times...



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#### THE NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL/LETTERS THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2006

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#### Editorial Observer/VERLYN KLINKENBORG

#### Renewing America's Commitment to Research in High-Energy Physics

talk at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, Illinois. The subject was nature on the familiar scale, the kind embodied in the restored prairie on the Fermilab campus - some 1,200 acres of compass plant and rattlesnake master and other species. But it's impossible to visit a place like Fermilab without thinking about nature on another dimension, the subatomic one being studied in the Tevatron collider, it on the human scale. which looks from the sky like an enormous, moated ring.

In the Tevatron, subatomic particles are accelerated to extremely high speeds and crashed into each other within a detector chamber. That afternoon, I clambered through

In October 2003, I gave an evening the scaffolding around the detector chamber as scientists tried to explain to me what it all meant. To me it looked like an incomprehensible array of electronics several stories high. The detector's purpose is to capture a computerized image of the debris of each antiproton-proton collision. The particles that emerge varieties of quarks and mesons, for instance - seem at first to have nothing to do with nature as we know

> everything to do with how the universe itself was formed.

There is a basic rule about colliders. The smaller or more evanescent the particle you are trying to ob-

Building the tools that can study the universe's birth.

Studying particle collisions at ever higher and higher energies is the only way to directly investigate the conditions that prevailed during the Except, of course, that they have earliest microfractions of a second after the Big Bang. Moving further back in time - closer to the Big Bang — will mean bigger machines.

At Fermilab, many people were looking almost wistfully over the hoserve, the more energy it takes. rizon to 2007, when the Large Hadron

line. That is where the coming generation of groundbreaking experiments will take place.

The planning for the next particle accelerator after the Large Hadron Collider, some 20 miles long - has

already begun, an debate about whe cently, a National panel recommend States should mak fort to build the In Collider in this cou international cons

There's no glol globalization of sci ior experiment at

Collider outside Geneva comes on physicists and technicians from all over the world. The same will be true at the Large Hadron Collider, which is run by a 20-nation coalition. The research in Illinois has shaped the research planned for Switzerland, Collider - the International Linear and those experiments will in turn

20 miles long happens to be one version of what basic research looks like. High-energy physics is hard to explain to the public. It cannot be justified in simple, pragmatic payoffs for American consumers, or simple, pragmatic payoffs for politicians.

But the justification is simple. Do we continue to ask fundamental questions about the universe we live in, or do we not? To me, there is only one answer. The very soul of who we are as a species, at our very best, is expressed in our undying curiosity. And in many ways, the very best of who we are as Americans was expressed in the commitment we made to basic research in the 20th century. That commitment needs renewing.



Verlyn Klinkenborg

### Yesterday: ALCSG Workshop



- ~ 50 attendees
- Physicists, ILC communicators, ALCGS members, Interactions members, consultants
- Identified most critical audiences
- Clarified key messages, identified impediments
- Action items: Updated strategic communication plan, materials, talks...

### We are doing the remarkable.



- Interactions collaboration has changed the way particle physics communicates around the world
- With QU, DQU, symmetry, changed expectations of particle physics communication
- Within the GDE, an extraordinary communication team.



### Outside the box

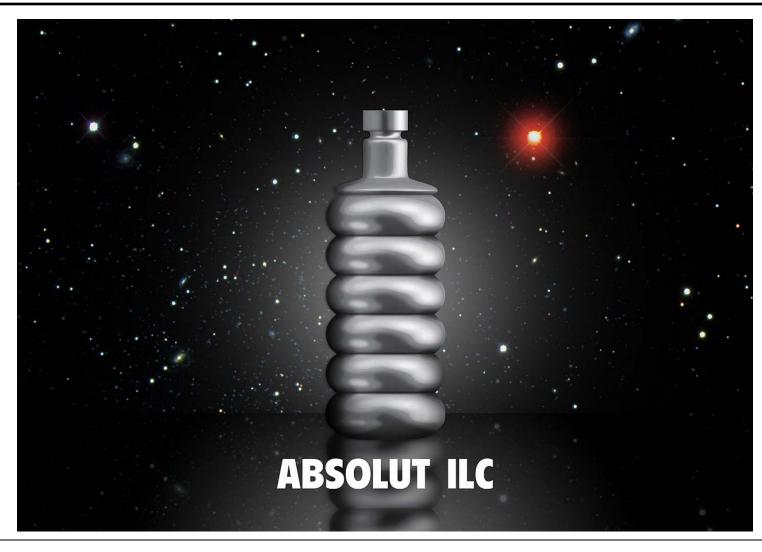




Now we have an opportunity to take communication to the next level —to do something no one has done before.

### Soon: A household word?





# Challenges



- Coordination: who does what, when, where
- Resources: never enough
- Uncharted territory
- "Lost in Translation"
- Regionalism/nationalism vs. globalism
- Will it work? (High anxiety)
- High stakes (High emotion)
- Price tag (High)

# **Opportunities**



- An amazing story to tell: scientific, political, geographical, technical, industrial, financial, sociological, linguistic, personal...The "War and Peace" of particle physics
- A tradition of collaboration
- Many talented and dedicated communicators
- Strong support for communication from the funding agencies, lab directors, GDE director

### Remember...



Science first!

 We are part of the world particle physics community. (The Terascale is big enough for all of us.)

One size may not fit all regions.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Particle Physics





A universe of dark matter and dark energy!

Extra dimensions!

Discoveries ahead will revolutionize our picture of the universe!

We get to tell the story!

### In each others' shoes







### **InterActions Mission**





"Not only to strengthen the international science of particle physics, but to set visible footprints for peaceful collaboration across all borders."