

FEATURE



The year 2014 - The real starting year of the ILC?

by Rika Takahashi

With the creation of a new ILC Planning Office this week at KEK, the Japanese high-energy physics community is taking another big step towards making the ILC a reality in Japan. It is the pre-step for forming an international organisation, which KEK Director General Atsuto Suzuki would like to establish.

AROUND THE WORLD

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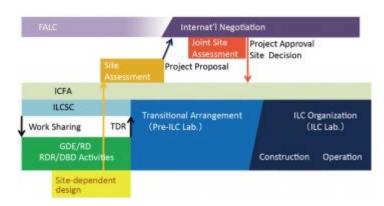
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IN THE NEWS

from *Tagesanzeiger* 6 February 2014

Physiker planen bei Genf neuen gigantischen Beschleuniger

Der Ring der Ringe, 100 Kilometer lang und Kosten im zweistelligen Milliardenbereich: Ein neuer Beschleunigerring soll viermal so gross wie der jetztige werden. Und was wird damit angestrebt?

from *Tanko Dairy* 5 February 2014

広報スタッフが視察 周知へアイデア示す

一行は水沢VLBI観測所敷地内の奥州宇宙遊学館で、地元のILC誘致関係者らと懇談。国際会議やシンポジウムを北上山地周辺で開催し、研究者らに候補地周辺の様子を直接見てもらう機会にできるといったアイデアも示された。(LC communicators met and discussed with local officials who are working on ILC promotion activities at the science museum located in the Mizusawa VLBI Observatory. They proposed several ideas such as having international conferences or symposiums at Kltakami area to provide the opportunity to see how it would be to live in this area)

from Kahoku Shinpo

4 February 2014

ILC広報担当が現地視察 北上山地の魅力発信へ

ILCの建設実現に向け、コミュニケーターの3人が3日、北上山地を視察した。今後、広報誌やインターネットなどを通じ北上山地の現状、魅力を世界に発信する。(LC Communicators visited Kitakami mountain, the candidate construction site for the ILC on 3 February. They are planing to report their visit on the web publication)

from Iwate Nippo

4 February 2014

ILC実現へ知事が11月めどに渡仏 欧州に理解訴え

達増知事は11月をめどに、フランスを訪問する方針を固めた。東日本大震災からの復興支援への感謝を伝えるとともに、ILC の北上山地建設実現に向けた取り組みを欧州各国に理解してもらうことなどが狙い。(Iwate Prefecture's governor, Tatsuya Tasso announced his plan to visit European countries to express his appreciation for the help for the major earthquake in March 2011, and also to foster the understanding on the activity to invite the ILC to Kitakami mountain)

from Iwanichi online

4 February 2014

生活上優れた環境 ILC候補地視察の女性3人

現地を訪れたLCコミュニケーターは、外国人研究者らが生活する上で優れた環境と評価。(LC Communicators visiting the candidate construction site in Iwate prefecture, recognised the area suitable for the living for the foreign researchers.)

from Iwate Nippo

4 February 2014

ILC広報組織が一関視察 商品の英語表記要請

ILCの広報活動を展開する「LCコミュニケーター」の3人は3日、一関市を訪れ、建設候補地の北上山地(北上高地)や地元のショッピングセンターを視察した (LC Communicators came to Ichinoseki city and visited the candidate construction sites, and local shopping centre.)

from Iwate Nippo

4 February 2014

渡米の知事、ILC誘致活動紹介南加県人会に協力要請

訪米中の達増知事は2日(現地時間)、南カリフォルニア在住の本県関係者でつくる南加県人会(馬場信之会長)との交流行事に出席。国際リニアコライダー(ILC)の本県誘致に向けた取り組みを紹介し、協力を呼び掛けた。(Iwate prefecture's governor, Takuya Tasso met the association of people from Iwate prefecture in South Californaia, US, introducing the activity to invite the ILC to Iwate, and asked for the cooperation.)

from Asahi Slmbun

4 February 2014

加速器の広報担当者、一関の候補地を視察

一関市大東町大原の北上山地の一角にある建設候補地を県の担当者らの案内で視察。夕方には一関市中心部近くの大型スーパーに立ち寄り、買い物など日常生活の状況を見た。(LC Communicators visited the candidate construction site in Ichinoseki city with the officials from Iwate prefecture. They visited the local supermarket, and checked out how the life would be in the area)

from NTV

3 February 2014

国際リニアコライダー建設候補地を視察

コミュニケーターの3人が、トンネルの建設予定地周辺を視察して歩いた。3人は、一関市内の視察の途中車窓から看板や上り旗でILCの文字を度々目にし、地元でのILC誘致に向けての機運の高さを感じたという。(Three LC Communicators visited the ILC candidate sites in Kitakami area. They saw many of signs or banners from the car window, and felt the enthusiasm for the ILC in the area)

from Iwate Nippo

31 January 2014

岩手県が「科学ILC推進室」設置 国内外へのアピール加速

岩手県は新年度、庁内に「科学 I L C 推進室」を新設する。専任組織の設置により県の姿勢を対外的にアピールし、国への働き掛けや科学技術の振興などを進める。(Iwate prefecture is setting up the new office "Science – ILC promotion office" starting from fiscal year 2014. The office will be in charge of making a public appeal on the prefecture's activities towards the invitation of the ILC, and work on the government for further development of the project and promotion of the science)

CALENDAR

Upcoming events

CLIC Workshop 2014

CERN

03- 07 February 2014

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Workshop on top physics at the Linear Collider

A small workshop on top physics at the Linear Collider will be held on 5-6 March 2014 at LPNHE in Paris. Interested colleagues are invited to participate to this workshop.

Workshop on Top physics at the LC

LPNHE, Paris 05- 06 March 2014

CALICE collaboration meeting

Argonne, Chicago, IL 19- 21 March 2014

Upcoming schools

Joint Universities Accelerator School (JUAS)

Archamps, France 06 January- 14 March 2014

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The price of being SM-like in SUSY

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Coherent noise source identification in multi channel analysis

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Associated Production of Higgs at Linear Collider in the Inert Higgs Doublet Model

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Search for supersymmetric baryons near production threshold in terms of the superflavor symmetry

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Higgs Physics at future Linear Colliders – A Case for precise Vertexing

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Planning the Future of U.S. Particle Physics (Snowmass 2013): Chapter 6: Accelerator Capabilities

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Planning the Future of U.S. Particle Physics (Snowmass 2013): Chapter 3: Energy Frontier

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Higgs-dilaton(radion) system confronting the LHC Higgs data

Requests for giving a talk should be addressed to the programme committee (Keisuke Fuji (KEK), Wolfgang Hollik (MPP Muenchen), Didier Lacour (LPNHE Paris) and Marcel Vos (IFIC Valencia)).

Visit workshop website

The organising committee (Roman Poeschl, Emi Kou,
 Francois LeDiberder, Francois Richard, Dirk Zerwas, Keisuke
 Fuji, Wolfgang Hollik, Didier Lacour and Marcel Vos)

ALCW14: registration is open

The "Americas Workshop on Linear Colliders" (AWLC14) to be held at Fermilab from 12 to 16 May. The Americas Workshop on Linear Colliders 2014 is the next in the series of regional linear collider workshops with international participation held around the world. The purpose of the workshop is the continued development of the physics case and advancing detector and accelerator designs for a high-energy linear electron-positron collider. This meeting will particularly address the developments for the ILC. The workshop will consist of plenary and parallel sessions as well as meetings of the collaborations involved in the development of linear colliders. You can find more information and registration details at the workshop web site. The deadline for early registration is 4 May.

International Workshop on Future Linear Colliders 2014 in October

The 2014 International Workshop on Future Linear Colliders (LCWS14) will be held from 6-10 October 2014 by the Vinca Institute of Nuclear Sciences, Belgrade, Serbia.

The workshop will be devoted to the study of the physics cases for future high energy linear electron-positron colliders, taking into account the recent results from LHC, and to review the progress in the detector and accelerator designs for both the ILC and CLIC projects.



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KEK's Director General, Atsuto Suzuki talks about his plan with new Planning Office.

Close to the end of the year 2013, we had encouraging news for the ILC. On 24 December, the Japanese cabinet released the government budget decision for fiscal year 2014 – which includes an official budget for the International Linear Collider. The amount of the budget is 50 million yen, about half a million US dollars, which might not seem a lot at first glance. However, this budget is highly significant in a symbolical way towards the realisation of the ILC, since this budget represents a qualitative change in the status of the ILC in the Japanese government. It means that the ILC is now recognised as a formal project.

This budget will be used by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) to investigate and analyse the requirements and issues for the realisation of the ILC, and for collecting objective data which serves as the basis for the future governmental decision.

Along with this development at the government level, the Japanese research community is also taking a next step. On 6 February, KEK announced the creation of an office responsible for the ILC project, the ILC Planning Office. The office will be headed by Atsuto Suzuki, Director General of KEK.

KEK has been playing a leading role in research and development efforts for the ILC. "With the national budget officially allocated, the ILC project now needs the driving force to bring forward the project. The new office, the Planning Office for the International Linear Collider, will coordinate and integrate efforts on planning, scheduling, and managing research activities. It will also take care of internal and external cooperation and coordination as well as handling discuss the desirable way to organize future international laboratory, or the way to manage it, the research

activities already going on," said Suzuki.

The new office is just a section in the KEK organisation, but this is merely a starting point. "I am planning to expand this office to a pan-Japan organisation with a participation of all the researchers and engineers in Japan, and ultimately, make it into an international ILC pre-laboratory," he said.

Suzuki aims to deepen the industry-academia collaboration, which is currently carried out through the cooperation with the Advanced Accelerator Association Promoting Science and Technology (AAA). "We will have a new facility in KEK towards the industrialisation of the superconducting cavities. The new office is also in charge of the industry-academia collaboration," said Suzuki.

In addition, the expert panel established under MEXT started their discussions on the issues pointed out by Science Council of Japan last summer, such as scrutinising the cost evaluation or calculating the number of scientists and engineers needed to build the accelerator and facility, or how to distribute the cost internationally.

"With all these developments, I think we can say that the year 2014 will be a real starting year for the ILC as a project," says Suzuki. They will work on the detailed accelerator design, and issues to manage the international laboratory if it is built in Japan.

Suzuki says, "We will do our best to appeals to relevant counterpart such as OECD to make the ILC project endorsed as an international project under the aegis of an appropriate international organisation like OECD or UNESCO, to solidify the foundation for the government to start the international negotiations as soon as possible."

February has traditionally been a memorial month for the ILC project. The release ceremony of the Reference Design Report took place in February 2007, and the new organisation for the realisation of the project, the Linear Collider Collaboration, was also established in February in 2013. This new office in KEK may well become another memorial event for "ILC February."

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Announcement

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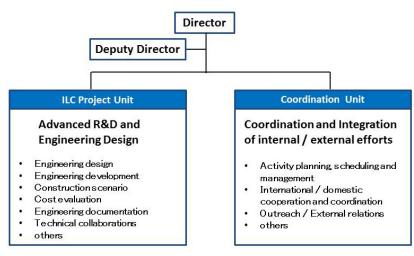
High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (KEK)

Tsukuba, 6 January 2014. KEK, High Energy Accelerator Research Organization, Japan, has set up the Planning Office for the International Linear Collider (ILC), a proposed next-generation electron-positron collider. The office will be headed by Atsuto Suzuki, Director General of KEK.

KEK has been engaged in the global effort on research and development of accelerator and detector technologies for the ILC. This effort at KEK has been coordinated by the Linear Collider Project Office under the department of advanced accelerator technologies.

The new office at KEK will consist of two units: "the ILC Project Unit" and "the Coordination Unit", and will oversight a broad range of activities required for realization of the ILC, in addition to the ongoing efforts.

The functionality of the LC Project Office will be integrated into the Planning Office for the ILC in steps, and KEK hopes that it serves as a precursor for an international planning organization for the ILC, as incrementally joined by scientists in Japan and from abroad.



Background Information:

The International Linear Collider is a proposed next-generation particle collider which will complement the Large Hadron Collider LHC at CERN. It is expected to ultimately lead the scientists to an understanding of the deepest secrets of the universe. The ILC will enable precision studies on the underlying physics of the Higgs boson, the particle responsible for the creation of mass in nature that was discovered at the LHC in 2012.

In June 2013, the GDE (the Global Design Effort), a team of international particle physicists, published the Technical Design Report (TDR). The TDR contains all the elements needed to propose the ILC to interested governments, including a technical design and a project implementation plan, that are realistic and have been optimized for performance, cost and risk. The report was signed by 2,400 scientists from around the world.

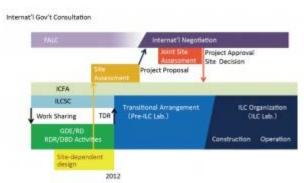
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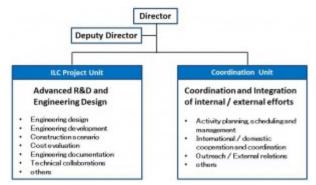


Possible roadmap towards the realisation of the ILC

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and will oversee a broad range of activities required for the realisation of the ILC, in addition to the R&D efforts that are already going on. The functionality of the current "LC Project Office", of which I am in charge, is to be integrated into the ILC project unit of the Planning Office this year. I am pleased that our activities may receive a boost to prepare for the ILC to be realised. The main efforts will be to extend Asian cooperation as well as global cooperation. I would like to thank in advance the Asian and global collaborators to encourage us to work together.



Organisation chart of the newly established Planning Office for the ILC

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Banner outside the Shinkansen station in Oshu city. Image: ILC



Advertising column outside Ichinoseki station. Image: ILC



ILC mini-banner at Kawasaki Roadside Station. Image: ILC

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