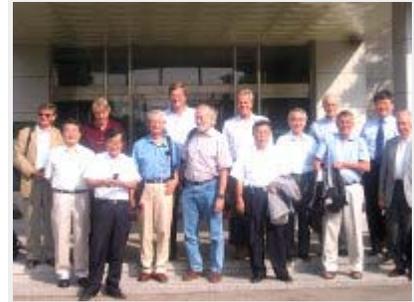


Five years of cool

20 August 2009

Do you remember where you were and what you did exactly five years ago today? People who were working on the ILC then will almost certainly be able to tell you their story of 20 August 2004 – after all it was the day that set the course for the future of the project. During the ICHEP conference in Beijing, the International Committee for Future Accelerators ICFA announced its conclusion that the ILC should be built with 'cold' superconducting rather than 'warm' X-band radiofrequency technology, following the carefully made selection by the International Technology Recommendation Panel or ITRP. Symmetry magazine – itself still in its infancy then – published two gripping stories on the decision making process ([The road to Beijing](#)) and on the cold technology ([Sold on cold](#)) that make a fascinating anniversary read. Less fascinating but also interesting: the [press release](#) ICFA sent out on the day. Do you want to share your 20 August story? Please send it to communicators@linearcollider.org.



From the chairman's archives: an unofficial group picture of the ITRP experts during one of their meetings.

