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# Outline

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- LCWS Belgrade
- December Tokyo meetings
- January visit to DESY by Nomura
- January meetings in Iwate/Miyagi
- January meetings in Tokyo
- Summary & Future



# LCWS Belgrade

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- Excellent political outreach!



- Serbian President Tomislav Nikolic opens the meeting



# LCWS Belgrade

- Productive and very well organised meeting



- Some detailed discussions on physics case & staging scenarios



# Tokyo December meetings

- Disrupted by the snap election called by Prime Minister Abe. A meeting between LCC Directorate and Diet Members Federation was cancelled.
- Lyn Evans continued with the visit as he was scheduled to talk at the AAA.
- Deputy MEXT Minister Tsuchiya opened the meeting – “There is momentum towards realising the ILC in Japan.”





# Nomura Visit (from NW)

## Nomura Research Institute (NRI) & KEK

Wed, 14 January 2015, 12:00-16:00

DESY, Notkestrasse 85, 22607 Hamburg

Meeting room 02.331, NRIBuilding 1c

### Participants:

NRI / KEK	DESY
Michio KITAMURA, Deputy General Manager (NRI)	Joachim Mnich, Director of Research (Particle and Astroparticle Physics)
Satoshi MIHARA, Professor, Institute of Particle and Nuclear Studies (KEK)	Ties Behnke and Eckhard Elsen (Particle Physics)
Susumu KAMADA, Emeritus Professor (KEK)	Nick Walker (Accelerator)
Tomohiko TANABE, Project Assistant Professor, International Center for Elementary Particle Physics (University of Tokyo)	Hans Weise, Coordinator of the European XFEL Accelerator and DESY Project Leader European XFEL

12:00 – 12:30	Arrival; Welcome & Snacks
12:30 – 12:50	Meeting / Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Goals of visit (M Kitamura) 15'</li> <li>– Introduction to DESY (J Mnich) 5'</li> </ul>
12:50 – 15:00	Topical presentations / discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– European XFEL (H Weise) 20'</li> <li>– HEP interest in ILC (T Behnke) 5'</li> <li>– DESY expertise for ILC (N Walker) 5'</li> <li>– Benefits from large research projects (HERA, TESLA, XFEL) (E Elsen) 10'</li> </ul>
15:00 – 16:00	Site visits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– XFEL tour (tunnel and/or AMTF)</li> </ul>



# January visit

- Began with arrival in Ichinoseki – bus to Kesennuma.





# Iwate visit

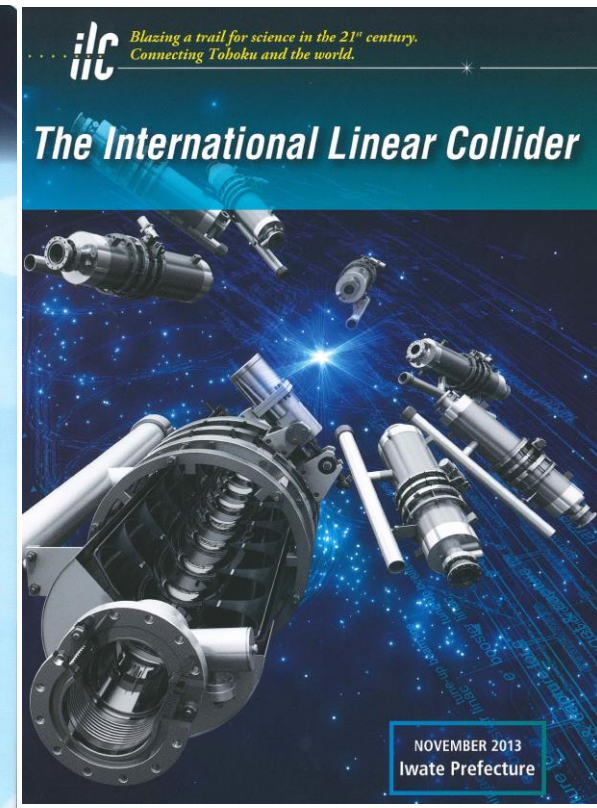
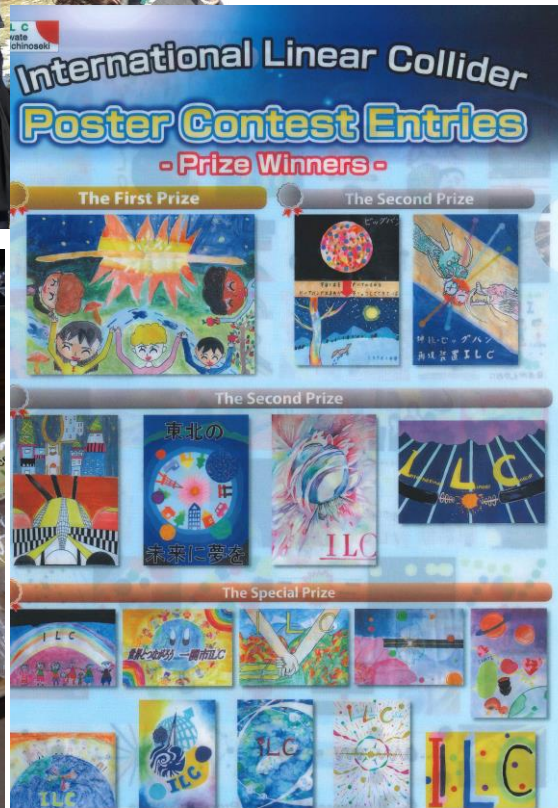
- Kesennuma port.







# Kesennuma -> Ichinoseki



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# Press conference & Dinner in Ichinoseki





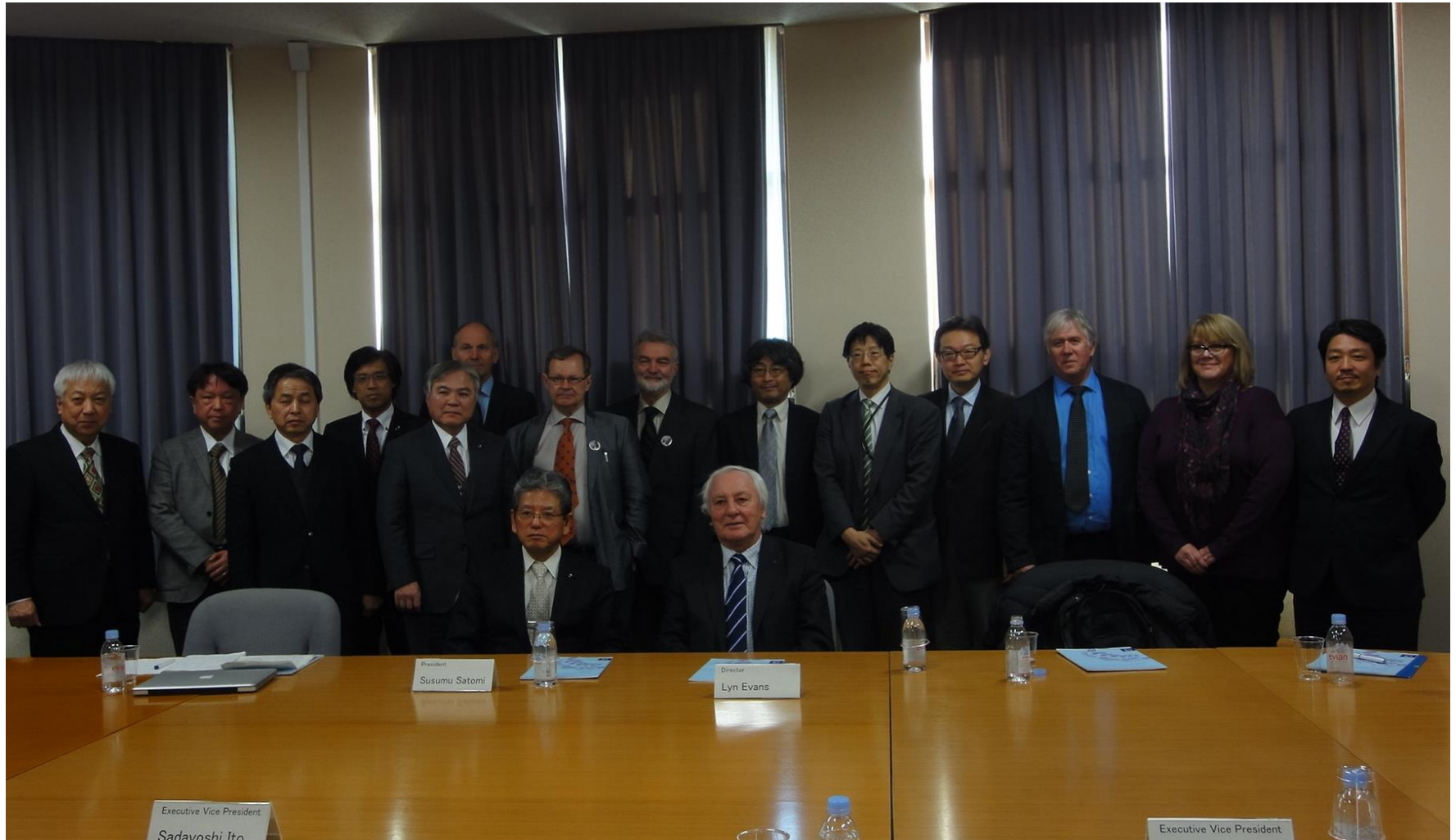
# Dinner in Ichinoseki





# Meetings in Sendai

- President and Vice-presidents of Tohoku University.





# Meetings in Sendai

- Press conference.





# Meetings in Sendai

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- Tohoku University Council for Promotion of ILC.

ILC accelerator report - Mike Harrison

Reports from Tohoku U.

Overview - Hitoshi Yamamoto

Geological survey - Tomoyuki Sanuki

Ground vibration study - Masakazu Yoshioka

Transportation study - Tomoyuki Sanuki

Town planning study - Satoru Masuda, Tokiko Onuki



# Meetings in Sendai

- Vice Mayor of Sendai





# Meetings in Sendai

- Governor of Miyagi Prefecture (Murai san)







# Sendai meetings (continued)

- Chair & council of Tohoku Economic Federation.



- Town Planning working group.



- One page from a 6-page summary.

## Summary of ILC Promotion Activities

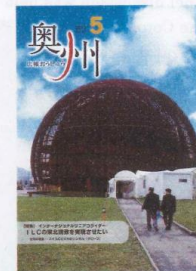
Oshu City ILC Promotion Division (As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014)

### 1 Sharing ILC news through Oshu City Official Magazine "Oshu"

The first ILC-related article published in "Oshu" was written in May 2009, about the first lecture to be held in Oshu about the ILC. Since then, "Oshu" has continued to inform the public of upcoming lectures.

After publishing a four page special feature on the ILC in February 2012, "Oshu" started a bimonthly article called "Kibo no Hikari" (Ray of Hope) covering the most recent ILC-related news and city initiatives. The next April, in 2013, "Kibo no Hikari" expanded from a bimonthly to a monthly feature.

"Kibo no Hikari" has featured a summary of ILC plans and a dialogue between the Oshu City Mayor and Atsuto Suzuki, the Director General of KEK. Sometimes there are special features about topics such as Iwate Prefecture ILC Promotion Association's visit to CERN in the May 2013 issue, and ILC Site Evaluation Committee's decision to select the Kitakami site in the September issue.



Oshu City Magazine "Oshu"

### 2 Informing the public through a special ILC website, Facebook and Twitter accounts



Oshu City Magazine "Oshu"

On April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Oshu City started the Oshu International Linear Collider Website to help citizens better understand the ILC and to inform researchers within Japan and overseas about Oshu City's ILC-related efforts, as well as about the city itself. The site provides information in English and Japanese including an introduction of Oshu City and an ongoing series of videos called "Oshu for You" with foreign residents showing various fun and interesting aspects of Oshu City. Oshu City continues to cover ILC-related news on its official

Facebook and Twitter accounts, and the ILC Promotion Division has recently started an English language Facebook account.

### 3 Activities of the Oshu City ILC Promotion Association

The Oshu City ILC Promotion Association was formed on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to support the efforts of various groups and organizations to bring the ILC to Tohoku, and to build local enthusiasm by sharing information about ILC plans. After the Association's general meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the mayor and two other participants gave a presentation about their experiences during the observation visit to CERN.

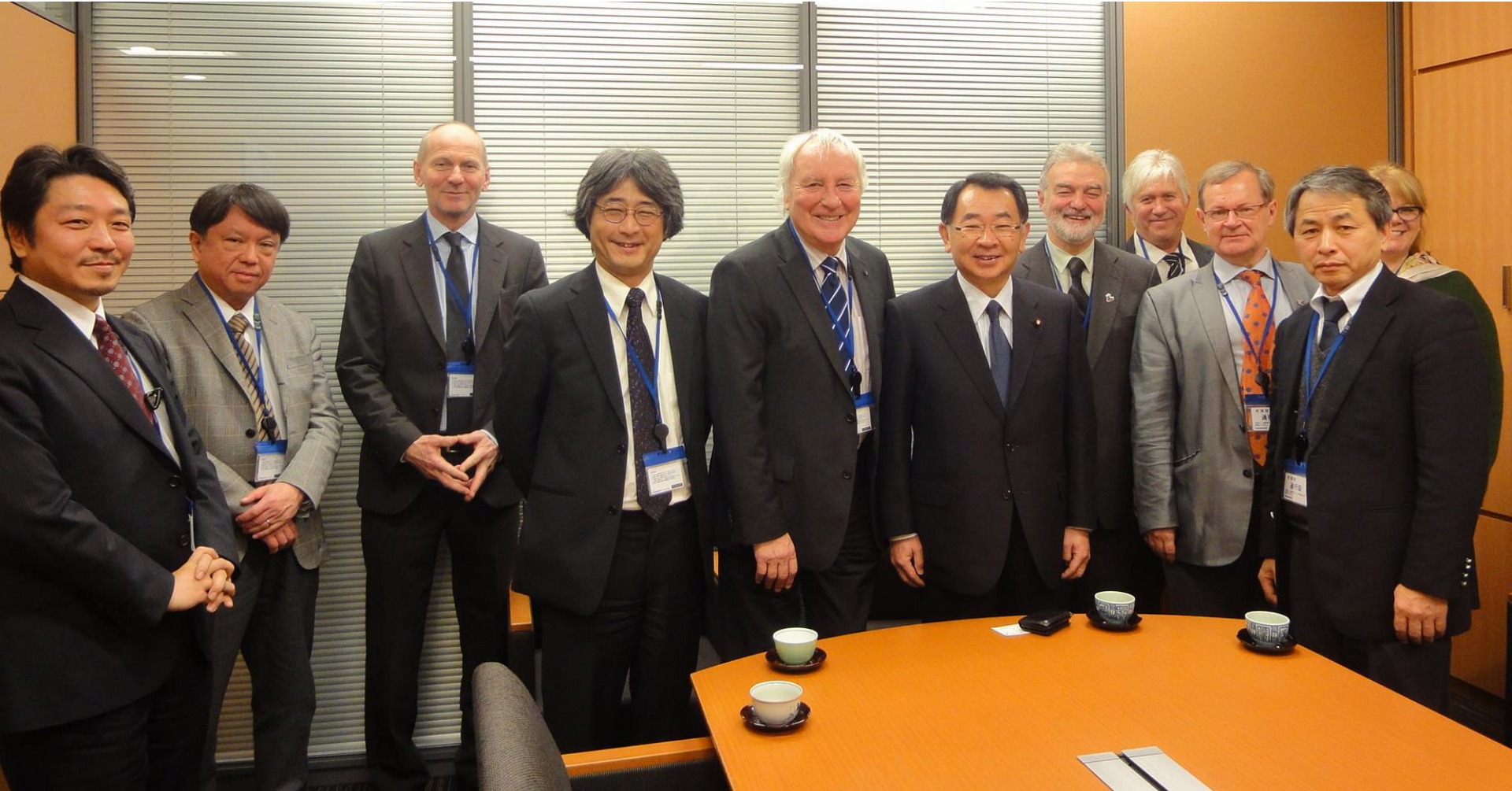


Even though membership in this association is limited to organizations and groups within the city, the number of participating groups has grown from 38 groups at inception to 59 groups as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.



# Tokyo meetings

- Shionoya-san, Secretary-General of the Diet Members Federation for the ILC





# Tokyo meetings

- Kawamura-san, son of the Chair of the Diet Federation and his “ideas man”





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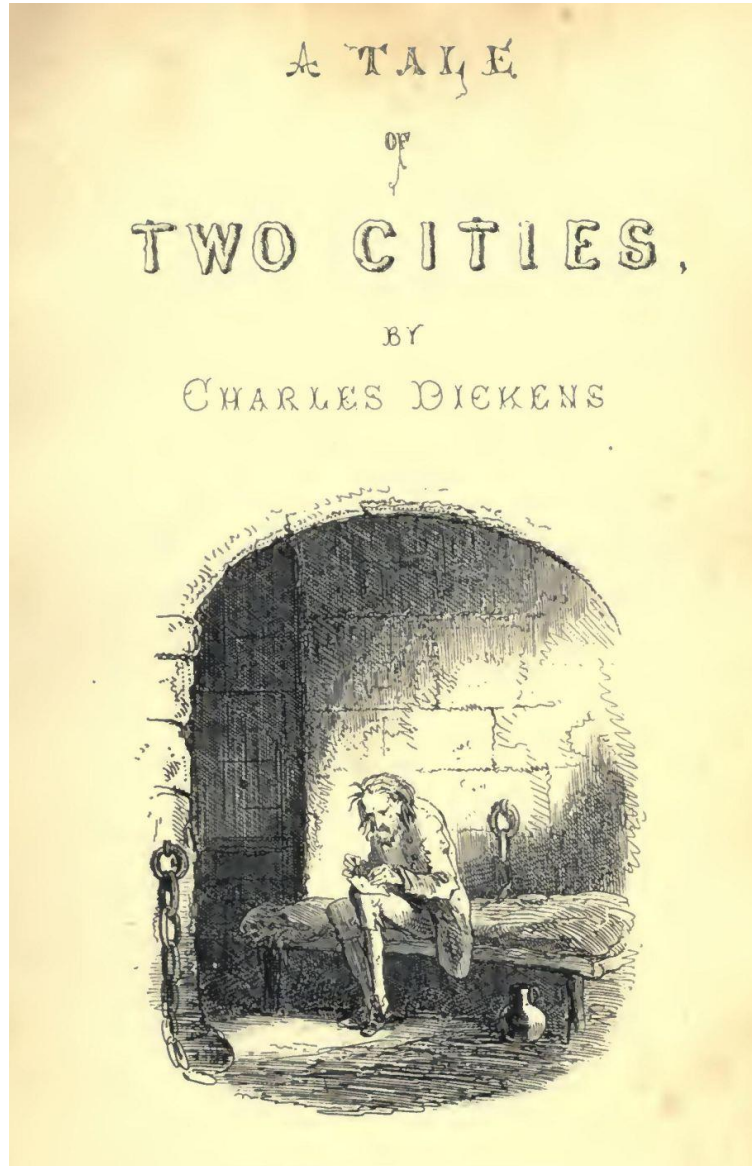
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- Shimazaki-san, responsible for the ILC within MEXT
- Shimozaki told us about all the things he couldn't do. It took about 1 hour.
- I think it is fair to summarise that the positiveness of these meetings decreased by a non-linear function through the day.



# Summary

- Sendai



- Tokyo



# Summary & Future

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- Dickens: “It was the best of times; it was the worst of times...”
- There is an enormous amount of work and enthusiasm in the northern regions and in many politicians – governors and Diet members.
- In MEXT, at the lower levels, there is a debilitating caution and negativity.
- Apparently there will be some sort of interim report from the MEXT working groups at the end of April. This will be a crucial indication of where we are going.
- A Diet members visit to the USA is being planned, possibly also for April. In the meantime there is as yet no agreement to fund ILC work from DoE, despite their assurances they want to

do it.



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- As regards Europe, MEXT has no idea what to do. Robert-Jan Smits must leave his current position by the summer. The CERN DG has received a letter from MEXT requesting a further meeting. There will be a meeting of several of us at CERN next month to discuss the way forward.
- One possibility is to host a Diet members visit in 1 or more European states. The work this will require is daunting – and which one(s)? I will make enquiries in UK next month.
- Last words to Dickens:

"Hope to the last!" said Newman, clapping him on the back.  
"Always hope; that's dear boy. Never leave off hoping; it don't answer. Do you mind me, Nick? it don't answer. Don't leave a stone unturned. It's always something, to know you've done the most you could. But, don't leave off hoping, or it's of no use doing anything.  
Hope, hope, to the last!" – Dickens, "Nicholas Nickelby"