

Particle physics, like most sciences, is a truly international enterprise. Two specific stories in this issue of *symmetry* highlight its global nature. A story about the development of detectors for the proposed International Linear Collider shows that ongoing research can't even be isolated into geographic compartments but is done by overlapping, international collaborations that find a home in the collective scientific enterprise, rather than any country or region. This issue's deconstruction shows how much a representative selection of physicists travel the world to do their jobs and sustain the face-to-face interactions that play an important role in collaborative progress. Our readership is just as diverse and their letters reflect the international extent of particle physics.

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## KEK's activities

On page 18 of the June/July issue in the story "No Little Plans", you state "With California's SLAC, Japan's KEK and Germany's DESY laboratories making the transition from particle physics to light-source-based research..."

I think this is a very misleading statement. Although KEK does have a light source facility, the KEK *B* factory is still running with record breaking luminosity, and fixed-target experiments and a long-baseline neutrino-oscillation experiment are expected to start in 2008 at J-PARC, a joint project with JAERI with its 50 GeV high intensity proton beam. KEK will continue to strive in particle physics for some time.

**Youhei Morita, KEK, Japan**

**Editor's note:** *The implication that KEK is changing focus was unintended and we regret the misrepresentation.*

## African particle physics

I am a science student from Nigeria and would like to commend Fermilab/SLAC for relentless effort in keeping thousands around the world acquainted with the latest developments in the world of particle physics.

As an avid reader of this magazine, my favorite column is the "voices" which featured Einstein's *annus mirabilis* and women in physics in volume 2, issues 1 and 3, respectively.

I will be glad if the magazine can include Africa in its reports on particle physics.

**Ayodele Adebayo, Ibadan, Nigeria**

## Remote readers

I am lecturer in physics in a remote area of Pakistan where Internet facilities are hardly found. Fortunately, once I was browsing the Web to find out physics material when I came across your site. I subscribed and received your first magazine. I found it good for me and also for my students covering the area of physics that I like most. Besides, I became aware of the World Year of Physics 2005; otherwise I would have missed the historical year which will never come in my life again. Thanks.

**Ram C Reguel  
Government College, Mithi, Pakistan**

## Correction

Due to a production error and mislabeling of an original photograph, an image was reversed and an incorrect caption printed in the gallery of early linac photos on page 31 of the August issue of *symmetry*. The updated image and caption can be seen online.

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