

The CERN Communication Group

James Gillies, 11 June 2007



CERN's Communication Group

Vision:

To increase awareness of and foster support for CERN and its activities; to promote the interaction of science with society in Europe.

Mandate:

Working with a number of key target audiences, to generate public engagement in science, to produce and distribute information, to foster community building and to build support for CERN and its missions. The key audiences are:

The general public – to foster engagement with scientific issues

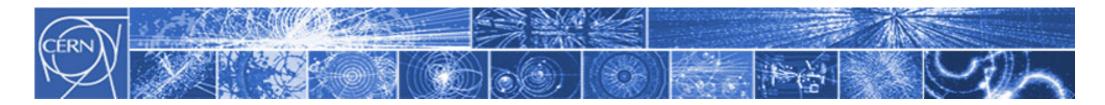
The physics community – to provide information about CERN's activities

S&T decision makers – to promote CERN's activities

Industry – to encourage partnerships

The CERN community – to provide information and build motivation

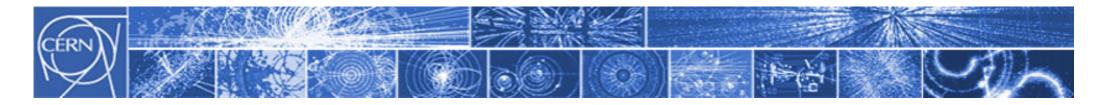
Schools – to provide information and to complement the Education group's activities through visit, exhibitions and multimedia products.



CERN's Communication Group

Messages:

- CERN is the world's leading centre for fundamental research, seeking answers to questions about the Universe.
- CERN brings nations together. Over 8000 scientists of more than 100 nationalities work here.
- CERN advances the frontiers of technology and engineering.
- CERN trains the young scientists and engineers who will be the experts of tomorrow.



Press Office

300-400 journalists/yr.

Press, radio, TV, Interviews - Documentaries

http:/www.cern.ch/Press/





Travelling Exhibition

150,000 visitors / yr.

2-3 venues per year in European cities
Off the road for refurbishment

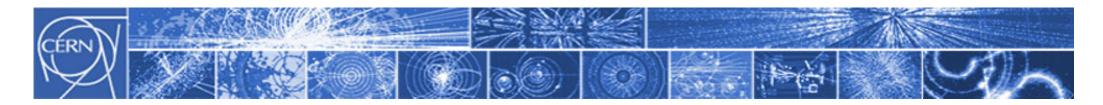
Public Web Pages

250,000 visitors/month 2250 pages of content

Guided CERN Tour for non-scientists, news, educational resources for teachers, ask an expert...

http://www.cern.ch





Guided Tours

Normal: 25,000 visitors/yr. Open day 2004: 32,000 visitors/day

Reception + Organization of Visits + Guides

http://www.cern.ch/visits

MICROCOSM > CERN's interactive science centre

Microcosm

30,000 visitors / yr.

Permanent exhibition on CERN's research and technology. Objects for loan.

http://www.cern.ch/microcosm

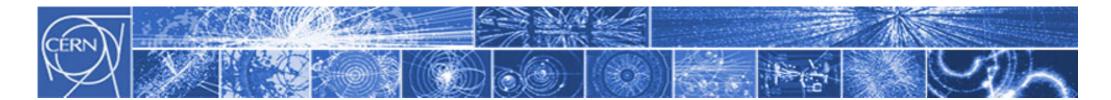


Brochures

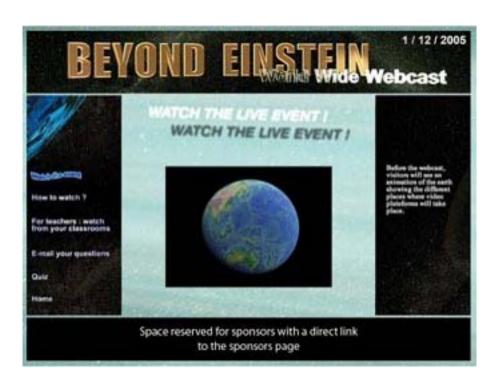
100,000 copies / yr.

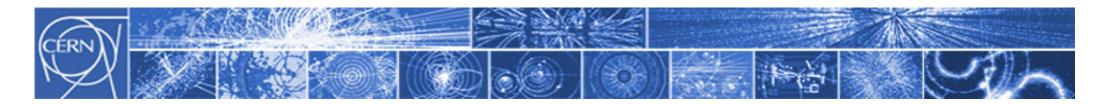
General information on CERN, LHC machine, experiments, applications, safety...





Films, animations, events...





Bulletin

Paper copy bi-weekly On-line weekly 200 news stories/year http://www.cern.ch/bulletin



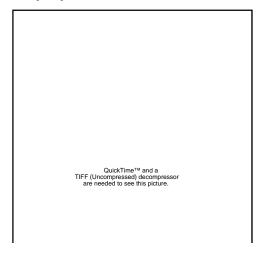
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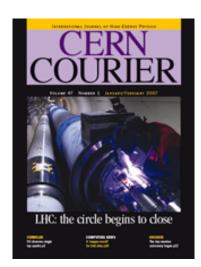
6 million visitors/year http://www.cern.ch/



Annual Report

Yearly progress report http://publications.cern.ch/

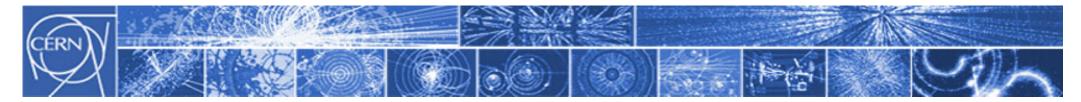




CERN Courier

"The" journal of High Energy Physics 25,000 copies, 10 issues/year 350 pages of editorial content/year World-wide distribution http://www.cerncourier.com





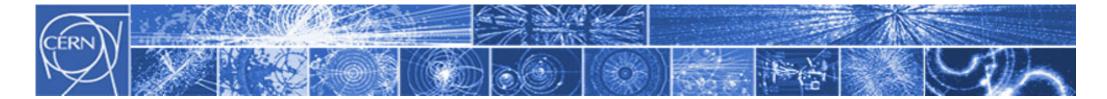
<u>Vision</u>

To be the undisputed landmark of CERN and a forum for the interaction of science with society in the Geneva region and in Europe.

Mission

To provide a forum for science and its benefits for society, and to encourage partnerships between the particle physics community and other actors.

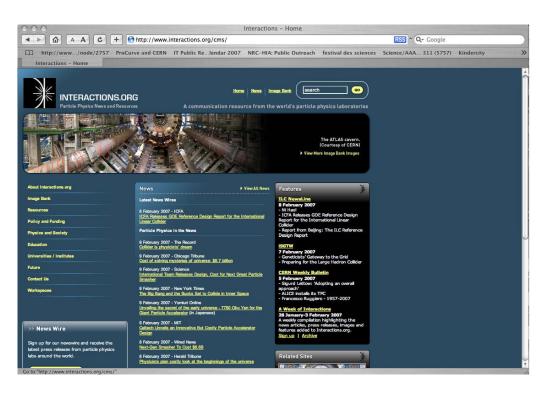


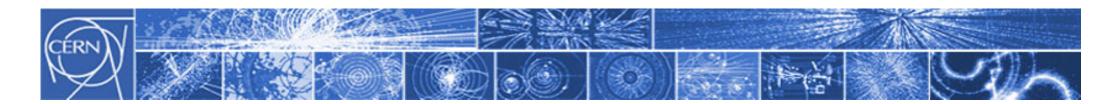


Networks

EPPOG, ECSITE, PI roundtable, UN Editors, EIROforum, InterActions...

European particle physics communication network





Who we are

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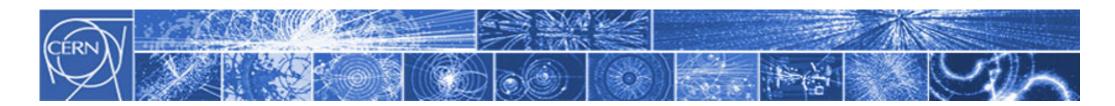
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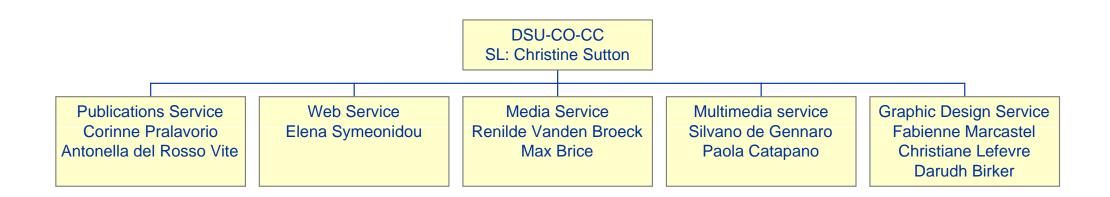
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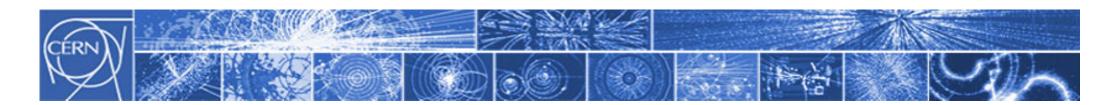
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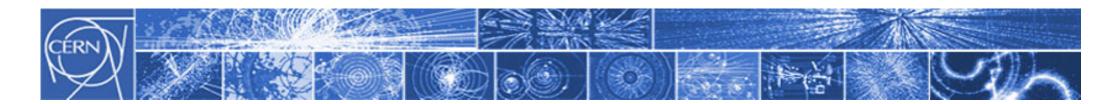


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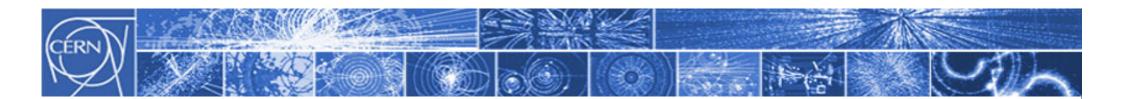
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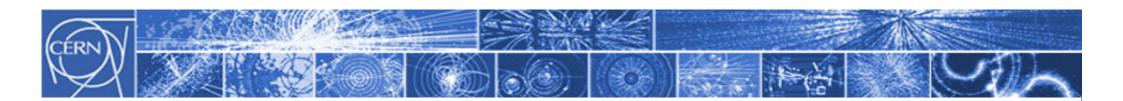


Current projects...

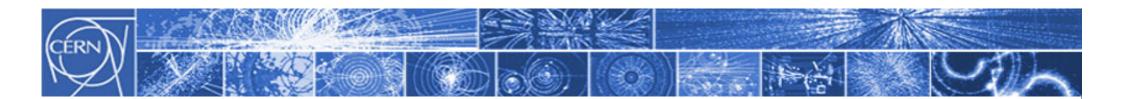
- LHC launch communication
- New itineraries
- Globe exhibition
- Open Day 2008



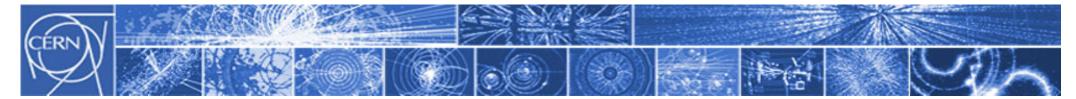
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The CERN Education group



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Addressing the fear factor







End Day

- Home
- . End Day: Mega-Tsunami
- End Day: Comet Attack
- End Day: Killer Virus
- End Day: Supervolcano

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Documentaries & Arts
End Day: End of the Universe

Deep within the bowels of a particle accelerator on the East Coast of the US, an extraordinary experiment is being prepared. Scientists are pursuing their quest to understand the nature of matter itself. On the streets, the public holds a protest to stop their work...

Fact

Scientists are experimenting with the very nature of reality itself; building ever larger and more powerful particle accelerators in what could turn out to be a game of total annihilation.

In a 600 million dollar laboratory, within a vast ring of magnets miles across, atoms can be made to travel at the speed of light then crashed to create particles that haven't existed since the Big Bang ... and possibly some that have never existed at all.

Scientists accept that black holes can be created but these are small enough to evaporate before they can suck in all surrounding matter. They have also calculated the precise risk of another terrifying possibility: a phase change of space-time leading to the complete breakdown of the universe as we know it.

But most frightening of all is the creation of a group of strange quarks called 'dangerous strangelets'. These are so dense they could burnow to the centre of the Earth, transforming everything they touch into anti-matter, condensing our planet into a tiny lifeless sphere.

They are experimenting right now...

Do you feel safe?

Fiction?

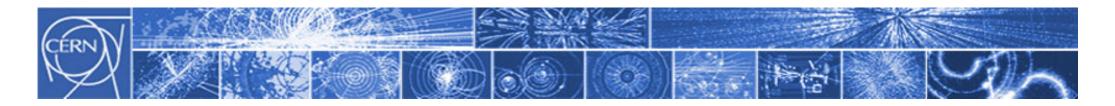
It's End Day and within a deep underground chamber physicists have briefly created exotic particles and space-time warps by violently smashing atoms.

But something unforeseen happens. 'Strangelets' appear. Suddenly, the normal laws of physics cease to apply. Reality warps and alters. Atoms are transformed into totally new forms of matter.

The singularity burrows into the Earth, twisting the atomic structure of the surrounding rooks as it falls into the planet's centre.

A wave of total destruction expands outwards, consuming everything in its path. Life ends. The Earth vanishes...

The universe as we know it ceases to exist.



What is CERN doing above its recurrent communication programme?

- Local community communication
- Media visits
- Media training
- Press office management
- Salon des inventions
- New 10 minute film
- Podcasts and webcasts
- Animations
- Dedicated print material
- New visit itineraries
- Reinforced events and exhibitions programme