

Foreword

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This volume of *Nukleonika* contains the Proceedings of biannual All-Polish Seminar on Mössbauer Spectroscopy. These meetings started at the early 60ies. This one, organized by the Institute of Experimental Physics, University of Białystok, was held from 9th to 12th of June, 2002 at Goniądz, a small town on the outskirts of the Biebrza National Park.

46 participants from Białystok, Częstochowa, Katowice, Kraków, Lublin, Radom, Sosnowiec, Warszawa and Wrocław represented Polish Mössbauer centers. It was our pleasure to have also a guest from Paris.

Our intention was to gather scientists from Mössbauer laboratories in order to discuss the problems and to learn about recent achievements. Informal discussions concentrated mainly on the problems of access of the Polish groups

to international laboratories in Grenoble, Dubna and Hamburg. The Seminar was opened by its Honorary Chairman, Professor Andrzej Hryniewicz. 28 lectures delivered by the participants covered a broad field of Mössbauer spectroscopy. The lectures covered a broad field of physics including applications of Mössbauer spectroscopy in studying of giant magnetoresistance, unusual magnetic phases, polymers, nanomaterials, rare earths. Part of the lectures was devoted to interdisciplinary subjects: geophysics, biophysics and material science. The conference was closed by concluding remarks given by Professor Karol Krop.

We would like to express our thanks to all the participants for making scientific and social spirit of the Seminar, speakers and authors for interesting lectures, and referees for their tedious job.

