

## **7<sup>th</sup> International School and Symposium on Synchrotron Radiation in Natural Science (ISSRNS 2004)**

The 7th International School and Symposium on Synchrotron Radiation in Natural Science (ISSRNS) was held from 8th to 13th June, 2004, in Zakopane. It was organised by the Silesian University in Katowice and co-organised, as all preceding meetings of this series, by the Polish Synchrotron Radiation Society. The Geovita Hotel located at the top of the Antałówka hill with a beautiful view of the mountains created a friendly environment facilitating scientific discussions and exchange of ideas. The meeting attracted 112 participants from Poland and from 15 other countries of Europe, Asia and North America. One third of participants were students either at undergraduate or postgraduate level. 36 lectures, 11 oral contributions and 54 posters were presented. Among the lecturers, there were directors and representatives of numerous European synchrotron centres: ESRF (Grenoble), SOLEIL (Saint Aubin), DIAMOND (Didcot, Chilton), Hiroshima Synchrotron Radiation Center,

HASYLAB/DESY (Hamburg), MAX-LAB (Lund), BESSY (Berlin) and Swiss Light Source (Villingen). The lectures covered a very broad range of subjects from presentations of synchrotrons under construction or still in the design phase, to alternative light sources, from spectroscopy to diffraction and tomographic studies of the solid state and biological objects, from spectroscopy of the human tissue to medical diagnostics. The proceedings of ISSRNS 2004 can be found in vol. 401 of Journal of Alloys and Compounds. The Organizers acknowledge the sponsoring institutions and societies for their financial contributions making such a successful meeting possible. We hope for the next opportunity to meet at the 8th ISSRNS in 2006 at the same place. Looking forward to getting together in Zakopane again!

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