

NEWS FROM THE POLISH SYNCHROTRON RADIATION SOCIETY



Last discussion before the Annual General Meeting.



Opening of the Annual General Meeting.



PSRS Members during the Meeting

The last Annual General Meeting of the Polish Synchrotron Radiation Society was held in Warsaw on 18th September 2003 during *Symposium B - Development of methods for characterizing the microstructure of novel materials* organised in the frame of the E-MRS 2003 Fall Meeting.

The first item of the agenda was connected with membership of the PSRS, namely two Polish scientists were admitted to the Society, thus, the total number of the PSRS members reached 103 Polish members and 22 foreign ones. The reports for the period of June 2002 – September 2003 were the next point of the agenda. The President, Bronisław Orłowski, and the Treasurer, Wojciech Kwiatek, presented the merits and the financial report, respectively. The Head of the Auditing Commission, Maria Lefeld-Sosnowska, read out the minutes of the last meeting with a motion of acceptance of accounts. After the discussion, the General Assembly accepted all reports in the ballot.

Next, on the recommendation of the PSRS Council, the General Assembly in the ballot conferred a title of *Honorary Member of the Polish Synchrotron Radiation Society* on Professor Julian Auleytner of the Institute of Physics of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

In a discussion of current problems, the news on the project of the National Centre of Synchrotron Radiation in Cracow, reported in Vol. 2 of the Bulletin of the PSRS, was told over. The project was proposed by Professor Marek Szymoński of the Jagellonian University. The National Consortium should be created to work out a plan of the construction of the Polish synchrotron and to find means for the realization of this plan.

From September 2003 till June 2004 two sessions of the Council of the PSRS were held.

As previously, the activity of the Council was concentrated on the Polish membership in the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility in Grenoble. The efforts and negotiations were opened by the first Council with the President, Professor Andrzej Kisiel, over ten years ago. He described them in *the Letter do the Editor* published in this issue. Since 2002 the Vice-president of the PSRS, Krystyna Ławniczak-Jabłońska has been responsible for this matter. The efforts were crowned with success, namely, the agreement between the representatives of Poland and ESRF was signed in Grenoble on the 16th April 2004 (details are given by Krystyna Ławniczak-Jabłońska in this issue). The next step will be the establishment of the CentralSync Group.

The Polish Synchrotron Radiation Society maintains good relations with the Polish Chemical Society. Recently our Society has entered into relations with the Polish Physical Society (a bilateral agreement was signed).

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