

NEWS FROM THE POLISH SYNCHROTRON RADIATION SOCIETY



Jacek Grochowski, the vice-president (first from the left), at the Annual meeting of the PSRS in 2003. Second from the left: K. Ławniczak-Jabłońska. First from the right: Janusz Sobczak.



The last photo of Jacek Grochowski taken during the poster session at the 7th ISSRNS, Zakopane, 2004. Standing (from the left): K. Ławniczak-Jabłońska, J. Grochowski, R. Bacewicz, M. Klepka, E. Piskorska.

The last Annual General Meeting of the Polish Synchrotron Radiation Society was held in Zakopane, on 11th June 2004 during the 7th *International School and Symposium on Synchrotron Radiation in Natural Science*, organised by the University of Silesia in co-operation with the Society, the Jagellonian University, the Institute of Physics of the Polish Academy of Sciences, the Adam Mickiewicz University, and the University of Warsaw.

The first item of the agenda was connected with the PSRS membership, namely nine new members joined our Society. Next, on the recommendation of the PSRS Council, the General Assembly, in the ballot, conferred the title of *Honorary Member of the Polish Synchrotron Radiation Society* on Professor Andrzej Kisiel of the Jagellonian University. The laudation of Professor Kisiel presented by Marta Zimnal-Starnawska, his co-worker, is published in this issue.

The reports for the period of September 2003 – June 2004 were the next point of the agenda. Bronisław Orłowski, the President, and Wojciech Kwiatek, the Treasurer, presented the meritorious and financial reports, respectively. Maria Lefeld-Sosnowska, the Head of the Auditing Commission, read out the minutes of the last meeting with a motion of acceptance of accounts. After a discussion, the General Assembly accepted all reports in the ballot.

As a current problem, the financial situation of the Society was discussed. The last item of the agenda concerned the next, the 8th *International School and Symposium on Synchrotron Radiation in Natural Science*. The conference will be held in Zakopane in the Tatra Mountains in June 2006.

Soon we suffered a great loss. Jacek Grochowski, of the Jagellonian University, the charter member of the Polish Synchrotron Radiation Society and its long standing vice-president, suddenly passed away in Berlin, coming back from the HASYLAB, on the 22nd June 2004. Right from the start, *i.e.*, from the first National Symposium of Synchrotron Radiation Users in Cracow in February 1991 till the last moment he participated in the PSRS Council activities.

In the last year of the term 2002 – 2005, *i.e.*, from June 2004 till September 2005, four sessions of the Council of the PSRS were held. During these sessions the Polish membership in the ESRF and news on the project of the National Centre of Synchrotron Radiation in Cracow were talked over.

This September I have a pleasure to meet you as a chairperson of the 6th *National Symposium of Synchrotron Radiation Users in Warsaw* organised by the Polish Synchrotron Radiation Society in co-operation with the Institute of Physics of PAS and the Polish Physical Committee of PAS. In the present issue of the *Bulletin* you can find detailed information on the Symposium, programme and abstracts of invited lectures, oral communications and poster presentations.

At the present time (September 2005) the total number of the PSRS members is 108 Polish and 21 foreign members.

All Users of synchrotron radiation are welcome to the Polish Synchrotron Radiation Society.

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Secretary
of the Polish Synchrotron Radiation Society