

Thanks to its recent developments the surface and subsurface layer physics has become an important domain the achievements of which should be noticed and emphasized.

Since 1986 a large part of the research effort in this field has been integrated and supported in Poland by the Project for fundamental research "Physical Properties of Surface and Subsurface Layers and Condensed Matter" (CPBP 01.08). A joint support of the Coordinator of the Project and of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań and University of Łódź, resulted in 1990 in two volumes of *Acta Physicae Superficierum*, a publication devoted to the problems of surface physics. Although CPBP 01.08 Project ended in 1990, the research with increasing level of contributions in the field is still being continued.

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