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## Preface

The Department of Solid State Physics, headed by the late Professor August Chełkowski, organised several international conferences in the fields of interest that his group had been working on. They were held in Złoty Potok, Szczyrk, and Jaszowiec.

In 1997, to celebrate Professor Chełkowski's 70-th birthday, a group of his former students organised an international conference on both the solid state and the liquid phase physics. This was due to the fact that Professor Chełkowski devoted his scientific career to studies of both these fields. The conference took place in Jaszowiec and, despite the wide range of fields being discussed, was cordially received by its participants.

Two years later, in 1999, Professor Chełkowski suggested organising a conference devoted to condensed matter physics. It was his belief that the exchange of experience on both methods and theoretical models used in solid state physics and in molecular physics may be of great benefit to physicists working in these areas of interest.

After Professor Chełkowski's sudden death, we decided to carry on his work and organise the conference ourselves. On the first day of the conference a ceremony was held at the Institute of Physics in Katowice, which was officially named after August Chełkowski. The conference participants then moved to Jaszowiec, where the scientific part of the Conference on Condensed Matter Physics dedicated to Professor Chełkowski took place.

The program of the Conference consisted of 20 invited talks and about 100 contributions, 48 posters were presented. There were 86 participants from European countries, as well as from USA and South Africa.

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