

History of “Jaszowiec” conference

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The first „Jaszowiec School” took place more than 50 years ago. The idea for organizing such a meeting came from dr Witold Girit of the Institute of Physics, Polish Academy of Sciences. Dr W. Girit was very talented in developing semiconductor growth technology. Due to his determination and organization skills he was able to create a laboratory in which the purification of elements and the growth of monocrystals of such compounds as CdTe, CdSe, InSb, HgTe and HgSe was realized. He understood that the organization of such a “school” would be a natural platform for the promotion of the experimental investigation of these materials within the scientific community. However, the organization of such a conference within the communist system existing at that time in Poland was not an easy task. Following a lack of enthusiasm on the part of his own institution he convinced dr Józef Żmija of the Military Academy of Technology to organize the first conference. The first school was very successful and it opened up the way for the subsequent organization of “schools” with the help of his own institution. In later years other institutions such as the Physics Faculty of the University of Warsaw and the High Pressure Research Center, Polish Academy of Sciences joined up in the organization of this conference.