All-Polish Seminars on Mössbauer Spectroscopy have more than a forty-year history and they are only a few years younger than the Mössbauer effect itself. The successive Seminar OSSM'2006, organized by the Institute of Physics, Częstochowa University of Technology, was held on 18–21 June 2006 at Koszęcin. The village Koszęcin is located about thirty km south of Częstochowa in peaceful surroundings, far from the city hustle and bustle. It is known for the 18th century castle, park complex and for the international renowned Song and Dance Ensemble "Śląsk".

presented lectures concerned materials and chemical compounds containing ⁵⁷Fe Mössbauer nuclides. There were also topics concerning ¹¹⁹Sn and ¹⁵⁵Gd isotopes.

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Closed-circle atmosphere of the Seminar promoted scientific discussions and personal contacts between the participants. We wish to acknowledge all the participants of the Seminar for interesting lectures and valuable contributions, referees for searching reviews and our co-workers, especially Dr Kamila Perduta and Dr Anna Przybył, for their cooperation in all activities connected with OSSM'2006.



As usual, the Seminar covered a wide range of topics dealing with the application of Mössbauer spectroscopy in different scientific disciplines. Specialists working in physics, chemistry, materials science and medicine had a possibility to present thirty five lectures. Most of the

The next Seminar, which coincides with the 50th anniversary of the discovery by Mössbauer of the γ -resonance nuclear effect, will be held in Kraków in 2008.

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