

Letter to the Editor

The XXXII Winter School of the Faculty of Biotechnology of Jagiellonian University took place in snowy Zakopane, from 3rd till 7th March 2005. The school was organized under the title, "From molecular biology to biotechnology". It reflected the history of the Faculty, exemplified by the various names it possessed, as well as the current transition in interests of our research staff and students.

The meeting continued the tradition of gathering the scientists and students in the atmosphere and beautiful surroundings of Tatra Mountains. The environment, as usually, helped to exchange the ideas and to discuss the progress of science not only at the lecture room, but also in the cafeteria, during sledging cavalcade and in the regional restaurants.

The meeting hosted more than 120 participants, including the invited speakers from USA, Netherlands, Germany as well as from Polish scientific institutes. The scientific programme of the school was very busy, as one can assure looking into the web page of the school, at <http://biotka.mol.uj.edu.pl~zakopane2005>, where not only the programme but also the photos can be investigated.

We believe that good demonstration of the scientific atmosphere of the school is the present issue of *Acta Biochimica Polonica*. Several invited speakers contributed more than required and submitted the review articles describing their lectures. Also, a few original papers presented during the school are published. Thanks to all those works we can study with more insight numerous aspects of the scientific themes discussed during the meeting.

We are happy that so many colleagues from different departments and laboratories of our Faculty as well as other institutes in Poland took part at the meeting. We want to express our gratitude to all invited speakers and every participant, who by their presentations and engaging in the discussion contributed to the success of the school. Last, but not least, special thanks go to our students who were extremely helpful in organization of the school.

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