

Report on the 7th Spring 2009-ISE-Meeting in Szczyrk, Poland

Dates: 22nd – 25th March 2009

Venue: Szczyrk, Poland

The ISE spring meetings have thematic characters, and they are typically devoted to a single topic. This year the 7th Spring Meeting provided an interdisciplinary forum for discussion of new results and crucial achievements in the science and technology of electrocatalysis and photoelectrocatalysis. Typical session topics covered fundamental and applied aspects of fabrication and characterization of novel electrocatalytic systems including nanostructured materials, experimental and theoretical studies of their properties, mechanisms and dynamics of charge propagation, reactivity (e.g. towards oxygen reduction, oxidation of alcohols or with respect to inert reactants of analytical importance) as well as applications to fuel cells, hydrogen generation and photodegradation (e.g. water splitting under illumination, hydrogen generation, photooxidation of a large variety of organic compounds), and chemical sensing. The 7th Spring ISE Meeting in *Szczyrk*, Poland was sponsored by the Society's Division 3 – Electrochemical Energy Conversion and Storage and Division 7 – Physical Electrochemistry. There were 200 participants at the meeting, and there were almost 100 oral presentations (including keynote) and over 100 posters.

Finally, although the meeting formally started in Spring, the scenery around resembled definitely winter conditions. It should be remembered that *Szczyrk* is a picturesque mountain resort (with skiing facilities) lying in *Silesian Beskid Mountains* located in the southern part of Poland. The meeting was organized in “*Orle Gniazdo*” (in English: *Eagle Nest*) conference-recreation center located almost at the top of a mountain. From the hotel rooms, there was a charming view of *Skrzyczne* - the highest peak of *Silesian Beskid Mountains* – covered with 3 meters of snow.

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