

## 5 Public Information

### PARTICIPATION IN OUTREACH AND PUBLIC EVENTS

#### Meta-Physical Laboratory

To extend public information activity of the Association a small, professional theatre “GO” has been involved. Since 2002 the IPPLM collaborates closely with the theatre that rents part of our laboratory building. A common activity joining art and science under a project called “Meta-Physical Laboratory” was initiated aiming at the intellectual formation of young, high school students via science – art dialog. The main task of this science-art dialogue is to create new ideas and provide some kind of guidance for young generations. There are two main streamlines of the above activity, namely:

- workshops devoted to classic and modern theatre through performances with active participation of the audience,
- presentation of achievements of modern science especially related to fusion and global energy challenges.

The first step in involving the theatre into the Association activity was done in 2005 – young students participating in the artistic events have a chance to see posters presenting various aspects of Fusion (ITER, JET, EFDA activity, etc.) that had been placed on the walls of the theatre hall.

In 2006 we started to extend the above mentioned programme with short presentation of the Fusion problems which accompanied all workshops. A movie delivered by the EFDA (“The star makers”) was shown for each students group with comments given by the director of the theatre.

In the year 2006 more than 5000 students participated in the activity (with 2350 only in April).

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO EFDA PI ACTIVITIES

#### Fusion Expo

The Association endeavours to improve the public awareness of fusion energy research. The exhibition called *Fusion Expo – Fusion energy for the future* appeared to be the central event of 2006, organized by the Association in collaboration with EFDA and the European Commission taking place in Wroclaw from 12 to 26 September 2006. The opening of the fusion Expo in the New Electricity Department building of the Wroclaw University of Technology took place simultaneously with the opening of the 9<sup>th</sup> Lower Silesian Science Festival (2006). This festival was coordinated by Kazimiera Anna Wilk, Chemistry Professor at the University, and Andrzej Zaleski, a Senior Researcher at the Institute for Low Temperature and Structure Research (ILTSR). A. Zaleski leads a group at the ILTSR which has been carrying out EFDA technology tasks in the superconducting magnet area.

Over the 2-week period of the Expo about 3,200 people visited the site (including a large number of high school students). The entries in a book (which had been made available for the purpose) recorded the comments (all favourable) of the visitors. This demonstrates the high value of the Expo as a tool of public information. In the last 4 years it has been exhibited in 5 cities in Poland (Gdansk, Poznan, Krakow, Warsaw, and Wroclaw).

### PRESS RELEASE, JOURNAL ARTICLES, ELECTRONIC MEDIA, RADIO BROADCAST

- May 19. The HRU (A. Gałkowski) gave an interview to journalist of Gazeta Wyborcza
- May 21. Radio broadcast with participation of the HRU (Polish Radio 1 22:00 – Poland and the World. Radio presenter: Rafał Motriuk)
- Several interviews and articles on the occasion of ITER Agreement (June 28 – Joint Declaration in Moscow; November 21 – Signing ceremony in Paris)

## LECTURES DELIVERED BY THE HEAD OF RESEARCH UNIT

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March 23	Szczecin University of Technology, Department of Physics Talk delivered: <i>Polish contribution to the Euratom fusion programme</i>
November 23	Polish National Atomic Energy Agency Meeting of the PNAEA Advisory Council Talk delivered: <i>Progress of the ITER project</i>
December 14	Warsaw University of Technology, Department of Physics Talk delivered: <i>From JET to ITER: important step on the way to sustainable, safe and environmentally friendly source of energy</i>

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