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## Preface

The Institute of Plasma Physics and Laser Microfusion is highly regarded, both in Poland by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education, and also abroad by the international science community. The reputation rests on its high number of top quality publications in well-known science journals, and effective, broad international cooperation. As a result, in 2010 the IPPLM achieved the second best position on the Ministry's list of all the research institutions within the scope of physics and astronomy in Poland. This was mainly thanks to a large number of publications in prestigious journals. In 2010, the IPPLM scientists published 33 papers and presented 30 contributions to the international scientific conferences.

The achievements of the institute in the field of plasma physics and fusion resulted in entrusting the Institute with the coordination of work within the framework of the European fusion programme and ITER project in Poland.

The IPPLM was, and still is, the only Polish scientific institute that does research in hot laser-driven plasma. The achievement in this field made it possible for participation in the European project HiPER (European High Power Laser Energy Research Facility) that brings together the majority of the world's laser research laboratories. The aim of this project is to demonstrate the possibility of the fast ignition of thermonuclear fuel induced by laser beams in repetitive sequences.

The IPPLM hosts an International Centre for Dense Magnetised Plasmas (ICDMP). Together with the Soltan Institute of Nuclear Studies (SINS), IPPLM is a leader in the research of pulsed plasma generated in the plasma focus facility.

All the research has provided the basis for development in the domains of plasma diagnostics, pulsed laser technology and technology of high power supply system. The most interesting experimental results are patented and implemented into technology. The best example is the Lightning Tests Laboratory in IPPLM.

All those achievements would not have been possible without the involvement, professionalism and passion of the personnel of the IPPLM. I would like to thank the staff of the Institute for their hard work .

Andrzej Gałkowski Director

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