

FOREWORD

The First Belarussian-Yugoslav Symposium on Physics and Diagnostics of Laboratory and Astrophysical Plasma was held in Minsk, 1-3 July 1996, as an effectuation of the desire of Yugoslav and Belarussian scientists to collaborate and contribute to the strengthening of mutual ties between Yugoslavia and Belarus. On the Yugoslav side the scientists concerned were associated with: Astronomical Observatory (Belgrade), Institute of Physics (Zemun), Faculty of Physics (Belgrade), Institute of Nuclear Sciences (Vinča) and Institute of Physics of the Faculty of Sciences (Novi Sad), while on the Belarussian side the scientists associations were with: Institute of Molecular and Atomic Physics of the Belarussian Academy of Sciences (Minsk), Institute of Applied Physical Problems of the Belarussian State University (Minsk) and Astronomical Observatory (Minsk).

This First Symposium has been dedicated to the memory of M. A. Elyashevich, academician of the Belarussian Academy of Sciences. Co-chairmen and editors of the Symposium proceedings were V. S. Burakov and the undersigned. The proceedings were published by the Belgrade Observatory – PUBLICATIONS BAO No. 53.

The Serbian delegation comprised 12 scientists. Presented at the Symposium were 52 contributions by authors from Belarus, Serbia, Russia, Ukraine, France, Syria and Czech Republic. The opportunity was take at the Symposium for founding the Belarus-Yugoslav Friendship Society, the guests of honour at the ceremony being M. S. Dimitrijević, J. Purić and M. Ćuk. As our desire was to stimulate mutual ties between our peoples not only in science but in other activities as well, a Serbian-Belarussian Friendship Society was founded in Belgrade too, the guests of honour at the ceremony being L. Ya. Min'ko, A. Chumakov and I. Filatova.

This Second Symposium is a continuation of our common activity aimed at developing mutual collaboration and the ties for the benefit of our countries and science in general.

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