

Concluding Statement

adopted by the participants of 16th Polish-Ukrainian Symposium
on Theoretical and Experimental Studies of Interfacial Phenomena
and their Technological Applications

The 16th Polish-Ukrainian Symposium on Theoretical and Experimental Studies of Interfacial Phenomena and their Technological Applications was held on August 28 - 31, 2018, in the Faculty of Chemistry, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, Poland, based on the agreement about mutual co-operation between the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and the Polish Academy of Sciences. 99 scientists and industrial researchers from a number of scientific centres in Poland (Kielce, Kraków, Łódź, Lublin, Poznań, Toruń, Warsaw, Wrocław) and Ukraine (Chernivtsi, Dnipro, Kharkiv, Khmelnytsky, Kyiv, Lviv, Odesa, Poltava, Severodonetsk, Uzhgorod) have presented 196 studies, some of which were carried out in cooperation with colleagues from Belarus, France, Germany, Greece, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the UK. These studies are summarised in the Symposium Abstracts volume.

39 oral and 154 poster presentations delivered at the Symposium encircled theoretical and experimental studies of interfacial phenomena, in particular, adsorption and gas chromatography, catalysis, ion exchange and problems related to human health care and environmental protection.

The participants acknowledged the increase in the number and scientific merits of presented studies, the extension of the research area and the increase of technological motivation of the works carried out by the participants.

The active participation of Ukrainian and Polish young scientists in this international scientific event should be acknowledged, which will undoubtedly help to enhance their professional skills. Also, while the official languages of the Symposium are Polish, Ukrainian and English, the Scientific Committee concludes with pleasure the increase in the number of young scientists able to present their studies in English, which is generally accepted at international scientific meetings.

The Scientific Committee and Editorial Board of the Abstracts Volume acknowledge the increase in the quality of the submitted abstracts, with regard to both the form and English of the manuscripts.

At the concluding session of the Symposium, the Statement has been adopted of what follows:

- The Symposium presented high scientific and organisational level.
- Acknowledging the increase of the scientific level and an international significance of the Symposium, the participants recommend the Scientific Committee to further promote the co-operation between Ukrainian and Polish research institutions in which studies are carried out in various branches of physico-chemistry of interface phenomena and related areas of science.
- The articles based on best studies presented at the Symposium, selected by the Scientific Committee, can be submitted for the publication in the special issue of *Colloids and Interfaces*. More information is posted on the Symposium web-site.
- The options for the publication of the studies presented at the Symposium in the *Chemistry, Physics and Technology of Surface* published by O. Chujko Institute of Surface Chemistry, and international open access *Current Chemistry Letters* are recommended.
- Two young Polish scientists and two young Ukrainian scientists who presented the best talks are awarded, aiming to encourage their further scientific activity.

- The participants agree, and the Scientific Committee recommends to the Ukrainian side, Full member of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Professor M.T. Kartel and Corresponding Member of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Professor V.V. Brei, that the next Symposium be organised in 2020 or 2021 in Ukraine.

The Symposium participants forward their thanks:

- To the Organisers of the Symposium, *viz*:
 - Faculty of Chemistry, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin;
 - Lublin Division of the Polish Chemical Society;
 - Polish Academy of Sciences;
 - Chemical Division of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine;
 - O. Chuiko Institute of Surface Chemistry NASU;
 - Institute for Sorption and Problems of Endoecology NASU;
 - A.V. Dumanski Institute of Colloid Chemistry and Chemistry of Water NASU;
- To the Organisers and the Organising Committee, and especially to Dr. hab. Barbara Charmas, Dr. hab. Jadwiga Skubiszewska-Zięba and Prof. Jolanta Narkiewicz-Michałek, for the excellent organisation of both scientific and social part of the Symposium.

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