

**Thirty years of Polish Biophysical Society**

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In January 2002 together with Dr Ewa Banachowicz we started designing a logo for the Poznań branch of the Polish Biophysical Society. As we wished it to bear the date of the Society foundation, we asked Prof. Danuta Frąckowiak for help and we learnt that the Polish Biophysical Society was founded in December 1971. Having learnt that it was just after its 30 anniversary we decided to organise a special seminar to celebrate the occasion, at the Institute of Physics, A. Mickiewicz University, Poznań. The Seminar took place on May 9<sup>th</sup> 2002, (see photo below). At the Seminar Prof. Danuta Frąckowiak, a co-founder of the Society, told us about her work in biophysics and the development of research in the field at various scientific centres in Poland. You will find her presentation in this issue under the title “How I became a biophysicist”. At the same time it has been suggested that the subsequent issue of the Current Topics in Biophysics should be devoted to recollections of the beginning and developments of the Polish Biophysical Society. The Chief Editor Prof. Andrzej Dobek wrote to the co-founders of the Society with the request to share their memoirs. In response Prof. T. Wilczok sent a short paper “Reflections”. Some information on the beginning of the Society were also provided by Prof. Wanda Leyko and Prof. Stanisław Przestalski. So what was the beginning?