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**Rola organizacji środowiskowych i muzeów w rozwoju historii chemii
w Polsce 1918-1988**

**The role of professional associations and museums in the development
of the history of chemistry in Poland 1918-1988**

SUMMARY

After 1918 when Poland achieved its independence many chemists while being mostly interested in construction or reconstruction their scientific and industrial centres looked also back in the past to remind predecessors working on the development of chemistry. Many times through centuries Poland's development was broken from political reason and every time it was necessary to start from the beginning and form new groups for doing that. Thus, many founders and active members of Polish Chemical Society (created in 1919) published books and papers to prove a long time tradition of chemistry in Poland. Their names and works are reported. When the same problem of life reconstruction appeared once more after World War II the political and even territorial situation was basically different. Only a few historical works were undertaken, mostly in forties. The section of history of chemistry constituted by Polish Chemical Society in 1977 reanimated an interest in the history of science. Before, in 1967 Maria Skłodowska-Curie Museum was founded to call to remembrance a life and work of the great Polish scientist. Museum was also obliged to present an activity of other Polish chemists. In the past, Museum of Technology and Industry, founded in 1933, played some role in the development of a history of science. Its large collection, formed since 1876, was destroyed during Warsaw Uprising in 1944. Recently Technology Museum continues this tradition with a small interest in a history of chemistry. Several professional associations founded museums concerned history of some branches of chemistry as for example – paper, glass or crude oil manufacturing. They were organized mostly in seventies and they are scattered all over the country.

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