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SUMMARY

This article presents the genesis and beginning of activities of the present Institute for the History of Science [Instytut Historii Nauki] of the Polish Academy of Sciences. The then Institute [Zakład Historii Nauki] had a different structure than the present has – it was appointed by The Science Secretariat of the Polish Academy of Science, on 10 November 1953. But on 1 May 1954, Institute started its activities under the management of Doc Waldemar Voisé. Writing about history of the Institute is impossible without referring to the history of the Committee of the History of Science [Komitet Historii Nauki] of the Polish Academy of Science, whose first president was Prof. Zygmunt Modzelewski. The background to that history constitute some general and detailed information about post-war political events and their impact on shaping the science policy in Poland. Science and research were under policy control and censorship. There is some information about the Warsaw Scientific Society [Towarzystwo Naukowe Warszawskie] and the Polish Academy of Art and Science [Polska Akademia Umiejętności], The major source of information were in archives, press articles mostly from 1950s, Maria Dąbrowska's and Prof. Michał Śmiałowski's memoirs. This article is the first part of the history of the Institute for the History of Science.

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