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Polskie podręczniki historii fizyki, astronomii i matematyki

Polish textbooks of the history of physics, astronomy and mathematics

SUMMARY

The aim of the paper is to signal the need for textbooks of history of physics, astronomy and mathematics to gain a rightful place in Polish literature.

The fundamental work devoted to the history of the exact sciences in Poland is Bibliografia piśmiennictwa polskiego z działu matematyki i fizyki oraz ich zastosowań. A bibliography of Polish writings in the field of mathematics and physics and their applications] by Teofil Żebrawski. The work was published in 1873 and covers 342 manuscripts and printed publications by Polish authors since the Middle Ages until the 1830s.

The current paper reviews textbooks of the history of physics, astronomy and mathematics from the middle of the 18th century until the end of the 20th century. The discussion in the paper focuses on the subject matter of the textbooks, and the scientific achievements of their authors: physicists, astronomers, mathematicians and historians of science. The bibliography of the textbooks discussed covers 100 items.

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