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Physico-chemical topics discussed in the journal “Chemik Polski”

SUMMARY

The aim of the paper is to give a brief account of the issues in physical chemistry discussed in the journal “Chemik Polski” [The Polish Chemist], the first Polish chemical journal with a national circulation, which appeared in the years 1901-1914 (vol. I-XIV) and in the year 1919 (vol. XV-XVI), when issues of two volumes – for 1917 and 1918 – were published, after the publication of the journal had been suspended during the First World War. “Chemik Polski” has not yet been subject to detailed research, and thus there are few writings on the subject.

Polish chemists active at the beginning of the 20th century usually published the results of their research in many foreign journals, which meant that their writings were widely dispersed. The aim of “Chemik Polski” was to facilitate the exchange of scientific views and experiences of Polish chemists and to serve the dissemination of their achievements against the backdrop of advances in chemistry worldwide, as well as to enable them to establish mutual professional contacts, especially as they lived and worked in different countries. Ever since its establishment, “Chemik Polski” was successful in fulfilling the role envisaged by its founders as an archive of the works by Polish chemists and as a national chemical forum, where any of its readers could express their views. The journal soon gained an outstanding reputation among Polish chemists, mainly due to the renown of the authors who published their papers in the journal (among them: Maria Skłodowska-Curie, Wojciech Świątosławski or Juliusz Wilhelm Brühl) and to the high level of the materials published in it.

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