

WYP2005 in UKRAINE

In Ukraine, the activity timed to WYP2005 was carried out in accordance with the plan, approved by the Organizing Committee of WYP2005 in Ukraine. The list of events was published at the official web-site of WYP2005.

Members of the Organizing Committee were the representatives of the largest physics associations of Ukraine, in particular:

(i) Division of Physics and Astronomy of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine – the organization that unites the largest physical research centers in Ukraine and coordinates the fundamental research activity of scientific and educational institutions of Ukraine in physics, and

(ii) Ukrainian Physical Society, individual and associated members of which are the vast majority of Ukrainian physicists.

This Committee acted exclusively on a voluntary basis, trying to help those enthusiasts, who expressed their will to support the WYP2005 activity in Ukraine. Unfortunately, far from all attempts of the Organizing Committee to enlist the support of the state institutions were successful.

Most of the planned events did take place. Most of them did not (or almost did not) require any additional funding. Thus, a series of educational lectures was delivered in universities and secondary schools; several publications in mass media came out; a series of seminars and conferences was organized, where the problems of the history of physics and its future were addressed; several conferences-competitions of young scientists were organized; several periodicals came out under the logo of the Year of Physics and contained materials timed to WYP2005. At the same time, some of the planned events were possible only under financial support. Since the Organizing Committee did not find the necessary funds to carry out all the WYP2005 events planned in Ukraine (only about €25,000 were obtained), it was not possible to realize all the problems put by. Thus, the Organizing Committee was not able to consider the problems of creation of the corresponding video materials, production of

promotional material, stamps, coins, etc. The obtained funds were used to organize the All-Ukrainian Congress “Physics in Ukraine” (October, 2005), where the subjects of WYP2005 had evoked a wide resonance. Also, a book by Yu.Khramov “History of Physics” completed and prepared for publication.

It should be mentioned that our contacts with public politicians and officials were not efficient.

Overall we are sure that the WYP2005 activity has been extremely useful; it unambiguously deserves further development and support. In Ukraine, unfortunately, it has not received a nation-wide support, which, to our opinion has a very simple explanation, considering a high intensity of the Ukrainian political life in 2005. Nevertheless, this activity did evoke a considerable resonance in educational and scientific circles and permitted to formulate a whole series of priorities for development of the physics research in Ukraine, being now the objects of intensive work of the physical community.