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Editorial

As announced in the *Editorial* of the last issue in 1998, we started and intend to continue the presentation of the main achievements in broadly understood optics and optoelectronics in Poland at the turn of the century, in order to somehow estimate the state of the relevant research at this very moment. The more suitable form for such presentation seems to be the editing of a series of topical issues of *Optica Applicata* devoted to particular fields of research. Obviously, the other forms suggested in the said *Editorial* are also welcome.

We feel very proud of the fact that this idea seems to find a wide support among the optics people. A convincing proof of it is the response of the fiber optics researchers who sent us a great number of valuable papers from the field. This makes it possible to devote as many as three subsequent issues of *Optica Applicata* to the topic of which the last two have been prepared for editing in the form of a double number in order to avoid the unnecessary delay in publication.

This is my honour to present the said double number devoted to measurements and applications of **Fiber optics**.

Finally, let me express the conviction that the scientists from the other fields of optics and optoelectronics will appear to be equally engaged in taking advantage of this form of presentation of their achievements to the benefit of all Readers of *Optica Applicata*.

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