

#### FOREWORD

*On 11–14 April 1989, the Institute of Geology and Mineral Deposits, University of Mining and Metallurgy in Cracow (Instytut Geologii i Surowców Mineralnych Akademii Górniczo-Hutniczej w Krakowie) organized an international symposium “Mineralization in Black Shales”. The symposium was tied to the activities of the group of Polish geologists involved in research on black shales under IGCP 254 “Metalliferous Black Shales.” The aim of the conference was to bring together specialists and discuss the geology, mineralogy, geochemistry, and genesis of these formations.*

*During the two-day scientific session forty-eight participants from Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Spain, Canada, Poland, the Federal Republic of Germany, the United States, and Italy presented thirty reports. Interested guests, particularly foreigners, then had an opportunity to visit the Zechstein copper ore deposits in the Lubin – Polkowice region.*

*Summaries of the reports were printed in post-conference materials. The full papers were to be published in the “Ore Geology Reviews”, but unexpected hindrances prevented that. The papers have been partly updated and submitted for publication in the “Geological Quarterly”.*

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