

PREFACE

The Proceedings include invited and oral contributions as well as poster communications presented at the International Conference "Amorphous Metallic Materials II", held at the Smolenice castle in the picturesque region of Small Carpathians (Czechoslovakia) on May 22-26, 1989.

The Conference has been organized by the Institute of Physics of the Electro-Physical Research Centre of the Slovak Academy of Sciences in Bratislava in cooperation with the Union of Slovak Mathematicians and Physicists.

The programme of the Conference has been focused on topics concerning rapidly quenched alloys (mainly on the problems of structural stability, relaxation and crystallization phenomena), however, some contributions from other fields of amorphous or metastable metallic materials (thin layers included) have been presented as well. Much time has been left for informal contacts between participants which numbered 92 from 12 countries.

We would like to thank to all authors for giving their manuscripts available for publication in these Proceedings. About one third of the manuscripts has not been delivered exactly in the camera-ready form as required and had to be retyped and, similarly, some diagrams had to be redrawn. In order to speed up the publishing the editors' adjustments were limited to the minimum (mostly language corrections). We, therefore, take the responsibility for the appearance of unspotted errors.

Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to Trans Tech Publications for publishing these Proceedings.

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