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A special session of the *Uspekhi Fizicheskikh Nauk (UFN)* Editorial Board (*UFN*'s oral issue) celebrating the 90th anniversary of the journal and the 50th anniversary of its English version (first under the title *Soviet Physics – Uspekhi* and then under the current title *Physics – Uspekhi*) took place on November 19, 2008 in the conference hall of the P N Lebedev Physical Institute (FIAN) of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

The following reports were presented at the session:

- (1) **Ginzburg V** L (P N Lebedev Physical Institute, RAS, Moscow), **Aksent'eva M** S (Uspekhi Fizicheskikh Nauk, RAS, Moscow) "On the history of *UFN* (introductory talk)";
- (2) **Dremin I M** (P N Lebedev Physical Institute, RAS, Moscow) "The physics of the Large Hadron Collider";
- (3) **Shirkov D V** (Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, Dubna, Moscow region) "Pair correlations and spontaneous symmetry breaking";

- (4) **Smirnov B M** (Institute for High Temperatures, RAS, Moscow) "Modeling of gas-discharge plasma";
- (5) **Sadovskii M V** (Institute of Electrophysics, RAS Ural Branch, Ekaterinburg) "High-temperature superconductivity in iron-based layered compounds" ¹;
- (6) Aleksandrov E B (All-Russian Research Center, S I Vavilov State Optical Institute, St. Petersburg) "Physical limits in the metrology of a magnetic field by atomic spectroscopy techniques";
- (7) **Maksimov E G** (P N Lebedev Physical Institute, RAS, Moscow) "Microscopic studies of the nature of the ferroelectric transition";
- (8) **Fortov V E** (Institute for High Energy Density, RAS, Moscow) "Extreme states of matter".

Articles based on reports 1-4 and 6-8 are published below in this special issue of the *Uspekhi Fizicheskikh Nauk* journal devoted to the jubilees of the Russian and English versions of the journal.

¹ The review article constituting an expanded version of talk 5 under the same title was already published in the December issue of the *Uspekhi Fizichekikh Nauk* journal [*UFN*178 (12)1243–1271 (2008); *Physics–Uspekhi* **51** (12) 1201–1227 (2008)].

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