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The First European Cosmic Ray Symposium: Lodz 1968

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I was fortunate to attend the first European Cosmic Ray Symposium, held in Lodz, Poland, in 1968 during the Cold War. The meeting was organised by Arnold Wolfendale and Wlodzimierz Zawadzki to create an opportunity for cosmic ray physicists from the Western and Eastern blocks to meet. It was one of the most interesting scientific gatherings that I have ever attended. Through it, I made some important contacts and lasting friendships. I will describe some memories of the meeting and of a few of the other ECR Symposia that took place in subsequent years.

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