

From Deutsche Seewarte Hamburg to GeoForschungsZentrum Potsdam - Wingst Geomagnetic Observatory during six decades

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A b s t r a c t: At the beginning of the year 2000, the operation of Wingst Observatory was transferred to GeoForschungsZentrum Potsdam and this is a good occasion for a brief retrospective look at the establishment of the observatory in 1938 and a few remarks on the development of its instrumentation. Special attention is given to the people who set the course at the very beginning as well as to those who influenced the observatory's later development.

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