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The highlights over the last year in this section have been developments in high-resolution techniques for energy, time and space, and the construction of new beamlines for structural genomics. The first report describes the high-energyresolution beamline for inelastic X-ray scattering with meV bandwidth. The article second reports on the unique time-resolving technique (100 fs) using a Hanbury-Brown-Twiss type interferometer. Reports of 3, 4, 5 and 6 address the advanced techniques of high spacial-resolutions in different types of imaging. They report, respectively, three-dimensional diffraction microscopic imaging with a resolution of 50 nm (2-D: 8 nm) utilizing coherence of undulator radiation, the performance of sputtered-sliced Fresnel zone plates (FZP) for hard X-ray region with a resolution of 0.1 μ m, microscopic tomography using FZP with a resolution of 0.6 μ m, and the blurring suppression of the phase contrast image of biological samples by using a lamella as a half-mirror of a Bonse-Hart interferometer. The seventh report describes the new beamlines, which are equipped with very powerful automated samplepreparing and measuring instruments for protein crystallography. These developments will surely open new scientific opportunities in various fields.

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