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# Introduction to the papers by Frisch and Nelson

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A symposium dealing with various aspects of the fire safety of polymeric materials was held in Washington, D.C., during June, 1977, under the auspices of the Division of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry of the American Chemical Society, co-sponsored by many organizations including the Polytechnic Institute of New York, and chaired by Dr. Robert Shane, consultant and former staff scientist of the National Materials Advisory Board. This symposium, in a sense, also celebrated the completion, in preliminary form, of a 10 volume series reporting the findings of the NMAB Committee on Fire Safety Aspects of Polymeric Materials chaired by Herman Mark of the Polytechnic. Dr. A. Gilbert of General Electric and I had the pleasure of chairing the materials section of this symposium in which three significant papers were presented by Drs. K. C. Frisch, G. L. Nelson, and M. Lewin. I am pleased to present the papers by the first two authors in this issue of the Journal.