

Preface

This issue of the *Journal of Applied Polymer Science* is devoted to original research papers from CAPRI, the Center for Applied Polymer Research of Case Western Reserve University. The purpose of compiling such a grouping is to provide the reader with a coherent body of work descriptive of the activities of a leading research organization in the applied polymer field.

The Center for Applied Polymer Research, established in 1981 under the direction of Professor Anne Hiltner, is primarily dedicated to research that is driven by the needs of industry. Consequently, most of the papers in this issue are as a result of close collaboration with colleagues in the industrial

research and development community. The students who completed their degrees with these projects were challenged to solve problems of a practical nature.

In order to ensure that these papers would appear together, all the manuscripts for this issue were submitted to my office for review. The editors would be pleased to coordinate similar projects for other research groups having extensive activity in the applied polymer field.

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