

Preface

The ADPA symposia respond to the need to bring together specialists from DOD research centers and industry in a forum to provide a thorough exchange of information on the current state of the art and of ideas that will advance the state of the art.

We anticipate that broadening the subjects covered from compatibility of plastics and other materials with explosives, propellants, and pyrotechnics to include the processing of explosives, propellants, and ingredients will enlarge the forum to provide new insights and expand the scope of ideas.

We are most appreciative of the Sandia Laboratories' willingness to host this joint meeting of the Chemical and Plastics Materials Section of the Materials and Processes Division and the Propellants and Explosives Section of the Ammunition Technology Division. The cross-fertilization of ideas should stimulate all of us.

The success of a technical meeting is dependent on many things. Of utmost importance is the authors' willingness to publish and present their work. Without such authors there could be no symposium. Additional required ingredients are (1) a willing and capable host, (2) a hard-working program committee, and (3) dedicated session chairmen. We are most appreciative of their efforts.

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