

PREFACE

This is the second joint symposium on the "Compatibility of Plastics/Materials with Explosives, Propellants and Pyrotechnics and Processing Explosives, Propellants and Ingredients." These symposia respond to the need to bring together specialists in a forum to provide an exchange of information on the current state-of-the-art and of ideas to advance the state-of-the-art. Broadening the subjects covered has enlarged the forum and we trust provided new insights and expanded the scope of ideas.

We are most appreciative of the Radford Army Ammunition Plant's willingness to host this symposium. One could not ask for better cooperation or more effort. However, a willing and capable host is only one ingredient that contributes to the success of a technical meeting.

The most important ingredient is the authors' willingness to publish and present their work. Without this willingness there could be no symposium. No technical meeting could be successful without a capable, hardworking program committee and session chairmen. We are most appreciative of their efforts in programming this Fifth Symposium.

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