

Announcements

Advances in Flame Retardancy of Polymeric Materials: Applications, Materials, Industry Developments, Markets, May 19–21, 1992, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Stamford, CT, USA

As it has in past years, this important meeting again will consider the various new developments, technologies, products and processes arising in the ever-expanding flame retardancy arena. The 1992 Flame Retardancy Conference (sponsored by Business Communications Company, Inc.) is, to the best of our knowledge, the most complete and informative technical/commercial meeting covering flame retardancy. Leading suppliers, users, agencies and researchers will present papers and exhibit. The conference will be divided in the following manner:

- **Session I** **Important Directions in Flame Retardant Chemicals**
- **Session II** **Important Trends in Flame Retardant Polymers**
- **Session III** **Industry Consumer Focus and Important Applications**
- **Session IV** **Testing/Standards/Regulations**
- **Session V** **Toxicity Issues**

The program chairman is Professor Menachem Lewin of the Polymer Research Institute, Polytechnic Institute, and the School of Applied Science and Technology of Hebrew University. Aside from the presentations, there are other ways for conference participants to share valuable information at this critical meeting:

- **Short 15-minute new product/research announcements;**
- **Exhibits—an opportunity to display equipment and distribute product literature/samples. Conference participants will be able to peruse the exhibits during all breaks and reception periods;**
- **Posters—registrants at the 1992 Flame Retardancy Conference are invited to create a poster to present new company developments or information. Posters will be displayed on one evening during the reception period.**

More information, including a comprehensive program bulletin and details of applicable registration fees, can be obtained by contacting:

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International Conference on Risk Management of Chemicals – Can Chemicals Be Used Safely, University of Surrey, Guildford, UK, 13–16 July 1992

The Royal Society of Chemistry is Organizing above conference as a sequel to its 1986 and 1988 conferences on toxic hazard assessment of chemicals, and risk assessment of chemicals in the environment, respectively.

Aims and Scope

'Risk assessment' is defined (IUPAC 1991) as the identification and quantification of the risk resulting from a specific use or occurrence of a chemical, taking into account possible harmful effects on individual people or society of using the chemical in the amount and manner proposed and all the possible rates of exposure. Quantification ideally requires the establishment of dose-effect and dose-response relationships in likely target individuals and populations.

'Risk management' is the practical application and implementation of risk assessment to meet specified goals and achieve safe use of a substance. It embodies the goals to achieve the safe use of a substance. It includes the managerial, decision-making and active hazard control process to deal with those harmful agents for which risk evaluation has indicated that the risk is too high. It is thus a combination of three steps: (i) Risk indication, (ii) emission and exposure control, and (iii) risk monitoring.

Obviously, particular note has to be taken of 'risk perception', which is the subjective perception of the quantity or importance of the risk based on the subject's knowledge of different risks and the moral, economic, and political judgement of their importance, and 'societal risk' which is the total harm suffered by a total (human) population and to the future of its communities.

Sponsors

The conference will be co-sponsored by the European Community, the Federation of European Chemical Societies, The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, The United Nations Environment Programme, and the World Health Organization.

Organizing Committee

Dr. D. Taylor (Chairman), Mr. M.L. Richardson (Editor), Mrs. J. Deschamps, Mr. G.J. Dickes, Dr. J.F. Duffus, Dr. John F. Gibson, Dr. H.P.A. Illing, Dr. D. Kello, Mr. S. Luxon, Ms. C. Lyall, Professor M. Mercier, Mrs. Penelope A. Mohamed, Professor P.J. Peterson, Dr. B. Samimi-Eidenbenz, Dr.G. Shkolenok.

Scientific Programme

The conference will deal with the following topics:

- (1) Setting the Scene,
- (2) Introduction to the Management of Risk,
- (3) Managing Risks in Manufacture,
- (4) Managing Risks from Waste,
- (5) Managing Risk during Chemical Use, and
- (6) Social Dimension of Risk Management

Information

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