

## Preface

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The Division of Chemical Health and Safety of the American Chemical Society (ACS-CHAS), established in 1979, is dedicated to the wide range of informing chemists and others as to prudent measures and practices to prevent or minimize undesired effects of chemicals and chemically related materials on humans, the environment, and the economy.

While fires and explosions have figured in chemical and other chemically related incidents during the past decades, relatively little scientific discussion has been recorded or published on these vital aspects. For that reason, and the awareness that considerable work is underway in this phase, the ACS-CHAS invited the authors to reflect some of their work, with the hope that data and information from other countries would contribute to the overall data base available for prevention and control, and be shared worldwide.

Seven of these papers are presented in this special issue. Readers are invited to comment on them, as well as to add new data, addressing the authors, or the ACS-CHAS, *c/o* Ruth Hathaway, Secretary, 1810 Georgia, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, USA

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