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Preface

The Eleventh Australian Polymer Symposium, organized by the Royal Australian Chemical Institute, Polymer Division, was held at Lorne, Victoria, from 27 February to 1 March 1980. A total of 60 papers was presented in the form of research papers, reviews, and poster papers, and 25 of these are to be published.

The Australian Polymer Symposia constitute the principal meetings for polymer scientists in this region and are intended to provide a forum for the presentation of current work on all aspects of polymer science. On this occasion 150 polymer scientists and technologists from all over Australia attended. The special guests were W. D. Woolley, Fire Research Station, U.K.; T. Tsuruta, University of Tokyo, Japan; G. B. Butler, University of Florida, U.S.A.; and C. H. Peterson, Lord Corporation, U.S.A.

Sessions were held on a diversity of topics including polymers in fires, kinetics and mechanisms of polymerization, polymers with functional groups, physical and mechanical properties of polymers, adhesion and adhesives, and polymer processing. There was also a special session under the title *Polymers—Can They Compete for Resources?*

Symposium members were saddened by the sudden death of F. E. (Ted) Treloar of the University of Melbourne. His contribution to Australian polymer science will long be remembered.

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