

PREFACE

Modified polymers are produced by means of chemical and physical reactions of polymers at various structural level. Within this broad research area the main lectures and contributed papers were centred around 3 topics:

1. Transformation reactions of polymers, block and graft copolymers; 2. Fillers, antidegradants, plasticizers, blowing agents and flame retardants in polymers and their reactions; 3. Properties of modified polymers and advances in methods of their study.

The aim of the Conference was to contribute to the exchange of information on scientific advances achieved during the last 4 years (the 4th Bratislava Conference was held in 1975). The contributed papers were published as Conference Preprints containing 99 contributions, 50 of them being of chemical and 49 of physical character. A total of 250 attendants from 17 countries were registered.

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