Preface to the 2nd English edition

Everything said in the preface to the first German and first English editions still holds and essentially does not need any addition or correction. In this revised second edition in English we have up-dated the manuscript and added some recent aspects of energetic materials:

- (i) We have tried to correct some mistakes which can not be avoided in a first edition and also updated the references where appropriate.
- (ii) The chapters on Ionic Liquids, Primary Explosives, NIR formulations, Smoke Compositions and High-Nitrogen Compounds were updated.
- (iii) Two new short chapters on Co-Crystallization (9.5) and Future Energetic Materials (9.6) have been added.

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