

PREFACE

This is the first volume of Transition Metal Chemistry Review to be produced without the editorial assistance of Prof. C.D. Garner, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him, wholeheartedly, for all the hard work and enthusiasm which he dedicated to founding and producing this series. I would also like to publicly congratulate him upon his appointment to the Chair at Manchester, the extra commitments of which have led to his resignation as editor of this series. It would also be appropriate here to congratulate two of our earlier contributors, Profs. D.J. Cole-Hamilton and R.W. Hay, upon their new appointments.

The aim of this volume, as with previous volumes in the series (see the cumulative index, p. 281), is to provide a reasonably comprehensive coverage of the coordination chemistry of the d-transition metal elements. The reviews in this volume (the first of three to survey 1983) cover publications which appeared during late 1982 and 1983, using primary journals and Volumes 98 and 99 of Chemical Abstracts as the sources for the information. The scope and organisation of the reviews remains unchanged, and I continue to encourage authors to highlight areas of especial interest and relevance to the chemistry of their individual elements. It is always a pleasure to welcome new authors to the series, and this volume sees the first article by Dr. D. Dakternieks, extending our international team by becoming our second Australian contributor.

All the manuscripts in this volume have been camera-ready produced by the authors themselves, and they are to be congratulated upon their clear presentation and prompt delivery.

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