

PREFACE

In order to facilitate speedier publication of the manuscripts which we have already received for 1983, Part B has been split into two sections. (i) and (ii). Part B(i) appeared as the previous volume, 72, whilst Part B(ii) forms the basis of this volume. The chapter numbers run consecutively through both Parts.

The aim of this volume, as with previous volumes in the series (see the cumulative index, p. 293), is to provide a reasonably comprehensive coverage of the coordination chemistry of the *d*-transition metal elements. The reviews in this volume 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 1982 review of rhenium chemistry, which was displaced from Volume 71, also appears here. 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.

All the articles in this volume have been produced in camera-ready copy by the authors themselves, and they are to be congratulated for producing such painstaking work. I am also indebted, as ever, to Dr. E.A. Seddon for her help with collating the finished volume.

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