

## PREFACE

The aim of this volume, as with previous volumes in the series (see the cumulative index, p. 331), 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 those to survey 1985) cover publications which appeared during late 1984 and 1985, using primary journals and Volumes 102 and 103 of *Chemical Abstracts* as the sources for the information. The scope and organization 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.

This is an international journal, and I am delighted to record that this volume contains reviews from Australia, Canada, Italy and Great Britain. It is with a touch of regret that I note that Ray Colton, who has produced such excellent reviews of Group 6 chemistry, comes to the end of his cycle of reviews for us. His contributions have been marked by their quality and insight, as well as always having the distinction of being the first to arrive for each year. I am keen to extend the range of reviews submitted from abroad, and any potential authors who would like to write for this series should contact me at the address on the title page, (iii).

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, as always, indebted to Dr. E.A. Seddon for her invaluable assistance with the final volume compilation.

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