

Preface

This contribution to the series of *Transition Metal Chemistry Surveys* includes articles which begin coverage of the 1994 literature as well as add to our previous coverage of work reported during 1992 and 1993. Our reviews for these last two years are now almost complete — in a forthcoming issue, an overview of the coordination chemistry of copper for 1991-1994 is scheduled to appear. In this volume, chromium makes a welcome reappearance after an absence from these surveys for many years.

Over the last year or so, we have moved from providing readers with a fully comprehensive coverage of the literature to giving broad and representative surveys; we apologize to those authors whose work is omitted but as the literature continues to expand, some omissions are unavoidable. Organometallic compounds are 'officially' excluded, but there is always some overlap between pure coordination and organometallic compounds — for example, cyclopentadienyl and carbonyl ligands are often present in compounds particularly of the early *d*-block metals and certain complexes remain of interest to coordination chemists.

A list of abbreviations is included at the end of the volume. It proves impossible to adhere strictly to the IUPAC nomenclature for organic ligands and hence the latter is variable.

Once again, we owe our gratitude to the authors whose work is included in this issue. Our team of authors continues to grow and it is to their credit that we are able to continue bringing this series of reviews to CCR readers. We are always pleased to hear from potential new authors.

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