



Preface

At the time when we took over editing this series of reviews, several articles lay dormant awaiting publication. The first two articles in this volume of *Coordination Chemistry Reviews* complete publication of the backlog of these surveys; we must thank the author, Gary Foulds, for his great patience in awaiting their publication. An overview of the coordination chemistry of copper for 1991–1994 also contributes to our efforts to catch up on missed years in past issues. The remaining reviews in this volume cover *d*-block metal coordination chemistry published during 1994 for the elements yttrium, niobium, tantalum, manganese, technetium, rhenium, iron, ruthenium, rhodium and silver.

It is now our general practice to provide readers with a representative survey of new coordination chemistry published during a given period rather than presenting a fully comprehensive coverage. We have been forced to make this difficult decision as a consequence of the ever growing amount of published material, and of course it means that some work is omitted — we apologise to those authors whose results are not included. Organometallic compounds are “officially” excluded, but inevitable overlap between pure coordination and organometallic compounds means that some organic ligands do appear, in particular for complexes of the earlier *d*-block metals.

A list of abbreviations used by authors and not specifically defined in the articles is included at the end of the volume.

As always, we must thank the authors whose work is included in this issue. With the pressures of research activities, we realise that review writing may not always be top of the list! Our team of authors continues to grow and we are always pleased to hear from potential new authors.

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