



Preface

Metal coordination chemistry remains a popular field of endeavour in Australia. In the past, the foundations of the present activity were laid by a number of well-known coordination chemists, including F.P. Dwyer and R.S. Nyholm.

A recent 'Golden Oldies' issue of the Australian Journal of Chemistry (Aust. J. Chem., 48, 1995) was dedicated to a number of senior Australian (and one New Zealand) inorganic chemists who had either recently reached retirement or were near retirement from their full-time university positions. They are: N.F. Curtis, B.N.

Figgis, H.C. Freeman, R.L. Martin, A.M. Sargeson and B.O. West. Each of these occupied inorganic chairs in their respective departments and each has made a significant contribution to the present vigorous state of coordination chemistry in Australasia. Characteristically, a number of these people continue to be active.

In this issue the research interests of a cross-section of the following generations of Australian inorganic chemists are highlighted.

One of the difficulties in coordinating the present volume was that a limitation of space resulted in it being only possible to invite a small number of contributors. Consequently, what is presented represents the interests of only a small fraction of the substantial number of coordination chemists currently working in Australia.

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