



Preface

This volume of *Transition Metal Chemistry Surveys* marks the very end of the series. Methods of searching the literature have undergone dramatic changes over the last few years, and electronic means of literature-searching are now available to the majority of readers. With this in mind, Elsevier hopes, at some point in the future, to follow *Transition Metal Chemistry Surveys* with electronically-produced and accessible articles.

We finalize the series with coverage of the 1996 literature for the metals yttrium, vanadium, chromium, molybdenum, tungsten, manganese, rhenium, ruthenium, osmium and copper, as well as a review which looks at the coordination chemistry of iron for the year 1995. The introductions of each review give insight into the exact coverage and methods of journal-searching. The remit for authors is to exclude organometallic complexes, although some compounds which have interest to the coordination chemist have been included by selection of individual authors.

A list of abbreviations is included at the end of the volume, and readers should note that the varied nomenclature in the literature means that is impossible for us to adhere strictly to the IUPAC rules.

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