

## PREFACE

As with the previous volumes in this series (see p.357 for the cumulative index), the principal aim is to provide a reasonably comprehensive coverage of the coordination chemistry of the *d*-transition elements. The reviews in this volume (the second of three to survey 1981) cover publications which appeared during late 1980 and 1981, using primary journals and Volumes 94 and 95 of Chemical Abstracts as the sources for the information. The scope and organisation of the reviews remain unchanged, and we continue to encourage authors to highlight areas of especial interest and relevance to the chemistry of their individual elements. We are delighted to welcome a number of new authors to our series with this volume, and are particularly pleased to acknowledge the contribution of Nick Serpone, who extends our international list of contributors to include Canada.

A simultaneous change in the personal circumstances of both the editors has meant that this volume is extremely late in being published. The third part of the 1981 coverage will appear later in the year, after the publication of Parts A and B of the 1982 Review (indeed Part A of the 1982 Review will appear as Volume 58 of Coordination Chemistry Reviews). We apologise to the readers for this, but in particular we apologise to Frank Hartley and Reg Davis, whose excellent reviews have had to be delayed (through no fault of their own) to Part C, despite their prompt production of their manuscripts. Finally, we owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Brenda Hall, whose splendid typing skills are evident in this volume.

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