

## PREFACE

The aim of this volume, as with previous volumes in the series (see the cumulative index, p. 339), is to provide a reasonably comprehensive coverage of the coordination chemistry of the *d*-transition metal elements. The reviews in this volume (the last 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 remains unchanged, and I continue to encourage authors to highlight areas of especial interest and relevance to the chemistry of their individual elements.

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