

PREFACE

The aim of this volume, as with previous volumes in the series (see the cumulative index, p. 275), is to provide a reasonably comprehensive coverage of the coordination chemistry of the *d*-transition metal elements. The reviews in this volume (the third to survey 1983) cover publications which appeared during late 1982 and 1983, using primary journals and Volumes 98 and 99 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.

I am particularly pleased to be able to include in this volume a contribution from the Republic of South Africa. This is an international journal, and I am always happy to be able to extend the already wide range of reviews submitted from abroad. I am also delighted to be able to include reviews written by authors with an industrial background, and I look forward to publishing more articles from industry in future volumes. The much belated review of tungsten chemistry for 1981 also appears in this volume, and I am indebted to Dr. Charnock for helping out at short notice with this review, and for producing such an excellent and penetrating article.

Most of the articles in this volume have been produced in camera-ready copy by the authors themselves, and they are to be congratulated for producing such painstaking work. I am, as always, indebted to Dr. E.A. Seddon for her invaluable assistance with the compilation of the completed volume, and to Colette Doughty and Della Wilkinson for their speedy and accurate word-processing.

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