

Preface

This volume is the second (Part B) in the series of the reviews of the coordination chemistry of transition metals covering the year 1990. The first volume appeared as *Coordination Chemistry Reviews* 115 (1992).

Coverage of the literature is not completely comprehensive but does provide a significant overview of work presented in the literature during 1990. The format of chapters is consistent, taking complexes in groups according to the oxidation state of the transition metal and in sub-groups according to the donor atoms of the ligands. Additional sections are included as appropriate, for example, catalysis, biological, or cluster species. In general, strictly organometallic complexes have been omitted as they are reviewed in other more appropriate places.

Nomenclature of organic ligands is not consistent, but, where possible, I.U.P.A.C. or closely related names have been used. A list of abbreviations is given at the end of this issue and it will be updated in future volumes.

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