

Preface

This volume of *Transition Metal Chemistry Surveys* focuses mainly on chemistry published in the literature during 1995, covering the coordination chemistry of the metals niobium, tantalum, manganese, technetium, rhenium, cobalt and silver. In addition, Gary Foults has written an overview of the coordination chemistry of nickel which surveys the years 1987 to 1989 and fills a gap in this series of reviews for this metal.

Our continued aim is to give a representative, rather than comprehensive, coverage of published work; this decision is now inevitable, since the publication of an ever increasing number of research papers makes a claim to comprehensive reviews almost impossible. We must obviously apologize to those authors whose work has not been included.

We ask authors to exclude organometallic compounds, but where such species contain features of interest to the mainstream coordination chemist, reviewers have generally chosen to include them.

We extend our thanks to those authors whose work is included in this issue.

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