

## Preface

This volume is the second (Part B) in the series of the reviews of the coordination chemistry of transition metals covering the year 1991. The first volume appeared as *Coordination Chemistry Reviews* Vol. 127 (1993).

Coverage of the literature is not completely comprehensive but does give a significant overview of work presented in the literature during the year. The chapters generally have a consistent format, taking complexes in groups according to the oxidation states of the transition metal and in sub-groups according to the donor atoms of the ligands. The chemistry of ruthenium has been discussed in sections according to donor atom only. Authors have added sections to cover areas of particular interest, for example, cluster chemistry or surfaces. In general, strictly organometallic complexes have been omitted as they are reviewed elsewhere, for example in the annual surveys in *J. Organomet. Chem.*

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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