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Acta Cryst. (1986). B42, 640**Books Received**

The following books have been received by the Editor. Brief and generally uncritical notices are given of works of marginal crystallographic interest; occasionally a book of fundamental interest is included under this heading because of difficulty in finding a suitable reviewer without great delay.

Stereochemistry of organometallic and inorganic compounds. Edited by I. BERNAL. Pp. xii+451. Amsterdam: Elsevier, 1986. Price US \$101.75, Dfl 275.00.

Applications of NMR spectroscopy to problems in stereochemistry and conformational analysis. Edited by Y. TAKEUCHI and A. P. MARCHAND. Pp. ix+221. Weinheim: VCH-Verlagsgesellschaft, 1986. Price DM 135.00, US \$45.00. Considering how immensely powerful X-ray diffraction is, for characterizing in detail the stereochemistry and conformation of molecules, it is important for crystallographers to be aware of the power that NMR spectroscopy

now has in this area, and the extent to which its power is complementary to that of X-ray analysis.

Chemistry of organo-zirconium and organo-hafnium compounds. By D. J. CARDIN, M. F. LAPPERT and C. L. RASTON. Pp. 451. Chichester: Ellis Horwood, 1986. Price £59.50.

Biological and inorganic copper chemistry. Vols I and II. Edited by K. D. KARLIN and J. ZUBIETA. Pp. xii+273, and xii+289, respectively. Guilderland, New York: Adenine Press, 1986. Price US \$65.00 each volume.

Handbook on the physics and chemistry of rare earths. Vol. 8. Edited by K. A. GSCHIEDNER and L. EYRING. Pp. x+382. Amsterdam: North-Holland, 1986. Price Dfl 240.00. This is the latest of a continuing series which first appeared in 1978. For a review of Vols 1 and 2, see Kobayashi [*Acta Cryst.* (1980), B36, 2861]. This volume, comprising chapters 54-57, includes a very substantial survey of some 70 rare-earth binary alloys, and also a long chapter on rare-earth inorganic complexes.