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Book review

THE ORGANOMETALLIC AND COORDINATION CHEMISTRY OF GERMANIUM, TIN AND LEAD, M. Gielen and P.G. Harrison, ed., Georgi Publishing Co., Saphorin, Switzerland, 1978, 126 pages, Sfr 36.50, \$ 19.00, paperback.

This slim paperback is a special issue of the "Reviews on Silicon, Germanium, Tin and Lead Compounds" and brings the plenary lectures which were presented at the Second International Conference on the Organometallic and Coordination Chemistry of Germanium, Tin and Lead, which was held at Nottingham, 11-15 July 1977. The conference organizer, P.G. Harrison, did a fine job of choosing research areas which are of current interest for presentation in these plenary lectures. Included in this volume are reports on the biological properties of germanium, tin and lead compounds (W.N. Aldridge), aspects of the chemistry of organostannylalkalis (H.G. Kuivila), the stannylenes, R_2Sn (W.P. Neumann), cyclic organosilicon and -germanium derivatives (P. Mazerolles) and stannacyclanes (E.J. Bulten and H.A. Budding). All authors are active in research in the fields on which they report and they have provided authoritative, up-to-date reviews which will be of interest to all chemists whose research involves Group IV organometallic chemistry. All articles are written in English, which will optimize their utility to the majority of readers.

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