

science this claim is now becoming a reality. A conclusion, written by the editors, summarises the present position and assesses the potential for the future.

The book is provided with a subject index, which is a little sparse, and a cluster index which is excellent. The production appears to be camera-ready, but is still very readable and has no more than the usual number of typographic errors. Most of the chapters review the literature into 1984, but a few seem more dated, which is a pity in this rapidly changing field.

Cluster chemistry was early predicted to be a new and excellent source for catalytic systems. This prediction has not been fully realised and the systems in which an intact molecular cluster (rather than an unidentified species formed by cluster fragmentation) has been proven to act as a homogeneous catalyst are still relatively few. However, clusters are compelling models of small metal particles, and metal clusters anchored to surfaces are among the best characterised of known supported metal catalysts. This work brings together specialists in organometallic chemistry, surface science and catalysis, and may be thoroughly recommended to workers in these fields. In North America it may be obtained from Elsevier Science Publishers Co. Inc., P.O. Box 1663, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.

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