

nonetheless the coverage is sufficiently catholic to satisfy all but the most critical of tastes.

I found the book to be a well written and stimulating reference work which provides a refreshing overview of the way in which chemical discoveries associated with the platinum metals, many of which originated in university laboratories, were subsequently exploited and developed in industrial laboratories using a combination of scientific, medical and engineering skills. It therefore represents a timely record of past achievements and a pointer to future research and commercial exploitation.

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#### Announcement

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The 10th FEICHEM Conference on Organometallic Chemistry will be held in Agia Pelaga, Crete, Greece, from 5–10 September 1993. Details are available from Dr. C.G. Screttas, The National Hellenic Research Foundation, 48 Vas. Constantinou Ave., Athens 116 35, Greece.