

Foreword

In this volume, the format, coverage, and approach in dealing with various aspects of Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms are similar to those adopted for the previous volumes of the series. Once again, rather than make an attempt at cataloguing all the articles in which mention is made of mechanism, we have chosen (with an eye on volume size and cost!) to concentrate on papers in which kinetics and mechanisms in solution form the principal interest. This policy inevitably leads to mention of some papers being cursory with a consequent loss of subtlety. It is our hope, however, that any resultant oversimplification or misrepresentation is minimal. Review articles cited are those which should be accessible to the great majority of readers.

The period of literature coverage extends from January 1975 to June 1976. The boundaries at both ends are somewhat vague since not all libraries have issues available at the same time. Care has been taken to ensure that an overlap with Volume 4 has been maintained in all areas. Material which is derived from *Chemical Abstracts* rather than from the original source is indicated by inclusion of a *Chem. Abs.* citation in the reference quoted. References to the Russian literature derived from this source quote the page number of the original article whereas those giving the title of the English translation quote the page number of the translation.

As in previous volumes, kinetic data are reported in the form (E_a or $\log A$ or ΔH^\ddagger and ΔS^\ddagger) or units (SI or other) used in the original article, although some conversions have been made both in the text and in the tables where comparisons are required.

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