

Foreword

This fourth volume of the *Specialist Periodical Reports* on Organometallic Chemistry covers the literature of the year 1974. In the absence of any dramatic change in emphasis in organometallic chemistry the format remains essentially the same as for the previous volume.

Both in main-group and transition-metal organometallic chemistry there continue to be described an extraordinary range and volume of interesting compounds, reactions, physical properties and correlations. Thus in the face of the need to produce a volume of viable size, the Senior Reporters accept full responsibility for the relative commissioned lengths of individual chapters. In order to cover the literature as completely as possible, we have arranged for some of our Reporters to provide at the end of their chapters a list of references not discussed in the main text, but which readers may wish to note.

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