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Preface

The present volume, the thirty-fourth in the series, surveys research on organic reaction mechanisms described in the literature dated December 1997 to November 1998. In order to limit the size of the volume, we must necessarily exclude or restrict overlap with other publications which review specialist areas (e.g. photochemical reactions, biosynthesis, electrochemistry, organometallic chemistry, surface chemistry and heterogeneous catalysis). In order to minimize duplication, while ensuring a comprehensive coverage, the Editors conduct a survey of all relevant literature and allocate publications to appropriate chapters. While a particular reference may be allocated to more than one chapter, we do assume that readers will be aware of the alternative chapters to which a borderline topic of interest may have been preferentially assigned.

There has been only one change of author since last year. We welcome Dr C. Bedford as author of Reactions of Carboxylic, Phosphoric and Sulfonic Acids and their Derivatives. He replaces Dr W.J. Spillane, whose major contribution to the series, through provision of expert reviews since 1983, we wish to acknowledge.

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