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The symposium was opened during April 1987, during the course of the 1987 Annual Conference of the Mineral Industry Research Organisation, held at Lichfield, UK. The first of these invited papers concerned the influence of supply, demand and perceived world reserves on the price of platinum. The second invited paper gave a global view of the market trends and predicted changes in the commercial value of the metal. Subsequent to the stand-up of a refining company and supplier, the results are reproduced in this volume and are followed by briefings and summary abstracts that reflect the wide range of research topics presented.

There were also several papers dealing with the physical methods and experimental and theoretical aspects of the metal, as well as papers evaluating the distribution and processes involved in the formation of various geological varieties and the thermal, physical and chemical properties of the metal in comparison to other metals, as well as its recycling, utilization, manufacture, distribution and its use in various countries such as Norway, Sweden, Canada, Australia, California, Hawaii, Brazil, Chile, South Africa, Germany, Italy, France, Belgium, and Switzerland.



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