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Preface

The chapters in this volume summarize the results of an international research project, PCR ('Permo-Carboniferous Rifting in Europe'), which focused on the geodynamic setting of Permo-Carboniferous rifting and associated magmatism in the northern foreland of the Variscan orogenic belt. For comparative purposes, the project also included a detailed study of Permo-Carboniferous rifting in the Iberian peninsula, within the Variscan Orogen. This project was funded as a Training and Mobility of Researchers (TMR) network (ERB FMRXCT96 0093) by the European Commission from 1997 to 2001. The PCR Project Team* included researchers from the UK, Norway, the Netherlands, Germany, Spain, Italy, France and Switzerland. Also included in the volume are a number of chapters from research groups in Germany, Poland and Spain, who were not formally affiliated to the PCR project at the outset, but who made important contributions to our understanding of Permo-Carboniferous magmatic activity in Europe. Preliminary results of the PCR project were presented at a special *Geoscience 2000* symposium at the University of Manchester, UK, in April 2000.

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