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## Awards:

- the "Ziegler-Natta Lecture" from the German Chemical Society (GDCh) in 2005,
- the "Angelo Mangini Gold Medal" from the Division of Organic Chemistry of the Italian Chemical Society in **2007**,
- Member Elected of the European Accademy of Arts and Sciences Salsburg in 2007,
- First Lecturer of the Slovenian-Italian Chemical Societies Lectureship for the year 2010,
- Honorary Member of the Israel Chemical Society, Tel Aviv, 2011
- Siver Plate from Interuniversities Consortium CINMPIS in **2014** for his 20 years as Director.