Education and Academic Career

- 1972 Master in Physics (University of Brussels)
- 1974 Ph.D. Physics (University of Antwerp)
- 1981 Habilitation (University of Brussels)
- 1986 Part-time professor "Solid State Physics" (University of Brussels)
- 1988 Professor at University of Antwerp
- 1994 Full professor at the University of Antwerp
- 2004 Head of the EMAT research group at the University of Antwerp
- 2006 Director of the "NANO Centre of Excellence", University of Antwerp
- 2008 Methusalem award of the Flemish government
- 2008 Francqui Chair FUNDP, Université de Namur (Belgium)
- 2009 ERC advanced grant of the European Commission
- 2010 Member of the Belgian Academy of Art and Science
- 2011 Dr Honoris Causa University of Lima (Peru)
- 2012 Guest Professor Wuhan University (China)
- 2012 Guest Professor Wuhan University of Technology (China)
- 2012 Guest Professor Wuhan University of Technology (China)
- 2015 Emeritus Prof. University of Antwerp
- 2015 Strategic Scientist Wuhan University of Technology (China)
- 2015 FWO Excellence award (Dr. De Leeuw-Damry-Boulart award)

Research Periods Abroad (3 months or more)

• 1975 Banaras Hindu University (Varanasi) India

• 1980-1981 University of California (Berkeley)

University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign)

1984 University of California (Berkeley)

1993 Université de Caen (France)

• 2000 Australian National University (Canberra)

Scientific Activities

- Author or co-author of over 1000 papers in ISI journals
- Over 23 000 citations (Hirsch factor h = 66)
- Invited speaker at over 250 international conferences
- Editor of "Handbook of Microscopy" (3 volumes; 1997)
- Editor of "Handbook of Nanoscopy" (2 volumes; 2012)
- Associate editor of 10 ISI journals