

Short Biography:

François Fajula graduated in Physical Chemistry and obtained his PhD and Doctorate ès Sciences in Catalysis in 1978 from the University of Strasbourg (France). After a post-doc at Texas A&M (College Station, TX, USA) he settled at the University Montpellier as a CNRS researcher in 1981, where he established a group working in the fields of zeolite synthesis and catalysis in close cooperation with major refining and chemical companies. From 2007 to 2014, he is the director of the Institute for Molecular and Materials Chemistry in Montpellier, France, a University-CNRS associated laboratory with 220 permanent staff covering a broad range of expertises, including catalysis, quantum and bio-chemistry, organic and inorganic synthesis, polymer and materials sciences, spectroscopy and life sciences. François Fajula has authored over 270 scientific papers and holds 34 original patents. He has been the chairman of the 13th International Zeolite Conference in 2001 and the president of the International Zeolite Association (IZA) from 2004 till 2010. His work has been recognized with several prizes, among which the 2005 French Chemical Society Award and the 2013 IZA Award.