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1974 Ph. D., University of Tokyo (Professor Shun-ichi Yamada)  
1974-1977 Post-doctoral Research Associate, Harvard University (Professor E. J. Corey)  
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1983-1986 Research Group Leader, Sagami Chemical Research Center  
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1991-2010 Professor, The University of Tokyo  
2005.5-2006.3 Vice-president of The Pharmaceutical Society of Japan  
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2006.4-2008.3 Dean of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, The University of Tokyo  
2006.4-2011.9 Member of Science Council of Japan  
2010.4- Director, Institute of Microbial Chemistry (BIKAKEN)  
2013.4- 2015.3 President of The Pharmaceutical Society of Japan  
2014.11- Chairman of Board of Directors, Microbial Chemistry Research Foundation

**Awards:** The Pharmaceutical Society of Japan Award for Young Scientists, 1981 (Japan)  
Inoue Prize for Science, 1994 (Japan)  
Fluka Prize: Reagent of the Year 1996, 1996 (Switzerland)  
Tetrahedron Chair, 1998 (Belgium)  
The Pharmaceutical Society of Japan Award, 1999 (Japan)  
The Molecular Chirality Award, 1999 (Japan)  
The Naito Prize, 2002 (Japan)  
ACS Award: Arthur C. Cope Senior Scholar Award, 2002 (USA)  
The National Prize of Purple Ribbon, 2003 (Japan)  
The Toray Science Award, 2004 (Japan)  
The Japan Academy Prize, 2005 (Japan)  
Takamine Memorial Sankyo Award, 2006 (Japan)  
The Rare Earth Society of Japan Award, 2007 (Japan)  
ACS Award: Creative Work in Synthetic Organic Chemistry, 2008 (USA)  
Centenary Medal and Lectureship (Royal Society of Chemistry), 2008 (UK)  
Prelog Medal (ETH), 2008 (Switzerland)  
Special Award of Synthetic Organic Chemistry of Japan, 2010 (Japan)  
Ryoji Noyori Prize, 2012 (Japan)

**Titled Lectureship:** SFC-Rhone Poulenc Lectureship, 1997 (France)  
Warner Lambert Park-Davis Lecturer, 1997 (Ohio State University, USA)  
Büchi Lecturer, 1999 (MIT, USA)  
Bristol-Myers Squibb Lecturer, 1999 (Harvard University, USA)  
Syntex Distinguished Lecturer, 1999 (Colorado State University, USA)  
H. C. Brown Lecturer, 1999 (Purdue University, USA)  
BioMega Lecturer, 2000 (University of Toronto, Canada)  
UCLA/Amgen Lecturer, 2000 (University of California, Los Angeles, USA)  
Bristol-Myers Squibb Lecturer, 2000 (University of California, Berkeley, USA)  
Novartis Chemistry Lectureship, 2000/2001 (Novartis, Switzerland)  
Organic Synthesis Lecturer, 2001 (University of California, Irvine, USA)

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AstraZeneca Lecturer, 2004 (Stockholm University, Sweden)  
Pfizer Lecturer, 2004 (University of California, San Diego, USA)  
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Oppolzer Lecturer, 2006 (University of Geneva, Switzerland)  
Holm Lecturer, 2006 (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)  
Bristol Myers Squibb Lecturer, 2008 (University of Pennsylvania, USA)  
The Kurt-Alder-Lectureship, 2008 (Cologne University, Germany)  
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**Honorary Fellowship:** Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, 1997  
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**Publications:** >613                      **Patents:** ~143

**Recent Book:** "Organic Synthesis Directed Toward Life Science" (Japanese), Kodansha, 1985  
"Multimetallc Catalysts in Organic Synthesis" (English), WILEY-VCH, 2004

**Editorial work:** "Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters"