

Biographical Sketch

Dennis Patrick Curran

Dennis P. Curran received his B.S. in 1975 from Boston College. His Ph.D. was granted from the University of Rochester in 1979 where he worked under Professor Andrew S. Kende. After a two year postdoctoral stay with Professor Barry M. Trost at the University of Wisconsin, Dr. Curran joined the faculty of the Chemistry Department at the University of Pittsburgh in 1981. He now holds the ranks of Distinguished Service Professor and Bayer Professor of Chemistry, and is the founder of Fluorous Technologies, Inc. (www.fluorous.com). Among other awards, Dr. Curran has received the Blaise Pascal International Research Chair, Préfecture de la Région D'Ile-de-France Paris (2007-2008), the Pittsburgh Award, Pittsburgh Section, American Chemical Society (2006), the Morley Medal, Cleveland Section, American Chemical Society (2006), the Pittsburgh Magazine Innovators Award (2003), American Chemical Society Award for Creativity in Organic Synthesis (2000) and the Cope Scholar Award (1988), and the Janssen Prize for Creativity in Organic Synthesis (1998). He is currently an ISI "Highly Cited Researcher" (www.isihighlycited.com). Dr. Curran has authored over 350 papers, thirty patents and two books, and is well known for his work in at the interface of radical chemistry and organic synthesis. More recently he has made significant contributions to the emerging discipline of fluorinated chemistry. Additional information is at <http://radical.chem.pitt.edu>.