

Professor Giovanni Natile

He was born in Putignano (Bari, ITALY) on 18 November 1944. Since 1981 he is Professor of General and Inorganic Chemistry in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences of the Università degli Studi di Bari, Italy.

Professor Giovanni Natile, Past President of the Italian Chemical Society/Società Chimica Italiana (SCI), became President of the European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences (EuCheMS) in October 2005 until 2008.

As President of the SCI, Giovanni Natile has taken vigorous steps to strengthen the editorial policy of the Società Chimica Italiana and to promote collaboration with other European chemical societies in order to improve their partnership.

He has also initiated action to promote the spread of chemical knowledge in society, in accordance with the belief that a better understanding of chemistry means a better future for chemistry.



The EuCheMS General Assembly 2010 in Slovenia acknowledged the contribution of Giovanni Natile, President Elect 2004/2005, President 2005 to 2008 and Immediate Past President until 2010. Giovanni Natile steered EuCheMS through the challenge of becoming a legal entity registered in Belgium and funded by its member societies. His Presidency marked a period during which EuCheMS gained recognition as a voice for chemical and molecular sciences. Natile chaired the EuCheMS launch event at the European Parliament in 2006 bringing together representatives of the Parliament and the Commission with guests from the key European organisations involved in chemical sciences. With his support EuCheMS, having signed a declaration on sustainable development, played a prominent role in developing policy, holding meetings in Brussels to publicise reports on energy and sustainable water. Natile presided over the first two EuCheMS Congresses, building on the strengths of EuCheMS scientific Divisions. With his encouragement the Divisions broadened their scope to embrace organic and inorganic chemistry, sustainable chemistry and chemistry and energy.

He supported the creation of the European Young Chemists Network and the launch of the European Young Chemist Award. He led EuCheMS in strengthening links with sister organisations, including CEFIC and the European Physical Society. As Immediate Past President, he chaired the task group on governance which led to a more effective EuCheMS governance structure.

Giovanni Natile is active in the field of organometallic chemistry and bioinorganic chemistry and is author of ca. 200 papers, several book chapters and some patents.

Actually he is:

- coordinator of the PhD in "Synthesis and enzymatic Applied Chemistry" at University of Bari;
- member of the Management Committee of the COST-D20 "Metal Compounds for the treatment of cancer and viral diseases";
- member of the editorial board of "Metal-based drugs", "European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry" and "Inorganic Chemistry Communications";
- director of CIRCMSB: the "Chemistry of Metals in Biological Systems" which puts together 20 research teams from different Italian universities.