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He served on a large number National and International Scientific committees and acted e.g. as Chairman of the organizing committees of the International Carbohydrate Symposium (1984), European Carbohydrate Symposium (1997), International Glycoconjugate Symposium (2001). He is (co)-author of about 700 paper in peer reviewed journals and acted as (co)-editor of books on glycoconjugates. He is a member of a number of editorial boards and is Editor in chief of the Glycoconjugate Journal.

He received the following Awards and Distinctions:

He was elected foreign Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (1987); Member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (1990), Honorary Member of the American Society for Biochemistry/Molecular Biology (1989), Honorary Member of the Netherlands Society for Glycobiology (2007). He received honorary Doctorates from the Universities of Debrecen, Hungary (1992), The University of Science and Technology of Lille, Villeneuve d'Ascq, France (1993), The University of Stockholm, Sweden (1997). He received the Claude S. Hudson Award in Carbohydrate Chemistry from the American Chemical Society (1994), The Louis Pasteur Medal of the University of Science and Technology of Lille, Villeneuve d'Ascq, France (1993), Bijvoet Medal of Utrecht University (2000), Medal of Rome University, Tor Vergata, Italy (2001), Silver Medal Utrecht University (2003). He is Fellow of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (1999), Highly Cited Researcher, Institute Scientific Information (2002). He received the Hilditch Memorial Lecture Award (1978). He was distinguished as Knight of the Order of the Lion of the Netherlands (1998).