

## Jean Martinez

Jean Martinez, Ph. D., Dr. Sci., received his Ph.D. in 1972 from Montpellier 2 University, at the National School of Chemistry and his Dr. Sciences Degree in 1976 in the same University, both under the supervision of Professor F. Winternitz. In 1976, he joined Doctor E. Bricas's group at Orsay, University of Paris Sud, as a post-doctorate fellow and in 1977 the laboratory of Professor M. Bodanszky at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, USA, where he stayed till mid-1979.

He was appointed Research Associate at CNRS in 1973, then Director of Research at CNRS in 1983. In 1998 he joined the University of Montpellier 2 as a Professor of Organic Chemistry. In 2001 he was also appointed Professor of Medicinal Chemistry at the School of Pharmacy, University of Montpellier 1. He is the Head of the Laboratory of Amino Acids Peptides and Proteins LAPP he has created in 1982 and of the Institute of Biomolecules Max Mousseron, which assembled 6 CNRS units, and which he created in 2007 in Montpellier, France.

His main scientific interests concern the chemistry of amino acids and peptides, including methodology of peptide synthesis and analysis, structural studies, peptidomimetics, as well as their pharmacology. He worked on several ligands of G-protein coupled receptors (cholecystokinin, gastrin, neurotensin, bradykinin, ghrelin, bombesin,...) as well as on the design of enzyme inhibitors. He co-authored over 800 papers including 45 patents and presented over 300 lectures. He has been chairman of several international meetings and he serves in the Editorial Board of many journals.

He received several international Awards including the Zervas Award from the European Peptide Society, the Mentzer Award from the French Medicinal Chemistry Society, The Paul Ehrlich Award from French Medicinal Chemistry Society, the Silver Medal from CNRS, France, the Max Bergmann Medal in Germany, the Cathay Award from the Chinese Peptide Society, the Akabori Award from the Japanese Peptide Society, the Roche Johannes Meinhofer Award in USA, the Leon Velluz Award from the *Académie des Sciences*. He is *Chevalier de l'ordre des Palmes Académiques* and *Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur*.

He has been President of the *Groupe français des peptides et protéines* and of the European Peptide Society for 10 years.