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Ruggero Curci is serving as Professor Adjunct (Physical Organic Chemistry) at the Chemistry Department, Brown University since 1996 to present.

Since 1975, he is also Professor of Chemistry (Organic Chemistry Chair) at the Department of Chemistry of University of Bari, Italy.

After earning his doctorate degree (*magna cum laude*) in Chemistry in 1961 at University of Bari, and a stint in the Italian Army (1961-1962), he undertook teaching and research at University of Bari where he was appointed Assistant Professor in 1964. In 1968 Dr. Curci moved to the University of Padova where he earned the "Libera Docenza" (a post equivalent to that of Associate Professor with tenure) in 1970.

In the year 1975, he was appointed Full Professor and was called to the Chair of Organic Chemistry of University of Palermo, Italy. In 1977 he then returned to University of Bari as a Full Professor (Organic Chemistry). In 1988 he served as Director, CNR (Italian Research Council) Center "MISO" (Innovative Methods in Organic Synthesis).

Actively engaged in collaborative research, Prof. Curci spent several long and short periods at Brown University. To quote a few, he was at Brown first as a NATO-Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor (1966-1967), then Fulbright Fellow and Vtg. Associate Professor (Summer 1972), and again as Visiting Professor in 1996-1997.

In 1978, for a period of two months, he was Visiting Professor at University of Puerto Rico. During the last decades he was invited lecturer at several US Universities (UCLA, University of Chicago, University of Indiana, UMSL, etc.)

Since 1968, prof. Curci is a member of the American Chemical Society and of the Italian Chemical Society. He is the author of over 100 research articles on major scientific journals, mostly on peroxide reaction mechanisms, which represent his main research interests. His current research interests include: the chemistry of dioxiranes and catalytic oxygen-transfer processes.

In the year 2000 he was awarded by the SCI (Italian Chemical Society, Rome) the gold medal "A. Mangini" in recognition of his contributions in the field of Peroxide Reaction Mechanisms and Dioxirane Chemistry.

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