

Gunzi Saito

Gunzi Saito (born 1945) was educated in chemistry at Hokkaido University, Japan, under the guidance of Prof. Yoshio Matsunaga, and received Ph.D. in 1972. He was a postdoctoral fellow in U.S.A. (1973-1974 Emory university, F. M. Menger, 1977-1979 University of Texas at Dallas, J. P. Ferraris) and Canada (1975–1976 University of Guelph, A. K. Colter), a research associate at the Institute for Molecular Science (1979–1984, with Hiroo Inokuchi, Yusei Maruyama), an associate professor at the Institute for Solid State Physics of The University of Tokyo (1984–1989), a professor at the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, Kyoto University (1989–2008), a professor at Meijo University (2008–2017), and guest fellow at Toyota Physical and Chemical Research Institute. He was also a visiting professor in Universite' de Rennes I (1998, 2002, 2003). His awards include the Inoue Prize for Science (1987), the Nishina Memorial Prize (1988), the SSSJ Paper Award (1991), the CSJ Award (2003), the BCSJ Award (2005,2008,2017), medal with purple ribbon (2009), and orders of the sacred treasure (2018). He has been devoted in the development of molecular compounds in the π -system with exotic functionality such as organic semiconductors-metals-superconductors, functional dyes, functional uni-molecule or uni-component solid, systems of neutral-ionic phase transition, systems of proton- and charge-transfer interactions and systems of switching-memory phenomena. Also he is interested in ionic liquids.