



PLENARY SPEAKER

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François Gabbai was born in 1968 in Montpellier (France). Upon completion of his undergraduate chemistry studies at the Université de Bordeaux in 1990, he joined the graduate program at the University of Texas at Austin to work with Alan Cowley. After obtaining his Ph.D. in 1994, he was awarded an Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship and subsequently a Marie Curie Fellowship which allowed him to work with H. Schmidbaur at the Technische Universität München (Germany) as a postdoctoral fellow and later as an “Habilitation”. In 1998, he joined Texas A&M University where he now holds the Arthur E. Martell Chair of Chemistry. François is

a member of the advisory board of several international journals who has served as an associate editor for *Organometallics* between 2011 and 2019, and for *Chemical Science* since April 2019. He is a Fellow of the American Chemical Society (ACS), a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, and the recipient of the 2009 North American Dalton Lectureship. In 2016, he received the F. Albert Cotton Award in Synthetic Inorganic Chemistry from the ACS. His most recent recognitions include a 2019 Distinguished Achievement Research Award from the Texas A&M Association of Former Students and his promotion to the title of Distinguished Professor. His research interests revolve around the chemistry of p-block elements and late transition metals with applications in the domain of molecular recognition, anion sensing and transport, and catalysis.

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