Biography



Samir Z. Zard was born in 1955 in Ife, Nigeria. His training as a chemist started at the American University of Beirut, then at Imperial College, London, and finally at the Université Paris-Sud, Orsay, France, where he received his doctorate in 1983 under the supervision of Professor Sir Derek Barton. His main research concerns the study and development of new reactions and processes, with a special interest in radicals, organosulfur derivatives, alkynes, and nitro compounds. In addition to a number of academic awards, he received in 2007 the Croix de Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur.