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Rinaldo Poli obtained a Ph.D. degree in 1985 from Scuola Normale Superiore (Pisa, Italy) under Fausto Calderazzo, with one year also spent at Imperial College London with Geoffrey Wilkinson. After a 2-year post-doc with F. A. Cotton at Texas A&M University, he joined the faculty of the University of Maryland at College Park and rose the rank to Full Professor. In 1996, he moved to France, first to Dijon until 2003, and since then to his current position in Toulouse where he teaches at ENSIACET and leads a research group at the Laboratoire de Chimie de Coordination of CNRS. His research interests are in transition metal chemistry, spanning from structure-bonding-reactivity relationships and mechanistic studies, especially for open-shell organometallic compounds, to the application of metal complexes to catalysis and to controlled radical polymerization.