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He then started his doctoral studies in organic chemistry under the supervision of Professeur H.B. Kagan at the "Université de Paris-Sud". During that time he studied the asymmetric catalysis of the Diels-Alder reaction and the asymmetric induction leading to chiral ferrocenyl complexes. He obtained his PhD in 1992.

In that same year, he joined the group of Dr. Susan E. Gibson at Imperial College, UK as a postdoctoral fellow.

After 2 years, he went back to France where he was selected to the position of "*chargé de recherche* CNRS" at Université Paris Sud. In 1998, he won the CNRS Bronze Medal Award.

He joined the department of Organic and Medicinal Chemistry at the "Université Catholique de Louvain" in January of 2000, where he is currently a Professor of Chemistry.

The research group of Prof. O. Riant develops a general expertise in the field of organometallic stereochemistry which focusses on the development of new methodologies in transition metal catalysis. This expertise is extended towards applications in surface catalysis and nanocarbon material chemistry. The group is also involved in various interdisciplinary projects in biology and medicinal chemistry in the field of cancer research.

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