Leo Radom was born in Shanghai in 1944. His family moved to Sydney, Australia in 1947. Following his BSc in Chemistry at the University of Sydney, he obtained his PhD degree in experimental physical organic chemistry in 1969 with Raymond Le Fèvre. Leo then turned to theory through a postdoctoral period with John Pople at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh. He returned to Australia in 1972 to the Research School of Chemistry of the Australian National University, and moved to the University of Sydney in 2003 where he is now an emeritus Professor of Chemistry. Leo's main research interests are concerned with the study of the structures and stabilities of molecules and the mechanisms of reactions in which they are involved, by use of highly accurate computational quantum chemistry procedures. He has published over 500 papers, which have been cited over 35,000 times in the scientific literature. Leo's achievements have been recognized through the award of numerous prizes, including the Rennie Medal (1977), the H.G. Smith Medal (1988) and the Archibald Olle Prize (1992) of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI), the Schrödinger Medal of the World Association of Theoretical and Computational Chemists (WATOC) (1994), the BBV Foundation Chair at the Autonoma University of Madrid (1998), the 2006 Fukui Medal of the Asia-Pacific Association of Theoretical and Computational Chemists (APATCC), the David Craig Medal of the Australian Academy of Science (2008), the inaugural medal of the Association of Molecular Modellers of Australia (2010), and the Division of Physical Chemistry Medal (2010) of the RACI. Leo is a Fellow of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute and the Royal Society of Chemistry, and has been elected to the Australian Academy of Science and the International Academy of Quantum Molecular Science. His Hirsch Index of 84 is the highest of an Australian chemist. He is the immediate past-president of the World Association of Theoretical and Computational Chemists (WATOC) and is the current president of the Asia-Pacific Association of Theoretical and Computational Chemists (APATCC). Leo is married to Faye Radom, they have two daughters (Jackie and Naomi) and four grandkids aged from three to eight.

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