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The Young Talent in Analytical Chemistry Award will become the 'Lauro Kubota Award for Young Talent in (Bio) Analytical Chemistry'

The Young Talent in Analytical Chemistry Award, created by BrJAC in 2019 to recognize outstanding young researchers in analytical chemistry and bioanalytical research, will be known as the **Lauro Kubota Award for Young Talent in (Bio) Analytical Chemistry starting in 2025**.



This change honors Professor Lauro Tasuo Kubota, a brilliant Full Professor of Analytical Chemistry at the Institute of Chemistry of the University of Campinas (UNICAMP, SP, Brazil), and an internationally recognized researcher. Prof. Kubota was one of the founders of the Brazilian Journal of Analytical Chemistry and served as its first Editor-in-Chief from 2010 to 2018.

The "Lauro Kubota Award for Young Talent in (Bio) Analytical Chemistry" will continue to recognize outstanding young researchers in analytical chemistry and bioanalysis.

The award recipient will continue to be selected by a committee appointed by the Editor-in-Chief of BrJAC. It will continue to be offered annually at events in Brazil related to analytical chemistry, such as the National Meeting of Analytical Chemistry (ENQA) and the Analítica Latin America Congress, which are held in alternate years. The prize includes a diploma of merit recognition and a registration voucher for the national event following the award.

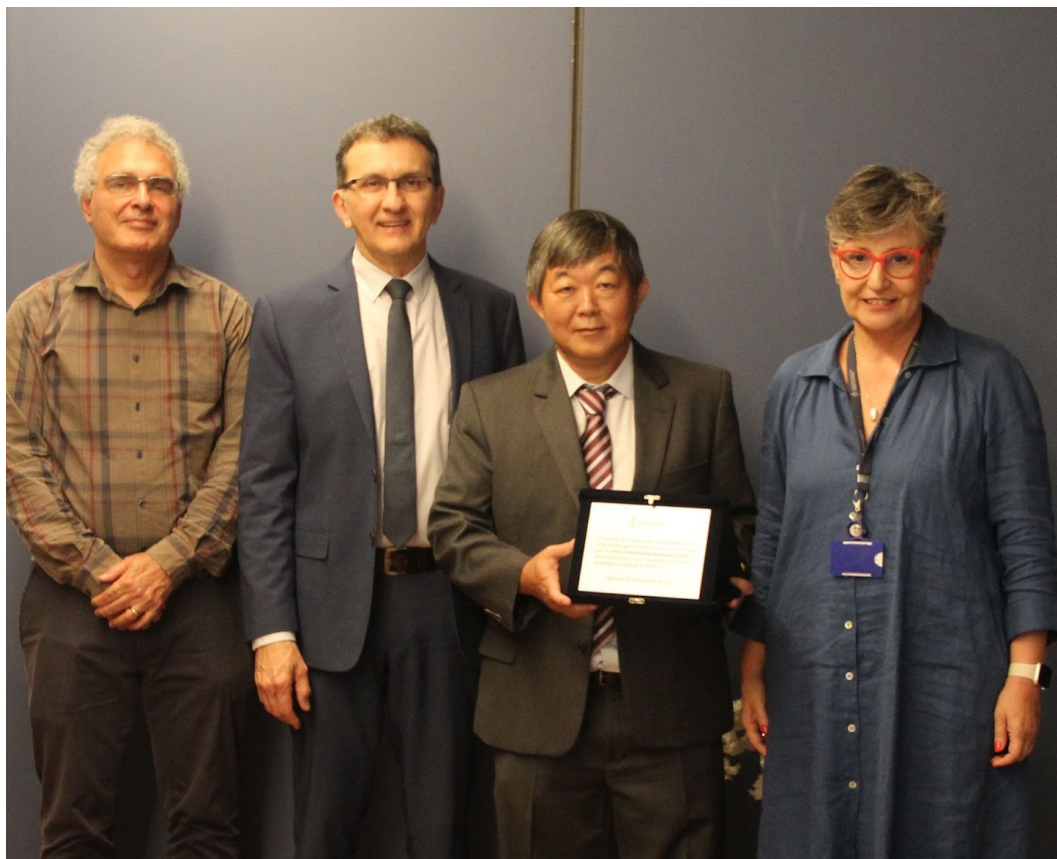
About Professor Lauro Tatsuo Kubota

Lauro Tatsuo Kubota was born in Brazil in 1964. He obtained his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the State University of Londrina, Paraná, Brazil, in 1986 and received a PhD in chemistry from the University of Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil in 1993. After postdoctoral work at Lund University, Sweden, in 1997/98, he became a Lecturer at São Paulo State University, Brazil, in 1989, an Assistant Professor at the University of Campinas in 1994, an Associate Professor in 2000, and a Full Professor in 2009.

In 1994, Prof. Kubota founded the Laboratory of Electrochemistry, Electroanalytic, and Sensor Development (LEEDS) in the Analytical Chemistry Department of the Chemistry Institute at UNICAMP. At LEEDS, Prof. Kubota initiated a line of research focused on new electrode surface modification strategies for the development of biosensors with applications in the clinical, environmental, and food fields. More recently, his research has focused on developing low-cost, disposable analytical devices based on the "point-of-care" concept, enabling rapid and affordable diagnostics, especially in resource-poor settings.

He served as the Coordinator of the Central Laboratory of Analytical Chemistry at the University of Campinas from 2002 to 2008, as Research Coordinator from 2008 to 2014, and as Director of the Institute of Chemistry at Unicamp from 2014 to 2018. He was also the Coordinator of the National Institute of Science and Technology of Bioanalytics (INCTBio) starting in 2008.

Among other honors, Prof. Kubota received the Rheinboldt-Hauptmann Prize in 2023 and the National Order of Scientific Merit from the Brazilian Presidency (Commander Class) in 2011. He has been a Member of the São Paulo State Academy of Science (ACIESP) since 2008, the Brazilian Academy of Science (ABC) since 2010, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) since 2014.



Prof. Lauro Tatsuo Kubota at the award ceremony of the Rheinboldt-Hauptmann Prize, held on November 7, 2023, at the Institute of Chemistry of the University of São Paulo (IQUSP). From left to right: Prof. Shaker Chuck Farah, Vice Director of IQUSP; Prof. Pedro Vitoriano de Oliveira, Director of IQUSP; Prof. Lauro Kubota, and Prof. Susana Inés Cordoba de Torresi, Vice Provost for Research and Innovation at USP.

Lauro Tatsuo Kubota passed away in October 2024.

“His time with us was a gift that we were able to receive, and the moments that we were able to share with Lauro Kubota will certainly remain in everyone’s memory. Although he was a quiet person and introverted in nature, Lauro Kubota had the gift of capturing everyone’s attention, because everyone wanted to listen to him, given that the lessons that emanated from him and his wise words echoed in the environment, bringing light, wisdom and discernment. The impact that Lauro Kubota had on the lives of many people will certainly never be forgotten, given that he was an encourager, a critic, a lover of academic life, an icon in his field.” said Prof. Dr. Marco Aurélio Zezzi Arruda, the current Editor-in-Chief of BrJAC.