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**Brazilian IADR Centennial Award named in honor of GC chairman Makoto Nakao**

SÃO PAULO, Brazil: This year, the Brazilian division of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) honored the chairman and former president of GC, Makoto Nakao, by naming its IADR Centennial Award in his honor.

The Makoto Nakao 2021 IADR Centennial Award was funded by Prof. Maria Fidela de Lima Navarro, a past president of the Brazilian society for dental research (Sociedade Brasileira de Pesquisa Odontológica—SBPqO) and of the IADR.

SBPqO organizes an annual congress at which researchers from Brazil and other Latin American countries meet to network, learn and present their latest work. This year, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held virtually for the first time. Attendees were able to participate in discussion forums, attend live sessions, interact with exhibitors, and participate in breakout sessions for networking and education.

During this year’s closing ceremony, João Gabriel Silva Souza from the Piracicaba School of Dentistry at the University of Campinas in Brazil was announced as the winner of the Makoto Nakao 2021 IADR Centennial Award and received a cash prize of R$4000. An honorable mention went to Rodrigo Falcão Carvalho Porto de Freitas of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte in Brazil.

For more information on SBPqO and the Makoto Nakao 2021 IADR Centennial Award, please visit www.sbpqo.org.br/hotsite2021/.

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