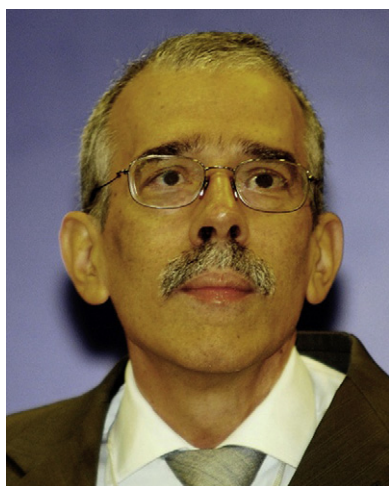




Obituary

Prof. Reinaldo Calixto de Campos (15.10.1954–07.02.2012)



Professor Reinaldo Calixto de Campos passed away on 07 February 2012, as a victim of cancer that had been discovered only a little more than a year ago. He left his wife Teresa, his three children and all his friends in a shock and in deep sadness over his untimely death.

Reinaldo received his PhD in Analytical Chemistry from the Pontifícia Universidade Católica, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (PUC-RIO) in 1988 after having carried out part of his research also at the Institute for Spectrochemistry and Applied Spectroscopy (ISAS) in Dortmund, Germany. From 1989 Reinaldo was teaching General and Analytical Chemistry at PUC-Rio; he was Vice-Dean for six years before he was elected Dean of the Technical and Scientific Center (CTC) of PUC-Rio in 2006. Besides his administrative duties as Dean, however, Reinaldo continued teaching undergraduate and graduate courses at PUC-Rio and also an undergraduate course on General and Analytical Chemistry at the Department of Food

Technology of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. He also continued his research in trace and environmental analysis and as an advisor of his master and PhD students at PUC-Rio. Reinaldo was an outstanding scientist and a passionate educator and teacher who always tried to transfer the seed of scientific thinking already to young kids, and to teach the importance of Chemistry for life to all his students. He was full of ideas to improve the educational system in Brazil. His research has always been on top in Brazil and internationally, and the large number of scientists that came from his group are carrying on this heritage.

Reinaldo participated already in the organization of the First and Second Rio Symposium on Atomic Spectroscopy in 1988 and 1992, he organized the 7th National Analytical Chemistry Meeting (VII ENQA) in 1996 and the Eighth Rio Symposium on Atomic Spectroscopy in 2004. His great dream, however, which was created in 2001, during the CSIXXXII in Pretoria, South Africa, was to organize a CSI in Brazil. It took a decade until the dream became reality; Reinaldo was always in the frontline, fighting for the success of the event in spite of the innumerable difficulties, and it was my privilege that I could spend this decade on his side, fighting with him. The CSI XXXVII, organized by Reinaldo was a big success; the dream has been fulfilled, but it should become his last achievement. His disease was stronger and did not allow him to fulfill the many other dreams he still had.

Reinaldo also was an extremely warmhearted husband and father who gave all his love to his family. He was an incredibly friendly, soft and tender person with an open heart, as you can only find in the Northeast of Brazil, where Reinaldo's parents came from. We all have lost one of the most outstanding representatives of our scientific community – and all who knew him personally have lost a real friend.

Bernhard Welz