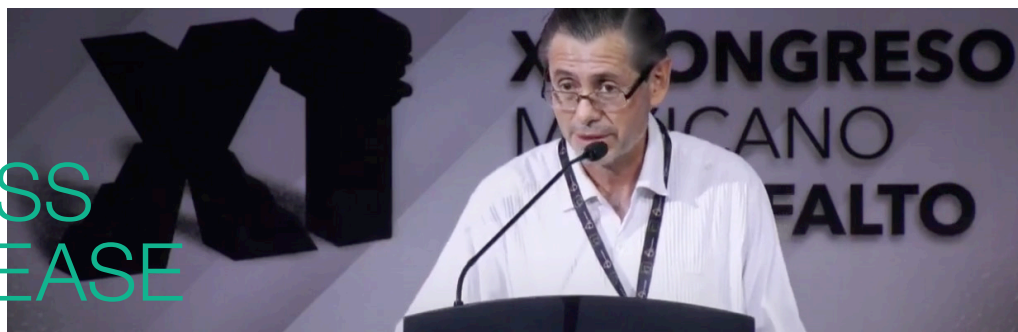




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The Mexican Asphalt Association presents the “Jorge A. Cabezut Boo” award to Álvaro Gutiérrez Muñiz, a QUIMIKAO engineer at the Mexican subsidiary of KAO CHEMICALS EUROPE

Barberà del Vallès (December 3rd, 2021) – During the 11th Mexican Asphalt Congress, organized by the Mexican Asphalt Association (AMAAC) held on October 28th in Cancun, engineer Álvaro Gutiérrez Muñiz received the “Jorge A. Cabezut Boo” award.

The award is presented for editorial articles that demonstrate superlative research and technological development, which display knowledge, experience, determination and support to the Mexican construction industry.

The article in question entitled ‘New test method to determine the fracture potential of the asphalt binder’ was selected by the AMAAC, who cited it as *“an extremely useful tool for increasing the durability of flexible pavements, contributing to human well being and the optimization of natural resources”*.

The article was also submitted to the 8th edition of the “Juan Antonio Fernández del Campo” international award for road innovation, where it was highlighted as one of the event’s most important submissions. It was also published in a special edition of the Spanish magazine “CARRETERAS”.

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Kao Chemicals Europe is a part of Kao group. We are a surfactant producer, amongst other chemical products. These surfactants are used in high performance formulations for the asphalt industry. Kao products are designed and developed to provide the most feasible way to produce high performing asphalt mixtures overcoming all sustainable requirements.

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The Mexican Asphalt Association (AMAAC) is committed to improving the quality and competitiveness of asphalt-related products, processes and services, by promoting research and technological development through specialized training, publications and technical advice and certification programs.

