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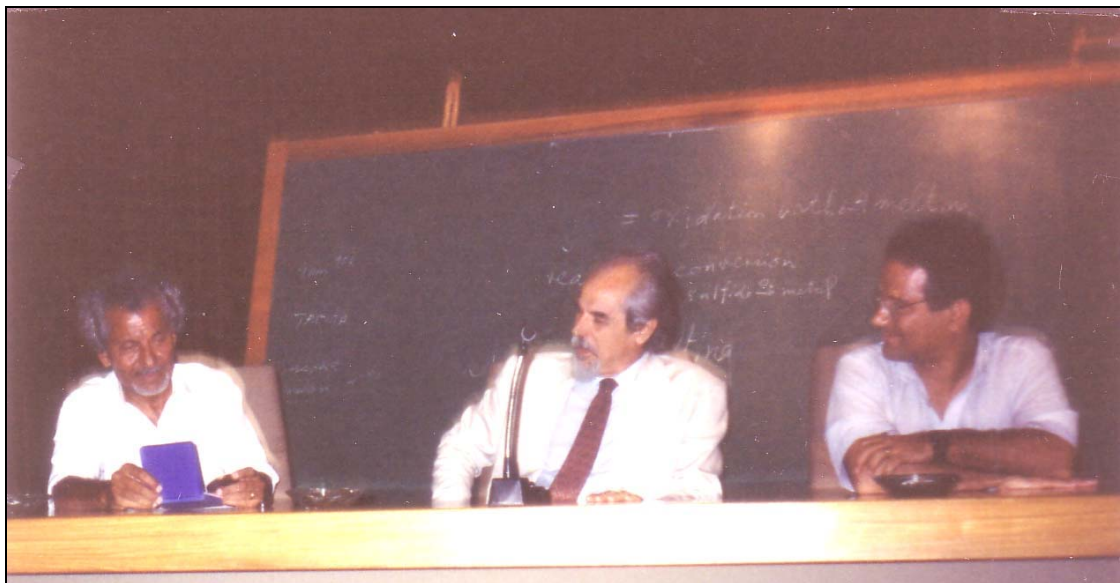
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I met Roberto Villas-Bôas many times in Brazil and in conferences in Buenos Aires, in Aachen, and in Istanbul. He arranged for me many visits inside Brazil<sup>1</sup>. He was Director of the Center of Mineral Technology - CETEM, which is a national research institute located on the campus of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and funded by CNPq which is the Portuguese acronym that stands for the National Council of Scientific and Technological Development. Since its creation, in 1978, it has been involved with technological development in mineral technology.

Laval University had good relations with CETEM and many researchers visited our Department many times. CETEM also organizes conferences, short courses and seminars. In 1992 Villas-Bôas invited me to present a course on Metallurgical Chemistry which was organized in collaboration with the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. After the course he presented me with CETEM medal and a silver vessel which I treasure very much.



Receiving CETEM medal from Dr. Villas-Bôas [centre]. Right: Dr. Ricardo de Andrade Medronho, Director of the School of Chemistry, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.

Photo by Nadia Habashi 1992

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<sup>1</sup> See F. Habashi, *De Re Metallica. A Metallurgist on the Move*, Volume 4 - Latin America, pages 67-182. Published by Métallurgie Extractive Québec, distributed by Laval University Bookstore "Zone".  
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CETEM medal given to the writer



CETEM present in 1992

When his first mandate at CETEM ended he left to work in the consulting firm of Paulo Abib in São Paulo and was replaced by Heda Vargas Figuera who visited me in Quebec City in 1987 with her husband. Villas-Boas returned to CETEM when her mandate expired.



Heda Vargas Figuera, Director of CETEM in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and her husband with Nadia Habashi. June 18, 1987. Photo by Fathi Habashi

Villas-Bôas graduated in Mining Engineering from the Polytechnic School of University of São Paulo (1968), Master of Science in Metallurgical Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines in 1971, and Doctor of Engineering Sciences from Federal University of Rio de Janeiro in 1977. He participated in many educational and scientific committees in Brazil and abroad, and received many distinctions and awards. He was Assistant Professor at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and Visiting Professor at several universities in South America and abroad.