

Plenary Speaker

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He received his B.Eng. (1974) in Organic Chemistry, his M.Eng. (1976) and Ph.D. (1979) in Polymer Chemistry from The University of Tokyo. He has held positions at the Institute of Biomedical Engineering, Tokyo Women's Medical College (1979-1989) and the Department of Materials Engineering, Tokyo University of Science (1989-1998) before joining the faculty of The University of Tokyo in 1998. He was a Visiting Professor at the University of Paris XIII, France (1992, 1996), Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan (2007), and Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich, Germany (2008). He served as the Adjunct Director of the Biomaterials Center at the National Institute for Materials Science (NIMS), Japan from 2001-2004.

Kataoka is past president of the Japanese Society for Biomaterials (2004-2006), President of the Japanese Society of Gene Design and Delivery (since 2004), Vice President of the Society of Polymer Science, Japan (since 2008), Fellow of the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) (since 1999) and Fellow of Biomaterials Science and Engineering (FBSE) (since 2004).

He has received several awards, including an award from the Japanese Society for Biomaterials (1993), the Outstanding Paper Award from the Controlled Release Society (1995), an award from the Society of Polymer Science, Japan (2000), the Clemson Award in Basic Research from the Society for Biomaterials, USA (2005), the Barré Award from the University of Montreal (2006), the Founder's Award from the Controlled Release Society (2008) and the National Institute of Materials Science Award, Japan (2009). He has more than 400 publications and is on the editorial board of 12 international journals. He is Editor of the Journal of Biomaterials Science, Polymer Edition and Associate Editor of *Biomacromolecules* (*American Chemical Society*). His current major research interests include supramolecular materials for nanobiotechnology, focusing on gene and drug delivery.