

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF
THE KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE
ON THE RESULTS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEES
IN THEIR MEETINGS HELD
BETWEEN 22/11/1426H-25/11/1426H
CORRESPONDING TO 24/12/2005G-27/12/2005G**

Riyadh, 27 December 2005, HRH Prince Khalid AI-Faisal, Director of King Faisal Foundation, tonight announced the winners of the 2006 King Faisal International Prize.

The prize for Science (Topic: Mathematics) has been awarded jointly to:

Professor Simon K. Donaldson (UK)

President of the Institute of Mathematical Sciences,
and Professor of Mathematics at Imperial College, London
and

Professor Mudumbai S. Narasimhan (India)

Honorary Fellow, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research in India

for their seminal contributions to theories which have strengthened the links between mathematics and physics, and helped provide a rigorous foundation for physical theories giving a very good description of the laws of matter at the sub-nuclear level. This has helped establish strong ties with the formulation of quantum chromo dynamics for which the King Faisal Prize was given last year (In physics).

The Prize for Medicine (Topic: Biology of Vascular Inflammation) has been awarded to:

Professor Michael A. Gimbrone, Jr. (USA)

Professor of Pathology at Harvard Medical School and
Chairman of the Department of Pathology at Brigham and Women's
Hospital

in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of vascular biology. Professor Gimbrone has pioneered the culturing of human endothelial cells and discovered endothelial-leucocyte adhesion molecules and other molecular mechanisms important in vascular disease. These

studies have contributed significantly towards better understanding of the vascular endothelium and have led to novel strategies of diagnosis and treatment.

The Prize for Arabic Language and Literature (Topic: The Arabic Language in Modern Linguistics) has been awarded jointly to:

Professor Tammam H. Omar (Egypt)

Emeritus Professor, Oar el-Uloum College, Cairo University
and

Professor Abdelkader F. Fehri (Morocco)

Director of the Institute for Study and Research of Arabization and
Professor of Arabic and Comparative Linguistics, Mohammad V
University

Professor Omar has been awarded the Prize in recognition of his distinguished efforts - over the past fifty years - to establish modern Arabic linguistics, an endeavor that has been reinforced by his profound knowledge of the Arabic heritage and the principles and methods of modern linguistic analyses.

Professor Fehri has been awarded the Prize in recognition of his detailed pursuit of modern linguistic theories and efforts to reconstruct the classical Arabic linguistic theory in the light of modern linguistic concepts.

The Prize for Islamic Studies (Topic: The Origins of Islamic Jurisprudence) was withheld due to lack of sufficiently meritorious nominations.

The Prize for Service to Islam has been awarded to:

H.E. Shaikh Salih A. Al-Husayyin (Saudi Arabia)

President of the Affairs of Al-Masjid Al-Haraam and Al-Masjid An-Nabawii
and

Shaikh Yusuf J. M. Al-Hidji (Kuwait)

President of the International Islamic Charitable Organization

Shaikh Al-Husayyin has been awarded the Prize in recognition of his prominent role in preaching Islamic principles of righteousness, philanthropy, and particularly moderation and tolerance. Apart from promoting those values and other principles of Islamic *Da'awa* (Call),

Shaikh Al-Husayyin is also a recognized researcher in Islamic economics, especially its ability to accommodate contemporary economic ideas .. He is also an ardent supporter of education, being an active member of the Supreme Councils of five Saudi Universities.

Shaikh AI-Hidji is recognized for his distinguished contributions to Islamic *Da'awa*, education and philanthropy. He is a member of the Boards of Trustees of four Islamic universities in Africa and Asia and initiator of the College of *Sharia* (Islamic Law) at Kuwait University. He is also the founder or co-founder and chairman of several national and international charity and relief organizations, and founding president of the Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society.

Notes to Editors:

- The topics for the 2007 King Faisal International Prize are:
Science-Chemistry, Medicine-Prostate Cancer, Arabic Language and Literature- Ancient Arabic Rhetoric, Islamic Studies-Muslims' Contribution to Pure or Applied Sciences. The deadline for all nominations is **1 April 2006.**