

**PRESS RELEASE
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FOR
SCIENCE**

Topic: CHEMISTRY

The King Faisal International Prize for Science is awarded this year for Chemistry. The Selection Committee decided that the Prize should be awarded jointly to:

PROFESSOR RYOJI NOYORI

of Nagoya University, Nagoya Japan

and

PROFESSOR DIETER SEEBACH

of the Laboratory of Organic Chemistry

at the Federal Polytechnic School ETH, Zurich Switzerland

for their exceptional contributions in developing new methods for the preparation of chiral molecules and for the achievement of selective and efficient chemical synthesis. The pioneering work of Professor Noyori on asymmetric catalysis has profoundly altered many aspects of chemistry. Professor Seebach's seminal contributions have led to new concepts in selective organic synthesis and in relating molecular structures to functions. Their outstanding contributions, which enable the manufacturing of new compounds, have enormous benefits for mankind, from agriculture to medicine.