

Announcement

The Secretariat General of King Faisal International Prize

Selection Committee Meetings of the 1982

King Faisal International Prize (12 January 1982)

The Selection Committee of King Faisal International Prize in its five branches for the Service to Islam; Islamic Studies; Arabic Language and Literature; Medicine; and Science, convened in the period between 9-11 January 1982 and reached the following decisions:

First:

The Selection Committee of the Prize for Service to Islam has unanimously chosen:

Sheikh Abdul Aziz Bin Baz, the Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia, on the basis of his following merits:

- A distinguished Islamic scholar, an exemplar of diligence and good deeds and a close persuant of Islam in his thinking, conduct and life-style.
- A prominent preacher, researcher, and educationalist in Islamic Studies, known for his diligent and unfaltering efforts in promoting Islam and disseminating its cause.
- A dedicated individual in his care of youth and search for suitable solutions for different issues of Islam and Muslims throughout the world.

Second:

The Selection Committee of the Prize for Islamic Studies has awarded the Prize to:

Dr. Mohammed Najatu Allah Siddiqui, from India on the topic : contemporary Economic Problems from the Islamic Perspective. Dr. Siddiqui was selected in recognition of his:

- Command of economic issues in Islam.
- Accuracy of style.
- Earnestly projecting and treating Islamic Economics issues.

The Committee decides that the Prize for next year will be on : Studies of the Holy Quran.

Third:

The Selection Committee of KFIP for Arabic Language and Literature, on the topic: Study of the Pre-Islam era to the End of the First Century AH, has been awarded to:

Dr. Nasir Al-Din Al-Asad of Jordan, for his contributions to the Prize's topic including his book (Sources of Ancient Poetry and their Historical Value). Al-Asad's research is characterized with:

- Originality and objectivity.
- Completeness and rigor.
- Refutation of misconceptions regarding Arabic Ancient Poetry.
- Wide citation of his work by other scholars and researchers.

The Committee has named the topic for next year 1983 Prize as:
Arabic Literature in the second and third Centuries AH.

Fourth:

The Selection Committee of KFIP for Medicine 1982 has awarded the Prize to:
Professor David C. Morely from UK for the following merits:

- His distinguished contributions to child health in tropical countries in Africa and Asia.
- His relentless efforts in Nigeria towards developing innovative scientific methods and training of medical staff responsible for delivering medical services to children.
- Disseminating his research results to a wide audience through publication in medical journals, scientific periodicals, participation in conferences and authoring the famous title, 'Pediatrics Priorities in Developing Countries'.
- Encouraging affordable educational methods such as presentation slides and explanatory details. Through these efforts, his field experience and knowledge has been widely shared with colleagues across the developing countries.

The Committee decides the topic for next year 1983 for the Prize to be: Malaria.

Fifth:

The Selection Committee of KFIP for Science met for the first time and decides the topic for next year 83 to be: Physics.