

Presentation of the  
2016 King Faisal International Prize Winners  
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*In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate*

*Praise be to Allah, and Peace and Prayers be Upon  
the Prophet and all his family and companions*

Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques  
King Salman Bin Abdulaziz,  
Your Highnesses,  
Your Eminences,  
Your Excellencies,  
Brothers and Sisters

Assalamu Alaikum.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce this year's winners of the 1437  
(2016) King Faisal International Prizes.

King Faisal International Prize for The Service to Islam

has been awarded this year to:

His Excellency Shaikh Dr.  
Saleh bin Abd Allah bin Humaid  
(Saudi Arabia)  
Consultant, Saudi Royal Court,  
Member of the Commission of Senior Religious Scholars, Imam and  
Preacher of the Holy Mosque in Makkah and President of the International  
Islamic Fiqh Academy.

Who was nominated for the Prize by the World Assembly of Muslim Youth  
in Riyadh in recognition of his outstanding services to Islam and Muslims,  
namely:

- His leading role in the International Islamic Fiqh Academy which serves the Islamic nation with regards to contemporary and forthcoming fiqh issues. His Excellency has put forth a strenuous effort, profound wisdom, deep vision and positive influence when dealing with contemporary fiqh issues. His input illustrates moderation and combines original fiqh opinions with present time changes.
- His meticulous efforts in religious education and call to Islam through hundreds of classes, lectures and conferences in different congregations and cultural centers.
- His dedicated efforts in supporting the Islamic nation through his classes, fatwa and speeches at the Holy Mosque.
- His authorship of many Islamic texts highlighting the virtuousness, values and history of Islam.

The following is a short film about his excellency :

I have pleasure to invite His Excellency Shaikh Dr. Saleh bin Humaid to receive the Prize and deliver his speech.

King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies

This year's Topic: (Muslim Geography Heritage).

The Prize has been awarded to:

His Excellency Professor  
Abdullah Yusef Al-Ghunaim  
(State of Kuwait)  
President of the Kuwaiti Studies and Research Center

Who was nominated for the Prize by several academic and scientific institutions from different Arab countries In recognition of his total works in geography both as an author and critical editor of original manuscripts of Muslim geographic legacy and his distinguished venture to revive ancient Arabic terms on shapes of the earth's surface and adapt them to contemporary geography. This is exemplified by his Arabic texts "The Pearls" and "The Arabic Geographic Heritage" in addition to his record of earthquakes in his book: "Arabic Register of Earthquakes."

More information is presented in the following short film:

It gives me pleasure to invite His Excellency Professor Abdullah Al-Ghunaim to receive the Prize and deliver his speech.

King Faisal International Prize for Arabic Language and Literature

Topic: (Analysis of the Arabic Poetic Text) has been awarded jointly to:

Professor Mohammad Abdul Muttalib Mustafa (Egypt), Professor in the College of Arts, Ain Shams University, who was nominated for the Prize by Ein Shams University and is recognized for his important accomplishments in applied analysis of Arabic poetry; he has competently and skillfully coined his analysis of poetic texts with deep knowledge of Arabic culture and insight of contemporary literary and stylistic concepts.

The co-winner:

Professor Muhammad Al-Ghazwani Muftah (Morocco) Is Professor in the College of Arts and Humanities at King Mohammad the 5th University in Rabat. He was nominated for the Prize by Al-Majma'a University in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in recognition of his distinguished methodical and theoretical endeavors in the Prize's topic. He has employed modern concepts in skillfully analyzing and describing Arabic poetic texts, perceiving them within the context of human culture.

More information is presented in the following short film:

It gives me pleasure to invite Professor Muhammad Muftah to receive the Prize and deliver his speech.

## King Faisal International Prize for Medicine

This year's Topic: (Clinical Application of Next Generation Genetics), to:

Professor Henri Gerrit Brunner (The Netherlands)  
Professor of Medical Genetics and Head of the Department of Human Genetics at the Radboud University, Nijmegen Medical Centre, and Head of the Department of Clinical Genetics of the Maastricht University Medical Center, Maastricht

and

Professor Joris Andre Veltman (The Netherlands)  
Professor of Translational Genomics at the Radboud University Medical Center, Nijmegen, and at the Maastricht University Medical Center, Maastricht

Who were both nominated by Charles University in Prague.

Professors Brunner and Veltman were selected as winners in recognition of their prominent role in moving into clinical practice a novel method of analyzing DNA, referred to as next generation sequencing. This has greatly improved the way of identifying genes that cause disease in patients and families suspected of having an inherited disorder. They have also initiated strong international collaboration in both research and diagnostics.

More information is presented in the following short film:

I have pleasure to invite Professor Brunner to receive the Prize and deliver his speech.

I also have pleasure to invite Professor Veltmann to receive the Prize and deliver his speech.

King Faisal International Prize for Science

This year's Topic Biology.

Has been awarded jointly to:

Professor Stephen Philip Jackson (UK)  
Professor, Head of Cancer Research, UK Laboratories,  
Gurdon Institute

Who was nominated for the Prize by the University of Cambridge (UK)

for his outstanding contribution to defining the link between the basic mechanism of genomic DNA instability and its relationship to cancer. Specifically, he unraveled the salient components of the pathway involved in DNA repair. He is also credited with an innovative approach to bring his findings into tangible therapeutic products to treat cancer.

More information in the following short film.

It gives me pleasure to invite Professor Jackson to receive the Prize and deliver his speech.

and

Professor Vamsi Krishna Mootha (USA)  
Professor of Systems Biology, Harvard Medical School, Cambridge

Who was nominated for the Prize by Harvard Medical School in the United States.

Professor Mootha used the mitochondrion (the cellular power plant) as a model to identify the link between pivotal molecular factors involved in mitochondrial dysfunction and major human diseases such as diabetes and other metabolic disorders. His contribution provides a framework for novel diagnostic and therapeutic applications.

More information is presented in the following short film:  
I now have pleasure to invite Professor Mootha to receive the Prize and deliver his speech.

In this year's Prize ceremony, we miss Professor Abdullah bin Saleh Al-Uthaimin, after three decades of tireless work and distinguished efforts as Secretary General of the Prize.

The following is a short film about him.

It now gives pleasure to invite Dr. Saleh bin Abdulla Al-Uthaimin to receive the shield of appreciation on behalf of his father, may the Almighty Allah grant him good health and wellbeing.

In conclusion, the General Secretariat of the King Faisal International Prize extends sincere gratitude to you, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman Bin Abdulaziz, for sponsoring this ceremony. We would also like to congratulate the winners for a well deserved recognition, and to thank our brothers and sisters attending the ceremony. Special appreciation and thanks are extended to all of those who cooperated with us during the nomination, refereeing and selection processes.

May Allah assist and support all of those working towards the welfare of humanity.

Thank you and Assalamu Alaikum.