

PRESS RELEASE
WINNERS ANNOUNCED
2010/1431H KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE
For ARABIC LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Topic: Studies Dealing with Arabic Grammatical Thought

Riyadh, 25 Muharram 1431H - 11 January 2010, HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Director of King Faisal Foundation, tonight announced the winners of the King Faisal International Prize.

The King Faisal International Prize for Arabic Language and Literature for the year 2010 (Studies Dealing with Arabic Grammatical Thought) has been awarded jointly to:

Professor Abdelrahman El-Houari Hady-Saleh (Algeria)
and
Professor Ramzi Mounir Baalbaki (Lebanon)

Professor Elhaj-Saleh received the award in recognition of his insightful analysis of *al-Khalil's* linguistic theory, its relation to contemporary grammatical thought, its originality and its place among other grammatical concepts, as well as his prominent contributions to the advancement of Arabic linguistics and Arabicization movement.

Professor Baalabakki is recognized for his outstanding original research on Arabic grammatical thought. His publications, in Arabic and English, have enhanced Arabic grammar education in western institutions and familiarized western researchers with the fundamental manuscript of *Si-Bawaihi*, a revered ancient scholar and founder of Arabic grammar, whose thoughts and methods have profoundly influenced his successors to the present day.

Note to Editor:

- Over the past 32 years, a total of 42 scholars from 13 different countries have won the King Faisal International Prize for Arabic Language and Literature.

- The topic for the 2011 King Faisal International Prize for Arabic Language and Literature is *Renovation Trends in Arabic Poetry up to the End of the 7th Century H.* The deadline for nomination is **1 May 2010.**