

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF
THE KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE
ON THE RESULTS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEES
IN THEIR MEETINGS HELD
BETWEEN 25/8/1414H-28/8/1414H
CORRESPONDING TO 5.2.1994G – 8.2.1994G**

The Selection Committees for the 1994 King Faisal international Prizes held their 17th annual meetings on 5-7 February at the King Faisal Foundation, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The following awards have been made:

The prize for **Science** (*Mathematics*) is awarded to Professor Dennis Parnell Sullivan (USA), Albert Einstein Professor of Mathematics, New York City University, and Professor, Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques, France, whose contributions as a gifted mathematician have had a tremendous impact on the development and understanding of contemporary mathematics.

The prize for **Medicine** (*Medical Applications of Genetic Engineering*) is awarded jointly to Professor William French Anderson (USA), Professor of Biochemistry and Professor of Paediatrics, University of Southern California; and Professor Robert Williamson (Britain), Chairman, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics, St. Mary's School of Medicine, London. Professor Anderson is a leading pioneer of Gene therapy, a field of considerable potential in future medicine. Professor Williamson's discovery of the gene responsible for Thalassaemia A has been of profound importance in the applications of gene therapy for treating genetic disorders.

The prize for **Arabic Literature** (*Studies Dealing with Ancient Arabic Prose*) is awarded jointly to Professor Aisha Abdul Rahman (Bint Al-Shati) (Egypt), Professor of Higher Studies, Al-Qaraween University, Morocco, for her outstanding contributions both to the study of ancient Arabic prose and to Islamic studies; and to Professor Wadad Afif Al-Kadi (Lebanon/USA), Professor of Arabic Literature and Chairman, Department of Near Eastern Linguistics and

Civilization, University of Chicago, in recognition of her extraordinary contributions in authenticating documents, letters, and essays of ancient Arabic prose.

The prize for **Islamic Studies** (*Studies Dealing with Islamic Law*) is awarded jointly to Sheikh El-Said Sabiq Mohammed Et-Tihami (Egypt), Professor, Um Ul-Qura University, Makkah, in recognition of his pioneering efforts to simplify and popularize Islamic law (Fiqh), particularly as exemplified in his book "Fiqh As-Sunna", and Professor Sheikh Yusuf Abdullah Al-Qaradhawi (Qatar), Dean of the Faculty of Shari'a and Islamic Studies, Qatar University, for his immense contributions towards associating Islamic law with contemporary Muslim society, particularly well illustrated in his book "Fiqh Az-Zakat".

The prize for **Service to Islam** is awarded to His Eminence Sheikh Mohammed bin Saleh Al-Uthaimin (Saudi Arabia), Professor, Imam Mohammed bin Saud Islamic University, Riyadh, and member of the, High Committee of the Ulama'a. Sheikh Al-Uthaimin has made outstanding contributions towards the dissemination of Islamic knowledge to a large and varied audience of Muslims through his many publications and his distinguished career as a Muslim scholar and teacher.

Topics for the 1995 prizes are: **Science** (*Chemistry*), **Medicine** (*Molecular Immunology*), **Islamic Studies** (*Studies Dealing with Thematic Commentary of the Holy Qur'an*), **Arabic Literature** (*Studies Dealing with Prominent Men of Letters in Modern Arabic Literature*).