

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF
THE KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE
ON THE RESULTS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEES
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CORRESPONDING TO 5/1/2008G-7/1/2008G**

Riyadh, 7 January 2008, HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Director of King Faisal Foundation, tonight announced the winners of the 2008 King Faisal International Prize.

The prize for Science (Topic: Biology) has been awarded to:

Professor Rudiger Wehner

Professor at the University of Zurich, Switzerland

an outstanding neuroethologist whose work revolved around the general question of how a 0.1-milligram brain of a 10-milligram animal solves complex computational tasks. He has focused on the extraordinary navigational skills of visually guided desert ants. His work has inspired many international research groups to use this elegant animal model for various conceptual and methodological approaches aiming at the questions of how nervous systems evolved, how they work and how they control behavior.

The Prize for Medicine (Topic: Trauma Management) has been awarded jointly to:

Professor Donald D. Trunkey

Professor of Surgery, Division of General
Surgery,
Oregon Health & Science University
and

Professor Basil A. Pruitt

Clinical Professor of Surgery,
University of Texas Health Science Centre at San Antonio

Professor Donald D. Trunkey (USA) is one of the most influential leaders in the field of trauma management. He conceived and validated an organized trauma system for a better outcome of the injured patient; and disseminated this system world-wide. His observations have led to the formation of mobile surgical units, thereby improving significantly the

survival of injured patients.

Professor Basil Arthur Pruitt Jr. (USA) is an internationally renowned clinical leader in burn surgery and a distinguished researcher in the science of improving the outcome of serious burn injury. His work, over the past 50 years, has covered the entire spectrum of burn care and has had a significant impact on the improvement of trauma care.

The King Faisal International Prize for Arabic Language and Literature for the year 2008 (1428H) has been awarded jointly to:

Professor Ahmad Matloob AI-Nasiri

Professor of Arabic Rhetoric and Literary
Criticism and Acting Chairman of the Iraqi
Science Academy
and

Professor Muhammed Rashad AI-Hamzawi

Former Professor of Linguistics and
Chairman of the Department of Arabic Language, Sultan Qabus
University (Oman)

Professor Matloob (Iraq) is awarded the Prize in recognition of his fundamental role in studying the evolution, organization and context of terminology in Arabic rhetoric and literary criticism, and his prolific publications in this field.

Professor AI-Hamzawi (Tunisia) is awarded the Prize in recognition of his pioneering contributions to the field of terminology in classical and modern Arabic language, and his efforts to develop this field as an integral part of Arabic language scholarship.

The Prize for Islamic Studies (Topic: Rules Governing International Relations during Peace and War in Islam) has been withheld for lack of sufficient merit among nominees.

The Prize for Service to Islam has been awarded to:

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques

King Abd Allah bin Abd AI-Aziz

in recognition of his outstanding services to Islam and Muslims, both within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and abroad. King Abd Allah's domestic accomplishments include: (i) establishment of major economic enterprises, namely: King Abd Allah's Economic City, Financial Center

and Investment Fund to assist persons of limited income (ii) establishment of King Abd Allah's University for Science and Technology, and ten other universities (iii) establishment of Saudi Human Rights Commission and Center for National Dialogue (iv) provision of funds for improvement, expansion and services of the two Holy mosques through the allocation of more than ten billion Riyals (more than 2.6 billion USD) and the establishment of King Abd AI Aziz Endowment, and (v) launching of major housing projects for families with limited income.

The Custodian's accomplishments overseas include his firm support of Arab and Muslim rights, particularly with regards to the Palestinian problem, persistent efforts to resolve differences among Arabs and Muslims countries, generous support to Arabs, Muslims and other communities at the times of need, and continuous pledge to support just peace and rapport among all nations and religions, and to fight terrorism, whatever its source.