

**PRESS RELEASE
WINNER ANNOUNCED
2005/1426H KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE
FOR MEDICINE**

Topic: Tobacco Risks on Human Health

Riyadh, 11 January 2005, HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Director of King Faisal Foundation, tonight announced the winners of the King Faisal International Prize.

The Prize for Medicine (Topic: Tobacco Risks on Human Health) is awarded to:

**Professor Sir Richard Doll
and
Professor Sir Richard Peto**

Of the Clinical Trial Service Unit (CTSU) at Oxford University, U.K., for their pioneering and profoundly valuable epidemiologic research that has unequivocally established the link between tobacco and various diseases, such as vascular diseases and cancers, and has, in addition, served to propagate further research elucidating the molecular mechanisms of tobacco mediated cellular damage and DNA mutations. Indeed, so great has the impact of their studies been that several national health policies have been modified as a result of these findings. The WHO itself changed its position on smoking which culminated in a demonstrable decline in deaths related to cancer and atherosclerotic vascular diseases in several developed countries. Such significant benefits have transcended to large populations of developing countries as well, proffering an immeasurable contribution to mankind.

Note to Editor:

- Over the past 27 years, a total of 46 scholars from 11 different countries have won the king Faisal International Prize for Medicine.
- The topic for the 2006 King Faisal International Prize for Medicine is ***Biology of Vascular Inflammation***. The deadline for nomination is **1 March 2005**.