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2010/1431H KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE
FOR
MEDICINE

Topic: Non-Arthroplasty Management of Degenerative Joint Disease

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 Medicine (Non-Arthroplasty Management of Degenerative Joint Disease) for the year 2010 (1430H) has been awarded to:

Professor Reinhold Ganz (Germany)
Chairman Emeritus, Orthopaedics Department, University of Bern

Professors Jean-Pierre Pelletier (Canada)
Head of Osteoarthritis, Montreal University
and
Johanne Martel Pelletier (Canada)
Joint Director of the Osteoarthritis Research Unit, Montreal University

Prof. Ganz dedicated his career to the study and treatment of diseases of the hip joint. He has carried out seminal anatomical research that contributed substantially to the understanding of the blood supply to the acetabulum and femoral head. He also devised a new surgical strategy for treatment of the pre-arthritic hip. These achievements have led to his recognition as a leading authority on conservative hip surgery.

Professors Jean Pelletier and Johanne Pelletier have contributed substantially to translational research in the field of osteoarthritis. Their original work has led to major discoveries in the pathophysiology of osteoarthritis, particularly joint catabolism and repair. These studies have paved the way to identification of therapeutic targets. In addition they develop an innovative technology for the quantitative assessment of changes and alteration in cartilage and other articular tissues.

Note to Editor:

- Over the past 32 years, a total of 55 scholars from 11 different countries have won the King Faisal international Prize for Medicine.

- The topic for the 2011 King Faisal International Prize for Medicine is (*Stem Cell Therapy*). The deadline for nomination is **1 May 2010**.