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THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2016 KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE WINNERS

Riyadh, 19 January 2016, HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Executive President of King Faisal Foundation, tonight announced the winners of the King Faisal International Prize.

First: King Faisal International Prize for The Service to Islam

The King Faisal International Prize for The Service to Islam 2016 has been awarded to:



H.E. Shaikh Dr. Saleh Abdullah bin Humaid



Saudi Arabia

Consultant, Saudi Royal Court; Member of the Commission of Senior Religious Scholars, Imam and Preacher of the Holy Mosque in Makkah and President of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy Jeddah



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In recognition of his outstanding services to Islam and Muslims,
namely:

- His leading role in the International Islamic Fiqh Academy which serves the Islamic nation with regards to contemporary and forthcoming fiqh issues. His Excellency has put forth a strenuous effort, profound wisdom, deep vision and positive influence when dealing with contemporary fiqh issues. His input illustrates moderation and combines original fiqh opinions with present time changes.
- His meticulous efforts in religious education and call to Islam through hundreds of classes, lectures and conferences in different congregations and cultural centers.
- In addition to his dedicated efforts in supporting the Islamic nation through his classes, fatwa and speeches at the Holy Mosque.
- His authorship of many Islamic texts highlighting the virtuousness, values and history of Islam.



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Second: King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies

The King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies for this year 2016

Topic: (Muslim Geography Heritage) has been awarded to:



H.E. Professor Abdullah bin Yousif Al-Ghunaim



Kuwait

President of the Kuwaiti Studies and Research Center

In recognition of his seminal contributions both as an author and critical editor of original manuscripts of Muslim geographic legacy and his distinguished venture to revive ancient Arabic terms on shapes of the earth's surface and adapt them to contemporary geography. This is exemplified by his Arabic texts "The Pearls" and "The Arabic Geographic Heritage" in addition to his unprecedented record of earthquakes in his book: "Arabic Register of Earthquakes."



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Third: King Faisal International Prize for Arabic Language and Literature

The King Faisal International Prize for Arabic Language and Literature for this year 2016, Topic: (Analysis of the Arabic Poetic Text) been awarded to:



Professor Muhammad Al-Ghazwani
Muftah



Morocco



Professor Mohammad Abdul
Muttalib Mustafa



Egypt



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Professor Muhammad Muftah is recognized for his distinguished methodical and theoretical endeavors in the Prize's topic. He has employed modern concepts in analyzing and describing Arabic poetic texts, perceiving them within the context of human culture.

Professor Mohammad Abdul Muttalib is recognized for his important accomplishments in applied analysis of Arabic poetry; he has competently and skillfully coined his analysis of poetic texts with deep knowledge of Arabic culture and insight of contemporary literary and stylistic concepts.



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Fourth: King Faisal International Prize for Medicine

The King Faisal International Prize for Medicine for this year 2016, Topic: Clinical Application of Next Generation Genetics, has been awarded to:



Professor Han Grrit Brunner



The Netherlands

Professor of Medical Genetics and Head of the Department of Human Genetics at the Radboud University, Nijmegen Medical Centre, and Head of the Department of Clinical Genetics of the Maastricht University Medical Center, Maastricht



Professor Joris Andre Veltman



The Netherlands

Professor of Translational Genomics at the Radboud University Medical Center, Nijmegen, and at the Maastricht University Medical Center, Maastricht



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Professors Brunner and Veltman were selected as winners in recognition of their prominent role in moving into clinical practice a novel method of analyzing DNA, referred to as next generation sequencing. This has greatly improved the way of identifying genes that cause disease in patients and families suspected of having an inherited disorder. They have also initiated strong international collaboration in both research and diagnostics. They have published widely in outstanding scientific journals and have been recognized by their peers as innovative scientists.



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Fifth: King Faisal International Prize for Science

The King Faisal International Prize for Science for this year 2016 Topic: Biology, has been awarded to:



Professor Vamsi Krishna Mootha



USA

Professor of Systems Biology,
Harvard Medical School, Cambridge



Professor Stephen Philip Jackson



UK

Professor, Head of Cancer Research,
UK Laboratories ,Gurdon Institute

Professor Vamsi K. Mootha has used the mitochondrion (the cellular power plant) as a model to identify the link between pivotal molecular factors involved in mitochondrial dysfunction and major human diseases such as diabetes and other metabolic disorders. His



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contribution provides a framework for novel diagnostic and therapeutic applications.

Professor Stephen P. Jackson is recognized for his outstanding contribution to defining the link between the basic mechanism of genomic DNA instability and its relationship to cancer. Specifically, he unraveled the salient components of the pathway involved in DNA repair. He is also credited with an innovative approach to bring his findings into tangible therapeutic products to treat cancer.

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