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for
ARABIC LITERATURE

Topic: Studies Dealing with Ancient Arabic Prose

It was unanimously agreed by the Selection Committee for Arabic Literature to award the 1994 King Faisal International Prize for Arabic Literature to:

Professor Dr. Aisha Abdul Rahman (bint Ul-Shati) (Egypt)

and

Professor Dr. Wadad Afif Al-Kadi (Lebanon)

Bint Ul-Shati, as she is commonly known, was born in Egypt in 1912 and obtained her Ph.D. from Cairo University in 1952. She currently teaches higher studies at Qara'ween University, Morocco, and is Professor Emeritus of Arabic Language and Literature at Cairo University. Bint Ul-Shati has made outstanding contributions both to the study of ancient Arabic prose and to Islamic studies. Her book, "Al Ghofran" is highly regarded.

Dr. Wadad Kadi was born in Beirut in 1943. She studied Arabic literature at the American University of Beirut where she obtained her B.A. in 1965, an M.Sc. in 1969, and a Ph.D. in 1975. She is presently Professor of Islamic Studies and Chairman, Department of Near Eastern Linguistics, University of Chicago. Professor Wadad was awarded the prize in recognition of her extraordinary contributions in authenticating documents, letters, and essays of ancient Arabic prose. She has brought her deep knowledge and understanding of this subject to a large audience.