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FOR
ARABIC LITERATURE

Topic: Comparative Studies between Arabic and Other Literatures
(Theoretical and Applied Aspects)

The 1999 King Faisal International Prize for Arabic Literature (Comparative Studies between Arabic and Other Literatures) is jointly awarded to:

Professor Makarim Ahmad Al-Ghamri (Egypt)
Chairperson, Department of Slavic Languages
Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt
and
Professor Said Abd Al-Salam Allouche (Morocco)
Professor of Comparative Literature
Mohammad V University, Rabat, Morocco

EMINENT PROFESSORS OF COMPARATIVE LITERATURE
RECEIVE INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, January 5......Two leading scholars of comparative literature have been honored with the joint award today of the 1999 King Faisal International Prize for Arabic Literature, one of five categories in an international awards program presented annually by the King Faisal Foundation.

Professor Makarim Al-Ghamri is a prominent researcher of comparative literature. Her work, primarily on Arabic and Russian Literatures, has won her wide recognition as a leading authority in that field as exemplified by her pioneering studies on the influence of Arabic and Islamic culture on Russian literature.

Professor Allouche is a renowned specialist in theoretical and applied aspects of comparative literature. His studies on the mutual influence of Arabic and French Literatures are considered among the most important scholastic works in that field.