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WINNERS ANNOUNCED
2004/1424 KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE
FOR
ARABIC LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Topic: Preservation of Classical Arabic to the End of the
5th Century AH

Riyadh, 27 January 2004, HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Director of
King Faisal Foundation, tonight announced the winners of the King
Faisal International Prize in the field of Preservation of Classical Arabic
to the End of the Fifth Century A.H., the prize for Arabic Language and
Literature is awarded to:

Professor Hussain Muhammad Nassar (Egypt)
Professor of Arabic Language at Cairo University,
and a leading scholar of the history and
development of Arabic Lexicography.

This is best exemplified by his authoritative text: The Arabic Dictionary;
its Origins and Development, in addition to many other important books
and articles on that subject. Professor Nassar has also edited several
anthologies of pre-Islamic and Islamic eras.