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2007/1428H KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE
FOR
ARABIC LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Topic: Studies on Ancient Arabic Rhetoric

Riyadh, 26 Dhual-Hijjah 1427H - 16 January 2007, HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Director of King Faisal Foundation, tonight announced the winners of the King Faisal International Prize.

The Prize for Arabic Language and Literature (Topic: Ancient Arabic Rhetoric) has been awarded jointly to:

**Professor Muhammad A. Al-Omari (Morocco)**
Professor of rhetoric, King Muhammad V University, Rabat

and

**Professor Mustafa A. Nasif (Egypt)**
Professor of rhetoric, Ain Shams University, Cairo

Professor Al-Omari is awarded the Prize in recognition of his distinguished studies in Arabic rhetoric and the concepts of text and functions of Arabic rhetoric and oratory, both presently and in the past. Through his grasp of modern rhetoric and stylistics research, coupled with his deep insight of Arabic language heritage, Professor Al-Omari has set an example of precise methodology and presentation of research in Arabic rhetoric.

Professor Nasif is recognized for his comprehensive, diversified and highly original research into Arabic rhetoric as it relates to the origins from which modern Arabic rhetoric derives. His studies reflect new concepts and an excellent awareness of the progress of modern Arabic rhetoric.