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ISLAMIC STUDIES

Topic: Studies on Islamic Libraries or the Evolution of Islamic Book Craft

The 1998 King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies (Studies on Islamic Libraries or the Evolution of Islamic Book Craft) has been awarded jointly to:

Professor Yahya Mahmud ibn Junaid (Saudi Arabia),
Professor of Library Science, Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

and

Professor Abd As-Sattar A.A. Al-Halwaji (Egypt),
Professor of Library Science and Associate Dean of the College of Arts, Cairo University

LIBRARY EXPERTS AWARDED TOP INTERNATIONAL PRIZE

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, January 6...... Two leading experts on Islamic libraries have been honored with the joint award today of the King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies, one in a series of prestigious awards given annually by the King Faisal Foundation.

Professor Ibn Junaid, who is also editor of Alam al Kutub (The World of Books) and a member of the Saudi Consultative Council, is renowned for his outstanding studies dealing with the history of Islamic libraries.

He is also well known for his definitive work The Endowment (Waqf) and Structure of the Arabic Library (1988), a major attempt to elucidate the role of Muslim endowment in the development and support of Arabic and Islamic libraries.

Professor Al-Halwaji is well respected in the field of Islamic library studies and is particularly known for his research into the development of Islamic publishing. This is exemplified by his book Arabic Manuscript, which has improved knowledge of this specialist topic.