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WINNERS ANNOUNCED
2005/1425H KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE
FOR ISLAMIC STUDIES

Topic: Studies on Muslims’ Defense of their Homeland during the 5th and 6th Centuries

Riyadh, 11 January, HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Director of King Faisal Foundation, tonight announced the winners of the King Faisal international Prize.

The Prize for Islamic Studies (Muslims' Defense of their Homeland During the 5th and 6th Centuries A.H) has been awarded to:

Professor Carole Hillenbrand (U.K.)

in recognition of her unique pioneering research of this year's prize topic.

Professor Hillenbrand's revolutionary approach to the largely one-sided subject of The Crusades has sought to redress several of the misconceptions shrouding them. Employing objectivity, preciseness and clarity of thinking, she has located several original texts, written in different languages and previously un-translated, in support of her refreshing examination of the many stereotypes that have pervaded western literature on this subject. "The Crusades: Islamic Perspectives", the culmination of her relentless endeavours, has been the first work of its kind to address this era through Muslim eyes, thereby making it possible for history to be viewed from a more balanced and impartial perspective. Professor Hillenbrand is currently Professor of Islamic History at the University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

Note to Editor:

- Over the past 27 years, a total of 28 scholars from 12 different countries have won the King Faisal international Prize for Islamic Studies.
- The topic for the 2006 King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies is The Origins of Islamic Jurisprudence. The deadline for nomination is 1 March 2005.