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Professor Wallace Peters of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine today has been awarded the King Faisal International Prize in Medicine this year i.e. 1403H (1983) in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the control of malaria. The selection by the King Faisal Foundation of Professor Peters recognizes his status as a world authority on the mechanisms of action of antimalarial drugs and his role in the development of more effective combinations of drugs to combat the developing resistance of malaria parasites to treatment with drugs that as a result have recently lost their effectiveness. Particular reference was made to Professor Peters encyclopaedic book on antimalarial drugs that have guided the research on malarial therapy all over the world.

Professor Peters, now 58 years of age, has worked for over 35 years in the field of malaria. His efforts in the control of malaria in East Africa, West Africa, Nepal and New Guinea greatly accelerated efforts to control malaria in these areas. Subsequently, he returned to Europe where he worked on new antimalarial drugs, and studied how malaria parasites become resistant to drugs. Through frequent visits to the tropics, and by membership on committees of the World Health Organizational Professor Peters has continued to beneficially influence efforts aimed at the global control of malaria.