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Topic: Invasive Cardiology

Riyadh, 27 January 2004, HRH Prince Khaled Al-Faisal, Director of King Faisal Foundation, tonight announced the winners of the King Faisal International Prize in the field of Invasive Cardiology, the prize for Medicine is awarded to:

Professor Ulrich Sigwart (Switzerland)
Professor of Cardiology and Chief of the Center and Division of Cardiology at Geneva University, and a renowned pioneer of interventional cardiology

Professor Sigwart is credited for conceiving and realizing endoluminal stenting which has dramatically changed the approach to the treatment of coronary and extra-coronary arterial disease worldwide. As a result of his innovation, coronary stenting has developed into a viable and effective alternative to bypass surgery. His courage and innovative spirit have also materialized the nonsurgical option of pharmacologic septal ablation in patients suffering from severe and obstructive septal hypertrophy.

Note to Editor:

● Over the past 26 years, a total of 44 scholars from 11 different countries have won the King Faisal International Prize for Medicine.

● The topic for the 2005 King Faisal International Prize for Medicine is Tobacco Risks on Human Health. The deadline for nomination is 31 May 2004.