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WINNERS ANNOUNCED
2007 KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE
FOR
MEDICINE

Topic: Prostate Cancer

Riyadh, 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 Medicine (Topic: Prostate Cancer) has been awarded jointly to:

Professor Fernand Labrie (Canada)
Head of the Department of Molecular Endocrinology, Center Hospital of Laval University at Quebec

and

Professor Patrick Craig Walsh (USA)
University Distinguished Service Professor of Urology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

in recognition of their respective contributions to therapeutic and surgical management of prostate cancer.

Professor Labrie is recognized for developing LHRH agonists and combined androgen blockage in the treatment of Prostatic Cancer - these innovative procedures have replaced orchiectomy (surgical removal of the testes) and estrogen therapy, and changed the quality of life of prostate cancer patients. He has also evaluated early detection procedures for prostate cancer which helped increase the patients' chances for survival.

Professor Walsh is renowned worldwide for developing nerve sparing radical surgery for prostate cancer, thereby contributing substantially to improved survival and eliminating the possibility of impotence and incontinence. He has also made important contributions towards better understanding of some genetic aspects of prostate cancer and hypertrophy.
Note to Editor:

- Over the past 29 years, a total of 47 scholars from 11 different countries have won the King Faisal International Prize for Medicine.

- The topic for the 2008 King Faisal international Prize for Medicine is *Trauma Management*. The deadline for nomination is 1 April 2007.