PRESS RELEASE
WINNERS ANNOUNCED
2012/1433H KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE
for
MEDICINE

Topic: Minimal Invasive Fetal Management

Riyadh, Monday 22 Safar 1433H occurring 16 January 2012G, HRH Prince Khalid Alfaisal, Director of The King Faisal Foundation, tonight announced the winners of the King Faisal International Prize.

The King Faisal International Prize for Medicine (Topic: Minimal Invasive Fetal Management) for the year 1433H - 2012G has been awarded jointly to:

Professor Richard L. Berkowitz (USA)
Tenured Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Columbia Medical Center, New York

and

Professor James Bruce Bussel (USA)
Professor of Pediatrics, Director of Research and Treatment Program, Weill Medical College, Cornell University, New York

Professors Berkowitz and Bussel worked together for more than two decades to study the natural history, optimal diagnostic criteria, and management of pregnant women having infants affected with Alloimmune thrombocytopenia. This disease causes intracranial hemorrhage either in-utero or during neonatal period, causing death or substantial disability in 10% of untreated cases.

Professor Bussel has provided expertise in the diagnosis and medical management of these patients through safe administration of intravenous gamma-globulins, while Professor Berkowitz has provided expertise in obstetrical management of these patients. Both professors developed the study protocols, analyzed the data, interpreted the results and wrote the reports for publications. In addition they have served as consultants for clinicians from all over the world seeking guidance for the clinical management of these patients. The worldwide ongoing treatment for this disorder is largely based on their work.
Notes to Editors:

• Over the past 34 years, a total of 59 scholars from 11 different countries have won the King Faisal International Prize for Medicine.
• The topic for the 1434H / 2013G King Faisal International Prize for Medicine is **The Genetics of Obesity**
• The deadline for all nominations is **Tuesday 10 Jumada II 1433H occurring 1 May 2012G.**