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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 Biology, the prize for Science is awarded to:

Professor Semir Zeki (UK)
Professor of Neurobiology at the University College, London

for his seminal work on the organization of the visual brain. He was the first to show that the visual brain consists of different areas that are functionally specialized to process and perceive different attributes of the visual scene. His subsequent studies have also shown that the visual brain perceives different attributes such as motion and color at different times, leading to the now widely accepted theory of temporal asynchrony in vision; which maintains that the visual consciousness consists of many different micro-consciousnesses that are distributed in space and time. Professor Zeki's contributions have had a tremendous impact on the biology of vision.

Note to Editor:

- Over the past 26 years, a total of 33 scholars from 8 different countries have won the King Faisal International Prize for Science.
- The topic for the 2005 King Faisal International Prize for Science is Physics. The deadline for nomination is 31 May 2004.