Riyadh, 17 Dec. 1985: The Selection Committee of the 1984 King Faisal International Prize for Arabic Literature for 1984 announced today that it has awarded the Prize to Mr. Mohammed B. Al-Athari (Iraq) for his editing of the ancient masterpiece, “Kharidat al-Qasr wa Jaridat al-Asir” by Imadadeen Al-Asfahani in four volumes about the Iraqi poets. Mr. Al-Athari’s work of editing the manuscript was based on matching imaged texts to poets’ anthologies and news from various literary sources. In addition, the laureate is a distinguished scholar who spent most of his life serving Arabic language, literature and thought. He has authored several books, research papers and articles that deserve appreciation.

Further, the Selection Committee decided that 1987’s prize shall be on: “Studies addressing modern literary prose”.

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