WINNERS ANNOUNCED
2015 KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE
FOR MEDICINE

Riyadh, 3 February 2015G - 14 Rabi' II 1436H, HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Executive President of King Faisal Foundation, tonight announced the winners of the King Faisal International Prize.

The King Faisal International Prize for Medicine for this year 2015G (1436H), Topic: Intestinal Microflora and Human Health, has been awarded to:

Professor Jeffrey Ivan Gordon (USA)
Dr. Robert Glaser Distinguished University Professor, and Director of the Centre of Genome Sciences and Systems Biology at Washington University, St Louis, USA.

In recognition of his seminal work on defining the microbiomes genomic and metabolic role in human health. Professor Gordon’s pioneering work and interdisciplinary studies of the human microbiome has provided fascinating insights into the metabolic processes and the genetic basis of mutually beneficial relationships between the host and microorganisms in the human gut. His innovative research has provided major breakthroughs into the influence of intestinal microbiota on postnatal development, physiology and illness susceptibility in humans and has thus enhanced our understanding of the pathogenesis of complex diseases such as obesity. His research has opened opportunities for novel gut microbiome directed treatments to improve human health.

Note to Editor:

1- Over the past 37 years, a total of 63 scholars from 12 countries have been awarded the King Faisal International Prize for Medicine.
2- The topic for the 2016G/1437H King Faisal International Prize for Medicine is (Clinical Application of Next Generation Genetics).