In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

With the grace and glory of Allah, the selection committees of the 2019 King Faisal Prize, after meticulous deliberations that were held from Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th of January 2019, have reached the following decisions for the Prize’s five categorize of Service to Islam, Islamic Studies, Arabic language & Literature, Medicine, and Science.

First:  
King Faisal Prize in Service to Islam

Is awarded to:

The International University of Africa

In recognition of its outstanding services to Islam and Muslims, which included:

- Its great efforts in serving Islam and instilling its provisions as will in promoting the Arabic language in sub-Saharan Africa, in addition to housing and educating tens of thousands of students from all over the world.

- Its preservation of the Islamic-Arabic heritage and contribution to strengthening Arabic and Islamic ethnicities by organizing conferences and seminars that aim to enhance the awareness of the Islamic values of moderation and understanding.

- Broadening its spectrum of knowledge and cultural education through its media outlets, and different locations in the world.
Establishing specialized centers for the education and development of society, scripting of the African nations’ languages in Arabic letters. In addition to a specialized institute for the studies of disaster prevention and handling of refugees.

- The establishment of the largest Islamic library in African languages.

Second: **King Faisal Prize in Islamic Studies**

On the topic of:

**Studies on the Objectives of Islamic Law**

Is withheld due to nominated works not elevating to the criteria of deserving the prize.

Third: **King Faisal Prize in Arabic Language and Literature**

On the topic of:

**Arabic Language and Contemporary Challenges**

Is awarded jointly to:

**Professor Abdelali Mohamed Oudrhiri**

&

**Professor Mahmoud Fahmy Hegazi**

In recognition of Professor Oudrhiri’s:

- Originality and creativity in many of his works.
- Efforts in thwarting off calls to substitute Arabic language with dialects and foreign languages.
- Distinguished research works on modern Arabic linguistic studies.
- Educational efforts in the linguistics field at academic institutions since the emergence of modern Arabic linguistic studies.
In recognition of Professor Hegazi’s:
- Defense of Arabic language affairs.
- Pioneering scientific efforts in the Arabic linguistic studies.
- Analysis of contemporary challenges facing the Arabic language.
- Divers efforts in spreading the Arabic language through original works, and the establishment of Arabic language institutions and academies.

**Fourth:**  **King Faisal Prize in Medicine**

On the topic of:

**Bone Biology and Osteoporosis**

Is awarded jointly to:

**Professor Bjorn Reino Olsen**

&

**Professor Steven L. Teitelbaum**

In recognition of Professor Olsen’s:
- Outstanding contributions to the field of bone biology.
- Key genetic discoveries which have enhanced the understanding of bone development, and the basis of inherited skeletal disorders, including osteoporosis syndromes.

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In recognition of Professor Teitelbaum’s:
- Contribution in the area of bone biology which underpinned advances in the understanding and management of bone diseases particularly osteoporosis.
- Pioneering scientific work in elucidating the function and regulation of the bone resorbing cell, the osteoclast.
Fifth: King Faisal Prize in Science

In the field of:

Chemistry

Is awarded jointly to:

Professor Allen Joseph Bard
&
Professor Jean M.J. Fréchet

In recognition of Professor Bard’s:
- Groundbreaking development of electro-generated chemiluminescence methods, currently employed as bioanalytical tools.
- Realization of scanning electrochemical microscopy enabling single molecule detection in liquids.
- Lifelong impact on the larger scientific community

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In recognition of Professor Fréchet’s:
- Pioneering work on convergent synthesis of dendrimers and their applications.
- Seminal contributions in the areas of chemically amplified photoresists and organic photovoltaics.
- Lifelong impact on the larger scientific community

The General Secretariat of King Faisal Prize commends the 2019 esteemed Laureates and offers its sincere gratitude to the distinguished members of the selection committees, the referees and the experts of this year’s session for their highly valued contributions. The General Secretariat also extends its appreciation to all organizations and institutions that have graciously collaborated with it in submitting their nominations, as well as to the guests of this ceremony and the members of the media for their continued interest in the Prize’s activities.

May Allah look favorably on those devoting their time and effort in virtue to the betterment of humanity.