

Speech of Professor  
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Co Winner of King Faisal International Prize  
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Your Royal Highness, Prince Sultan Ibn Abd Al Aziz,  
Your Royal Highnesses,  
Your Excellencies,  
Distinguished Guests,

It is with great pleasure that I accept this prestigious award for our contributions to international research in the field of allergic diseases. I would like to express my deepest thanks to the King Faisal Foundation for making this generous award available through the King Faisal International Prize and to the international selection committee for choosing our work from amongst the many excellent contributions from fellow researchers in this rapidly advancing area.

It is a particular pleasure and honour to share this award with my colleague Stephen Holgate, who has provided such inspirational leadership in this field over a long period. I would also like to express my gratitude to the many members of my own research group and to our collaborators, both within and outside Australia, who have participated throughout the last 10 years in the research programs which are recognized by this award. In particular, I am pleased to have the opportunity to publicly acknowledge both the personal and professional support of my wife Barbara on many fronts, which includes within our human cellular immunology laboratory wherein much of our recent research has been undertaken.  
God bless you all.