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Co Winner of King Faisal International Prize For Medicine 1999/1419H.

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Your Royal Highness, Prince Sultan Ibn Abd Al Aziz, Your Royal Highnesses, Your Excellencies, Distinguished Guests,

I am deeply honoured to be chosen as one of the recipients of the King Faisal International Prize for Medicine. I would like to thank the King Faisal International Prize for choosing "Allergic Diseases" as the

field in Medicine for 1999; it will do much to promote the subject. I would like to thank my many colleagues in Southampton whose consistent efforts over 20 years has led to our Centre being identified as one of excellence in the field of asthma and allergic diseases. I owe a considerable debt of gratitude to the University of Southampton and the Medical Research Council for their continued support of my research effort. Above all I would like to thank my wife Elizabeth and my family for creating the opportunities and environment for me to pursue my love of research. This Prize is an important vote of confidence for the future, for which I will always be grateful.

God bless you all.