

Acceptance Speech of Professor  
**Reinhold Ganz**

Co-Winner of the 2010 King Faisal International Prize  
For Medicine 32nd Awards Presentation Ceremony

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Your Majesty, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques,  
King Abd Allah Ibn Abd Al-Aziz,  
HRH Prince Sultan Ibn Abd Al-Aziz  
Crown Prince, Deputy Premier  
Minister of Defense and Aviation and Inspector General Your Highnesses,  
Your Excellencies,  
Distinguished Guests

I am certain that all of the Award Winners tonight are grateful for the leadership shown by the King Faisal Foundation in recognizing work of merit from all over the world. Candidates for a highly prestigious award such as the King Faisal International Prize in Medicine are frequently researchers in the field of basic science. However, "Non-Arthroplasty Management of Degenerative Joint Disease," the topic of this year, has also given a chance for more clinically based research to be nominated and I feel especially honoured that our work on the etiology- of osteoarthritis of the hip and the surgical techniques developed to preserve the hip joint have been recognized. I hope that the award will encourage others to increase research efforts in this field, in the hope that treatment by joint replacement for arthritis can be delayed or prevented. This year the Bone and Joint Decade, a global initiative under the auspices of the World Health Organisation is going to end. Together with my coworkers I feel a great honour in accepting this award for our work.

Thank you.