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The Foundation for the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean was established in 2003. The prize will be awarded for the third time during the Fifty-sixth Session of the Regional Committee. Following the recommendations of the Foundation, the Regional Committee at its Fifty-fifth Session decided to award the prize for 2009, in the area of cancer, to two persons: Dr Mahmoud M. Sarhan (Jordan) and Professor Naeem Jafarey (Pakistan) in view of their long experience and extensive achievements in this field.

Dr Sarhan is being honoured for his significant contribution in the field of cancer care. His technical areas of expertise include bone marrow and stem cell transplantation, haematology, oncology, infectious diseases and paediatrics. His impact on the provision of cancer care and control extends throughout Jordan, and beyond. Dr Sarhan graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Jordan in 1980. He obtained the best fellow and best resident award from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and Hamad General Hospital, Jordan respectively. In addition, he has received awards from various institutions. He is at present CEO and Director-General at the King Hussein Cancer Center in Jordan. He has published extensively in national and international peer-reviewed journals.

Professor Jafarey is being honoured for his significant contribution in the field of cancer. Professor Jafarey graduated from King Edward Medical College, Lahore in 1955. Within the course of a distinguished career, he was Professor of Pathology at Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre from 1973 to 1989 and Vice Chancellor, Ziauddin Medical University, Karachi from 1995 to 2003. He is currently Adviser, Academic Affairs at Ziauddin Medical University in Karachi. He has published extensively in national and international peer-reviewed journals.

The Foundation Committee for the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean is also scheduled to meet during the Fifty-sixth Session of the Regional Committee to consider nominations for the prize for 2010 which will be in all three fields following a decision of the Foundation Committee during the Fifty-fifth Session of the Regional Committee.