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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 second time during the Fifty-fifth Session of the Regional Committee. Following the recommendations of the Foundation Committee, the Regional Committee at its Fifty-fourth Session decided to award the prize for 2008, in the area of cardiovascular diseases, to Dr Samir Alam (Lebanon) in view of his long experience and extensive achievements in this field.

Dr Samir Alam is being honoured for his significant contribution in the field cardiovascular diseases. Dr Alam graduated in medicine from the American University of Beirut in 1972. He is at present head of the Division of Cardiology at the American University of Beirut. He is also Acting Chairman, Department of Internal Medicine, American University of Beirut Medical Center, and a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology and Interventional Cardiology Board. Dr Alam was the first physician to perform the balloon angioplasty procedure in the Middle East. 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-fifth Session of the Regional Committee to consider nominations for the prize for 2009 which will be in the field of cancer.