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Award of the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

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 sixth time during the Fifty-ninth Session of the Regional Committee. Following the recommendations of the Foundation Committee, the Regional Committee at its Fifty-eighth Session decided to award the prize for 2012 in the area of cardiovascular diseases to Professor Dr Mohamed Mohsen Ibrahim, Egypt.

Professor Dr Mohamed Mohsen Ibrahim is being honoured for his significant contribution in the field of cardiovascular diseases. Professor Ibrahim graduated as a surgeon (MBBCh) from Cairo University in 1962. From 1995 to 2000 Professor Ibrahim was Chairman of the Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, Cairo University and is now Emeritus Professor of Cardiology. Since 2008 he has been Chairman of the Research Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University. In 1991, Professor Ibrahim participated in establishing the Egyptian National Hypertension Project and, as a principal investigator in this project, he led a programme on improving the cardiovascular risk profile of Egyptians. He is the recipient of several national and international awards, including the William Lower Prize for Clinical Research from Cleveland Clinic, USA, the Egyptian National State Award for Medical Science and the Egyptian Medical Syndicate Award. Professor Ibrahim is the author of numerous scientific papers published in national and international journals and eight books on a range of cardiovascular and hypertension issues.