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

1. 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 Regional Committee decided, at its Sixtieth Session, to award the prize for 2013 to Dr Khaled Al Saleh (Kuwait) based on the recommendation of the Foundation Committee. The Prize will be presented to the laureate during the Sixty-first Session of the Regional Committee, in 2014.

2. Dr Khaled Ahmed Al Saleh is being honoured for his significant contribution in the field of oncology, in particular radiation oncology. Dr Al Saleh graduated in medicine (MBBCH) in 1981 from Alexandria University, Egypt. He obtained the Board Certificate in Radiotherapy and Oncology in 1992 from the Maria Sklodowska-Curie Institute of Oncology, Poland. In 1983 he joined the Kuwait Cancer Control Center and since 2012 has been Head of the Radiation Oncology Department. A cancer advocate, Dr Al Saleh was instrumental in the formation of the Arab Union Against Cancer in 2003 and since 2003 has been General Secretary of the Gulf Federation for Cancer Control. He also holds the positions of Vice-President of the Cancer Aware Nation (CAN) Campaign and Assistant General Secretary of the Arab Federation for Drug Abuse Prevention, among others. He has received several awards, such as that of the Arab Federation for Anti-Drug Awareness, the Arab Medical Association against Cancer (AMAAC), and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Kuwait, for his pioneering role in social work. Dr Al Saleh is the founder and editor-in-chief of the Gulf Journal of Oncology and the author of numerous scientific papers published in national and international journals. He has published several books including one on palliative medicine and several short stories.