



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

1. The Foundation of the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean was established in 2003. Based on the recommendation of the Foundation Committee, the Regional Committee decided, at its 62nd session, to award the prize for 2015 to Dr Nizal Sarrafzadegan (Islamic Republic of Iran) in the area of cardiovascular diseases. The Prize will be presented to the laureate during the 63rd session of the Regional Committee, in 2016.

2. Professor Dr Nizal Sarrafzadegan is being honoured for her significant contribution in the field of cardiovascular diseases. Professor Sarrafzadegan graduated from Isfahan University of Medical Sciences in 1985 and obtained a specialty in internal medicine in 1990. In 1993 she received a fellowship in cardiology from Tehran University of Medical Sciences and Isfahan University of Medical Sciences. Professor Sarrafzadegan has had an extensive academic career as Professor of Medicine at Isfahan University of Medical Sciences. She is the Director and Founder of Isfahan Cardiovascular Research Center, a WHO collaborating centre for research and training in prevention and control of cardiovascular diseases. Professor Sarrafzadegan is the recipient of a number of awards for her achievements and she is the author of numerous scientific papers published in national and international journals.