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Following the recommendations of the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee at the Fifty-sixth Session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, the Executive Board awarded the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize for 2010, by decision EB126(6), to Dr Faissal Abdul Raheem Mohammed Shaheen (Saudi Arabia) for his significant contribution to public health in the geographical area in which Dr Shousha served the World Health Organization.

Dr Faissal Abdul Raheem Mohammed Shaheen is being honoured for his significant contribution to public health in Saudi Arabia, in particular the development of kidney services and organ transplantation. Dr Shaheen graduated as a surgeon (MBBCh) from the University of Mansoura, Egypt, in 1980 and subsequently studied nephrology, graduating as a specialist in internal medicine from the University of Vienna, Austria, in 1987. In 2002 he was elected a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.

Dr Shaheen is Director of the Jeddah Kidney Center, King Fahd Hospital, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, which he founded in 1990. The center is the main referral institution for patients with renal diseases for the Western Region of the country, the largest dialysis centre in the Middle East and a leading kidney transplant center. He also established the Prince Salman Kidney Diseases Center in 2001 to provide dialysis services in the Riyadh Region. Since 1993, Dr Shaheen has been Director-General of the Saudi Center for Organ Transplantation, Riyadh, establishing it as a model for organ transplantation services in Islamic countries. Dr Shaheen has played a key role in establishing national laws, regulations and a retrieval system for organ transplantation. He has also contributed significantly to the wider development of regional and international policies on organ transplantation, and to training in nephrology and transplantation in the region. Dr Shaheen is the recipient of several international awards and prizes for achievements in nephrology and transplantation and has published over 100 articles in the field. From 2004 to 2006 Dr Shaheen was President of the Middle East Society for Organ Transplantation.

The 2010 Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize, consisting of a medal and equivalent of CHF 2500 in United States dollars, will be presented to Dr Shaheen by the Chairman of the Fifty-seventh Session of the Regional Committee during the opening session.

The Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee is also scheduled to meet during the Fifty-seventh Session of the Regional Committee to consider nominations for the prize and fellowship for 2011. In accordance with the Statutes, the Committee shall be composed of the following members: the Chair and two Vice-Chairs of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean and the Chair of its Technical Discussions.

The Director-General of the World Health Organization acts as Administrator of the Foundation and the Regional Director acts as Secretary of the Foundation Committee.