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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 fourth time during the Fifty-seventh Session of the Regional Committee. Following the recommendations of the Foundation, the Regional Committee at its Fifty-sixth Session decided to award the prize for 2010, in the area of cancer to Dr Ali Jaffar Mohamed, Oman and in the area of diabetes to Dr Bagher Larijani, Islamic Republic of Iran.

Dr Ali Jaffar Mohamed is being honoured for his significant contribution in the field of cancer. He graduated in medicine from Baghdad University in 1977 and in international community health from Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine in 1988. He organized the oncology satellite units in Oman where chemotherapy is given to patients in hospitals near their homes so that they do not have to travel long distances to reach tertiary hospitals. He is co-author of the Oman National Cancer Registry which is published annually and other cancer-related publications. Dr Mohamed has received a number of awards and honours including from His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said. He is currently Adviser, Health Affairs Supervising the Directorate-General of Health Affairs, and a member of several WHO committees.

Dr Bagher Larijani is being honoured for his significant contribution in the field of diabetes, both in his own country and abroad. He graduated from Tehran University of Medical Sciences in 1987, completing a further specialty in internal medicine in 1990, and a post doctorate in endocrinology and metabolism in 1993. Dr Larijani has received a number of awards, including in 2005 that of eminent scientist from the ASIA–International Research Promotion Council. He is at present Director of the Endocrinology and Metabolism Research Centre at the University of Medical Sciences in Teheran. 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-seventh Session of the Regional Committee to consider nominations for the prize for 2011 which will be in all three fields following a decision of the Foundation Committee during the Fifty-fifth Session of the Regional Committee.