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H.E. Dr. Jamal Sanad Al-Suwaidi to receive the Mediterranean Award for Diplomacy 2014 from the Fondazione Mediterraneo



His Excellency Dr. Jamal Sanad Al-Suwaidi, Director General of the Emirates Center of Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR), is to receive the Fondazione Mediterraneo's Mediterranean Award for Diplomacy 2014 at a ceremony in the Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nahyan Hall at the ECSSR Office Complex in Abu Dhabi on Sunday, 27 April 2014. Senior officials and dignitaries in the scientific, cultural, political and diplomatic fields as well as members of the Fondazione Mediterraneo are scheduled to take part in the ceremony. The Mediterranean Award, which consists of the Totem of Peace work of art by sculptor Mario Molinari, is awarded to distinguished global personalities who are symbols of dialog and cooperation among nations.

The Mediterranean Award for Diplomacy is regarded as one of the most important awards in the Euro-Mediterranean area. The winners of this award over the years have included highly acclaimed personalities such as Nobel Prize laureates Shirine Ebadi and Naguib Mahfouz as well as Heads of State and Rulers such as US President Barack Obama, President Cavaco Silva of Portugal, former French President Nicholas Sarkozy, President José Mujica of Uruguay, King Juan Carlos I of Spain, President Mahmud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority, Queen Rania of Jordan, and Princess Lalla Meryem, president of the National Union of Moroccan Women.

The award was announced on 11 April 2014 by Michele Capasso, President of the Fondazione Mediterraneo, in a televised

address from Rome at the Grand Hall of Festivals, in Fez, Morocco, where H.E. Dr. Jamal Al-Suwaidi was attending the signing ceremony for his new book – Prospects for the American Age: Sovereignty and Influence in the New World Order. The announcement was made in the presence of a distinguished gathering of senior officials, intellectuals, men of letters and culture, and members of the press in Morocco.

The Fondazione Mediterraneo pointed out that conferring the Mediterranean Award for Diplomacy 2014 on H.E. Dr. Jamal Sanad Al-Suwaidi is an appreciation of his efforts and contributions toward bringing nations closer through knowledge-based diplomacy and in recognition of the UAE's role in support of global peace. The international conferences, strategic studies reports, publications and cultural activities overseen by H.E. Dr. Jamal Al-Suwaidi encompass important issues related to peace, security and development in the region and the world. They attract international interest because they examine regional and international issues, provide a sense of perspective that enhances dialog between cultures and highlights cultural diversity and co-existence among nations.

This is not the first international award conferred on H.E. Dr. Jamal Al-Suwaidi. He has won several such awards for his efforts to promote the culture of scientific research and openness among various nations and cultures. He has been recipient of the French Order of Merit, the Young CEO Award 2006 by the Middle East Excellence Awards Institute, and the title of Honorable Professor from the International University, Vienna. In November 2012, H.E. Dr. Jamal Sanad Al-Suwaidi was honoured by the Europe Business Assembly for his outstanding contribution to community-based programs offered by the ECSSR, and in March 2013 he was awarded the 'Key to the City of Fez' by a delegation from Morocco in recognition of his role in strengthening relations between the two countries.

Established in 1991 in Italy, the Fondazione Mediterraneo promotes peace, dialog and cooperation among nations. The organisation confers Mediterranean Awards on eminent personalities who have contributed to overcoming conflict, breaking down cultural barriers and developing shared values. These awards include 'The Mediterranean Award for Diplomacy', 'The Mediterranean Award for Institutions', 'The Mediterranean Award for Civil Society', and 'The Mediterranean Award for Culture'. The award conferred on H.E. Dr. Jamal Al-Suwaidi is among the most important international awards.



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