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QATAR FOUNDATION RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT TO ANNOUNCE WINNERS OF BEST RESEARCH PROJECT AWARD AND BEST INNOVATION AWARD AT ARC'16

Accolades To Recognise Exemplary Contributions To R&D In Qatar

Doha, Qatar, 16 March 2016: This year's upcoming Annual Research Conference 2016 (ARC'16) is set to reveal the winners of Qatar Foundation Research & Development's (QF R&D) Best Research Project Award and Best Innovation Award.

The Best Research Project Award is funded by the Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF), a member of QF R&D, and recognises achievements and excellence in research in 2015. The award brings to light contributions made to knowledge and science that have had an impact on policy making or capacity building in Qatar.

Over 71 projects were thoroughly reviewed by the QNRF Director's Committee. The award takes into consideration the level of scientific excellence in terms of publications, citations, and patents, as well as the lasting effects of the project, including societal impact, enhancement of a research culture inside Qatar, and the effectiveness of collaboration and international recognition.

"The local research and development portfolio is making significant progress due to the calibre of creativity and innovation of the research community within Qatar. Acknowledging the advancements not only helps to bring forth the framework stipulated within Qatar's National Research Strategy, but also validates our investment in our human capital," said Dr Hamad Al-Ibrahim, Executive Vice President of QF R&D.

The Best Innovation Award recognises the most innovative project processed by Qatar Foundation's Office of Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer (IPTT) for its commercial potential, marketability, and contribution towards developing Qatar's knowledge and innovation based economy.

The award formally identifies an invention created by a Qatar entity partially or entirely supported by Qatar Foundation. Candidates for the award were selected from QF's intellectual property portfolio. The winner was selected out of 280 inventions.

QF R&D's flagship event is set to take place from 22nd to 23rd March at the Qatar National Convention Centre. Bringing together some of the world's brightest minds, ARC'16 provides a platform to highlight the importance of strategic investment in research and innovation for the benefit of Qatar's society while addressing the country's national Research Grand Challenges on a global scale.

For more information about the Qatar Foundation Annual Research Conference, please visit: <http://www.qf-arc.org>. For the latest news and announcements, follow the Twitter account @QF_ARC and #ARC2016.

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Image 1: Dr Hamad Al-Ibrahim, Executive Vice President of Qatar Foundation Research and Development (QF R&D).

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Qatar Foundation Annual Research Conference 2016

Held under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), Qatar Foundation Annual Research Conference (ARC) is QF Research and Development's (QF R&D) flagship event since 2010.

ARC provides a unique platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration between Qatar's brightest scientific minds and leading international researchers as they work to tackle the nation's Research Grand Challenges defined in Qatar's National Research Strategy (QNRS): Energy and Environment, Computing and Information Technology, Healthcare, and Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities. This year it will for the first time unite several major R&D initiatives under the conference's theme, *"Investing in Research and Innovating for Society."*

About Qatar Foundation Research and Development (QF R&D)

Qatar Foundation Research and Development (QF R&D) is charged with the Qatar National Research Strategy, dedicated to making Qatar a leading centre for research and development excellence and innovation. QF R&D is home to Qatar National Research Fund, a leading scientific research funding organization, Qatar Science & Technology Park, an international hub for technology innovation and commercialization.