Zayed Book Award announces winners

Contribution to the Development of Nations Award went to Jamal Al Suwaidi

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Shaikh Zayed Book Award yesterday announced the names of the winners of its tenth cycle (2015-2016) following the Board of Trustees’ meeting last week, which marked the last step in the selection process.

The Contribution to the Development of Nations Award went to Al Sarab (The Mirage) by Jamal Sanad Al Suwaidi from the UAE, published by The Emirates Centre for Strategic Studies and Research in 2015. The study focuses on the emergence of politicised religious groups and conducts a multilevel analysis of their religious thought and political ideologies.

The Literature Award went to Ma Wara’a Al Kitaba (Beyond Writing) by Egyptian novelist Ebrahim Abdelmeguid, published in 2014 by Al Dar Al Masriyah Al Lubnaniyah, Cairo.

The Literary and Art Criticism Award went to Al Fikr Al Adabi Al Arabi (Arabic Literary Thought) by Moroccan Said Yaktine, published in 2014 by Difaf Publishing, Beirut. The Translation Award went to the translation by Iraqi Keyan Yahya of The Meaning of Meaning by Ogden and Richards. This is the first translation of the book in Arabic after more than 90 years of its publication.

The Arab Culture in Other Languages Award went to Angles et Grandeur by Egyptian author Roshdi Rashed, published in 2015 by the Walter De Gruyter, Berlin. The study discusses the concept of angle and its relation to Archimedean and non-Archimedean theories of measurement.

Meanwhile, titles in both ‘Children’s Literature’ and ‘Young Author’ categories did not meet the Award’s standards. However, the Cultural Personality of the Year will be announced in a few days.

The award ceremony will take place on May 1 [along with the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair] where the winner of Cultural Personality of the Year will receive a prize of Dh1 million, a gold medal bearing the Shaikh Zayed Book Award logo, and a certificate of merit. Each of the winners of the award’s other eight categories will receive Dh750,000, a gold medal and a certificate of merit.