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### Press Release

The AMSS UK is pleased to announce that its prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award for 2008 will be presented to Professor Seyyed Hossein Nasr on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008 on the occasion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Catholic-Muslim Forum Conference, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> November 2008, Vatican City. The Award will be presented by Dr. Anas S. Al-Shaikh-Ali, Chair of AMSS (UK).

The Award is being given to Professor Seyyed Hossein Nasr in recognition of long and distinguished service in the field of Islamic thought, science and spirituality. Seyyed Hossein Nasr is University Professor of Islamic Studies at George Washington University, prolific writer, foremost expert on comparative religion, and one of the world's leading scholars on Islamic science and spirituality.

Professor Nasr has devoted his life to the intellectual study of Islam, writing extensively on various disciplines including Islamic philosophy, history, civilization, exposition of Islamic spirituality, the philosophy of science, the environmental crisis, interreligious understanding, and Islamic art. His invaluable attempts to foster greater global understanding of Islam and Muslims, through numerous works, studies, and essays, have made him one of the leading Muslim thinkers of today.

The Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS UK) is a non-profit organization based in London and committed to the development of perspectives on contemporary local and global issues through research, scholarship, conferences and publications.

The AMSS UK presents two annual Awards, the *Building Bridges Award* and the *Lifetime Achievement Award*. The *Lifetime Achievement Award* was inaugurated in 2000. The Award has been introduced to recognise and highlight the outstanding achievements of individuals who have made a significant contribution either to their field of expertise, or to the promotion of social harmony, to inter-cultural and interfaith dialogue or to Islamic thought.

Previous distinguished recipients have been Professor Ali Mazrui (2000), President H.E. Ali Izetbegovic (2001), Professor Zaki Badawi (2002), Professor Edward Said (2003), Dr. Martin Lings (2004), Professor Fuat Sezgin (2005), Professor Muhammad Abdel Haleem (2006), and Dr. Mustafa Cerić, Grand Mufti of Bosnia (2007).

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