The President of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Hereby resolves to bestow upon

His Excellency, José Ángel Gurría

The Ben-Gurion Leadership Award

In recognition of a remarkable leader, Secretary General of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), for his committed and dedicated efforts to strengthen intercultural understanding, mutual respect and international cooperation; in acknowledgement of a visionary who has made essential contributions to extending the OECD's influence in many fields and who has bolstered its ties with emerging economies and opened its doors to new partners, including Israel; with esteem for an accomplished statesman, member of the Royal Academy of Economic and Financial Sciences of Spain, who while serving in ministerial positions in Mexico, led his country in the spirit of consensus, dialogue and economic prosperity; and with deep appreciation of his tireless efforts on behalf of numerous noble causes, including advancing economic growth and the reduction of economic inequality, battling poverty, and ensuring access to water for all people, for the benefit of all humankind.

Prof. Rivka Carmi, President

Beer-Sheva, February 1, 2016