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AN award ceremony for distinction in science was organised by Ain Shams University for the top-performing Master's Degree students from the Department of Cardiology, in 2015.

The award was initiated last year by one of the pharmaceutical companies working in Egypt, in co-operation with Ain Shams University's Cardiovascular Department and the Egyptian Society of Cardiology.

A number of top Egyptian cardiologists and Bayer Healthcare Egypt offi-

cials attended the ceremony. Dr Adel El Etreby, Professor of Cardiology at Ain Shams University's Faculty of Medicine and Head of the Egyptian Society of Cardiology said the award was an incentive for outstanding students to continue with their graduate studies and to learn about the latest diagnostic and treatment methods for heart disease.

Dr Etreby added: "This year's prize was a three-day trip to Germany to attend a number of practical lectures at the University of Freiburg, about the

latest treatment for heart disease in general and cardiac thrombosis in particular.

The lectures also covered the latest cardiology studies and the breakthroughs achieved in the field of thrombosis over the last few years, particularly the emergence of advanced medication such as Xarelto.

Xarelto has proved to be effective in the treatment of leg, vascular and neurological thrombosis experienced by atrial fibrillation patients. Students learned

about the correct usage of the drug, how it functions inside the body and how effective it is. The drug is available in Egypt."

Dr Mona Hamdy El Sayed, a Paediatric Cardiology Consultant said: "This award is the best kind of investment for pharmaceutical companies. It is a way of encouraging students to work hard to acquire the experience they seek, by travelling abroad and learning about the latest technological advances in a variety of fields."