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Merry Christmas 2015



News of Laureates and Committee Members



Prof Suresh Narine, our 2015 Laureate in Science & Technology, was recently awarded a grant by Canada's Natural Sciences and Energy Research Council (NERSC).

A leading researcher in biomaterials, Prof Narine's grant will be combined with new matching funding from industrial partners, Elevance Renewable Sciences, Northwater Capital and the Grain Farmers of Ontario, and will yield a Cdn \$2.25 million funding infusion for his research over five years.

Dr Kim Johnson, our 2011 Arts & Letters Laureate recently premiered his second film, *Our Soul Turned Inside Out*, at the Digicel IMAX theatre in Port of Spain on November 24.

The film is an account of the violent origins of the Trinidad Carnival and never-before-seen footage of brutal fights which accompanied the festival in its early days.



Prof Mervyn Morris, a member of our Jamaica Country Nominating Committee, was recently awarded an honorary doctorate (D Litt) by the University of the West Indies, where he holds the title of Professor Emeritus.

Prof Morris is a UWI intellectual, and an academic and creative writer. He has also produced several books of poetry, most recently a volume of *New and Selected Poems* published by Carcanet, UK.

Prof Morris was named Poet Laureate of Jamaica in 2014; only the third person to hold that title in 60 years.

Prof Surujpal Teelucksingh, our 2011 Laureate in Science & Technology, was recently honoured by Presentation College Chaguanas, his alma mater. He was named that institution's Man of the Year, the third person to be so honoured since the award has been conferred by the college's Alumni Association.

Prof Teelucksingh is a Professor of Medicine at UWI, Mt Hope. He has done significant work in diabetes, dengue, endocrinology, and pedagogy. His most significant recent work has been in the area of children and diabetes, and he is instrumental in many public education and research initiatives at UWI and elsewhere dealing with public health.





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The Excellent Decade *moves through the region*



(Trinidad, from left): Programme Director, Maria Superville-Neilson, Ms Salisha Hosein, School Supervisor 1 (SSI) attached to the office of the Chief Education Officer, Ms Zorisha Mohammed Ali, SSIII, St George East; Mr Olson Oliver, SSIII Port of Spain; Mr Ronald Jebodh SSI, South Eastern; Mr Ishmeal Mohammed, SSI North Eastern; Ms Simonetta Williams, SSI Caroni; Ms Vidya Ramachala SSI Victoria; Mr Ahmad Yusuff Ali, SSI St Patrick, and Ms Naima Hosein, from the Office of the Director of School Supervision, Ministry of Education.



(Jamaica, from left): Mr Christopher Bovell of the EPP; Donna McFarlane, Acting Executive Director Institute of Jamaica and Director of Liberty Hall; Jacqueline daCosta, CD, Chair of the Nominating Committee Jamaica; Dr. Cliff Riley, Executive Director, Scientific Research Council, Jamaica; and Dr Conrad Douglas.

We continued making presentations of our commemorative book, *The Excellent Decade* throughout the region. These photos show ceremonies in Trinidad, Jamaica, and Antigua & Barbuda.



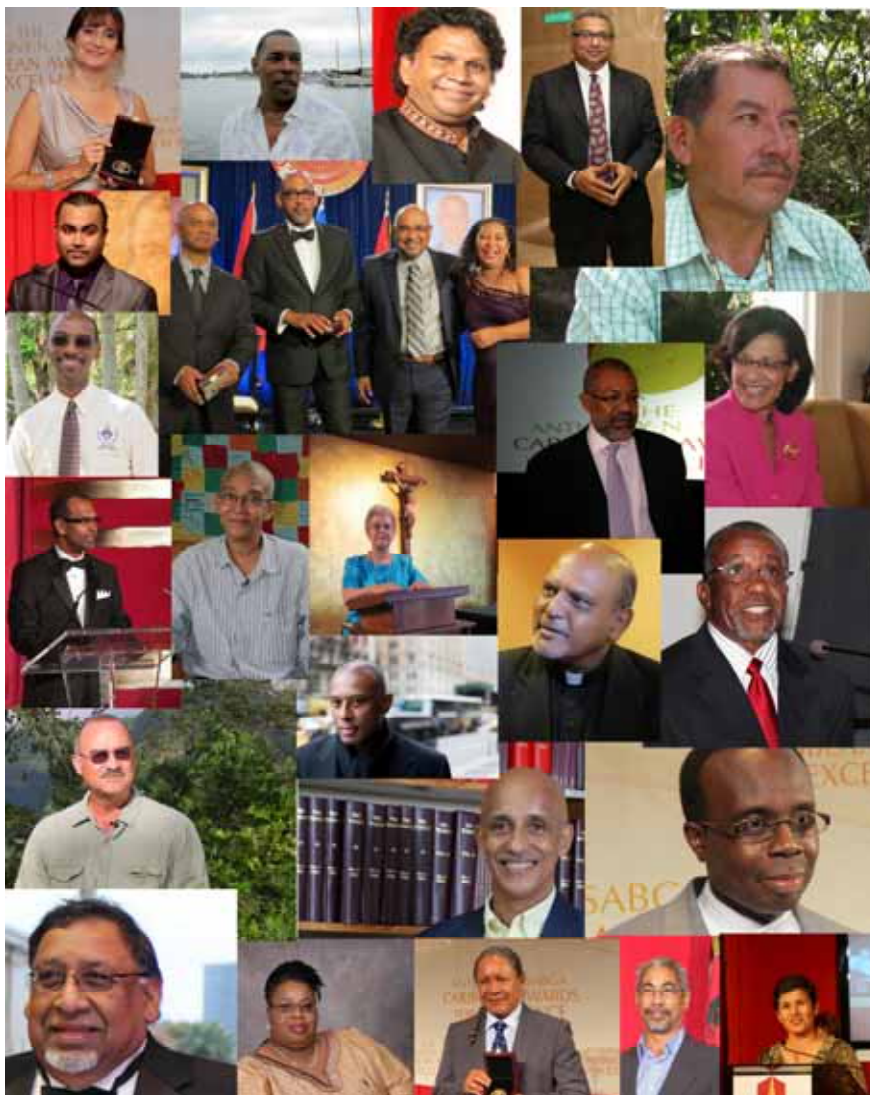
(Antigua Barbuda, from left): Mrs Ryllis Mannix, Director of the Antigua Barbuda National Library, Mrs Caroline Spencer, Deputy Director, and Mrs E Ann Henry, QC, of the OECS Nominating Committee.

We come to the end of our tenth year with a sense of gratitude and humility. We at the Caribbean Awards for Excellence are very pleased with the work we have done in bringing forward the Excellence that resides and works, uncelebrated and often unrewarded, in our countries and region.

Especially at this most holy time of the year, we are conscious of the need for

selflessness and giving generously of time and spirit. We realize that to see these traits embodied, we need look no further than our 27 points of light, our Laureates, who have done more than most to illuminate, to alleviate, and to enlighten our countries, our region, and the world.

We wish all members of the Awards family a happy and holy Christmas.



(Top, left to right to left)

- Paula Lucie-Smith, Adrian Augier, David Dabydeen, Robert Yao Ramesar, Sidney Allicock, Kathleen Coard, Terrence Forrester, Paloma Mohamed-Martin, Suresh Narine, Haz Samuel, Patrick Hosein, Liam Teague, Anselm Hennis, Paul Teelucksingh, Karen De Souza, Rhonda Maingot, Msgr Gregory Ramkissoon, James Husbands, Leonard O'Garro, Richard Robertson, Caryl Phillips, Lennox Honychurch, Dave Chadee, Claudette Richardson-Pious, George Simon, Kim Johnson, Annette Arjoo***

Our Laureates, 2006-2015