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## *In Memoriam* *Sir K Dwight Venner: 1946-2016*

**The funeral** of Sir K Dwight Venner, former head of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) and a member of the ANSA Caribbean Awards Regional Eminent Persons Panel, took place in St Lucia, at the Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Micoud Street, Castries, on January 4. He passed on December 22, 2016.

The service was attended by regional leaders, including two Prime Ministers, Dr Ralph Gonzalves of St Vincent, Allan Chastenet of St Lucia, and Sir Vaughn Lewis, a former St Lucian prime minister.

Sir Dwight was considered to be one of the best economic minds in the region, and the success of the ECCB was hailed as being largely as a result of his intellect and personal integrity. He was its longest serving governor – from 1989 to 2015 – and is credited for having shaped its structure and created its strict and efficient management culture.

Trinidadian economist, Dr Terrence Farrell said of Sir Dwight: “The governorship of the ECCB gave Venner a platform from which he could really influence the development of these islands. He transformed the central bank by instituting modern central banking and banking legislation.”

Apart from his professional virtues, the personal

traits eulogized included his humility, devotion to the Roman Catholic faith, and his abhorrence for nepotism and corruption.

Similar glowing encomia were delivered by various friends, colleagues, and family, and in one instance he was called the successor to the Nobel Prize winning St Lucian, Sir W Arthur Lewis (Economics, 1978).

St Lucia Prime Minister Allen Chastenet recalled the days when Sir Dwight worked as head of budgets for the Government of St Lucia, he (Chastenet) was then a junior officer, and noted that Sir Dwight’s respect and consideration for him remained the same when he became Prime Minister.

Sir Shridath Ramphal, EPP Chairman, said: “We shall all miss him in the larger Caribbean sphere where he labored all his life - a symbol of the highest standards in all he did and an inspiration to his own and succeeding generations. Our region has lost one of its worthiest sons.”

He was the father of seven daughters with his wife, Lynda. Sir Dwight was born in St Vincent & the Grenadines, but settled in St Lucia, where he passed away.



## *The New Laureates at home and work*

*Kwamè Ryan, Conductor, Trinidad & Tobago (Arts & Letters) is shown in Port of Spain at the University of Trinidad & Tobago's National Academy of the Performing Arts.*



*Winslow Craig, Sculptor, Guyana (Arts & Letters) is shown here with one of his works at his workshop in Georgetown.*



*Dr Arif Bulkan, Attorney and Legal Scholar, Guyana, (Public & Civic Contributions) is shown here at the St Augustine Campus of the University of the West Indies.*



*Shadel Nyack Compton, Entrepreneur, Grenada (Entrepreneurship) here at Belmont Estate, Grenada.*

## *Nominations Open till March 31*



Just to remind our subscribers, we have reverted to an annual awards cycle and will accept nominations till March 31, this year, for the 2018 awards. We have decided to set this as a fixed date for nominations every year, so we can have some uniformity in the process and give our committees time to sift through the applications.

As usual, we urge our subscribers to disseminate the call for nominations as far and wide as possible, as we continue to be astonished at the quality of people and the brilliance of the work that is being done by artists, scientists, civil and human rights activists and, of course, entrepreneurs, in the region.

Application forms are on our website, and our television ad will begin airing regionally soon.

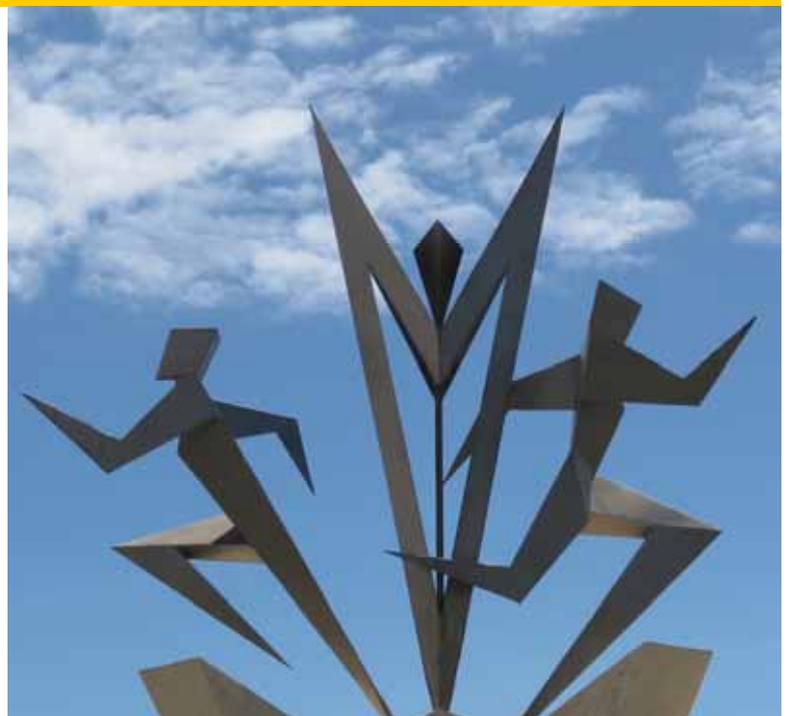
## *Guyana Here We Come on May 13, at the Marriot*

We are proud to host our 2017 Awards ceremony at the Marriot Hotel in Georgetown, Guyana, on May 13.

The decision to host in Guyana was taken for the number of laureates it has given the awards programme and the region, and to honour the two Guyanese laureates awarded for 2017, Artist Winston Craig, and Rights-Attorney, Dr Christopher Arif Bulkan.

They join Annette Arjoon-Martins and Prof David Dabydeen (2008) Sydney Allicock (2010), George Simon (2012), Karen de Souza (2014), and Prof Suresh Narine and Dr Paloma Mohammed. (2015).

The awards ceremony will be broadcast throughout the region and streamed live. Please see our Facebook page for details.



*A sculpture by Winslow Craig, at the Leonora Stadium, Guyana*