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## *A New Foundation Chairman*

The ANSA McAL Foundation will be now headed by the ANSA McAL Group's Executive Chairman, Dr A Norman Sabga, first son of the late chairman, Dr Anthony N Sabga who passed away this last May.

The Foundation, up to 2017, was the sole funder of the ANSA Caribbean Awards for Excellence. This function has since been taken over by the ANSA McAL Group of Companies.

Despite the change in the source of the Awards' funds, however, the Foundation continues to play its role as the oversight body for the Caribbean Awards. It must ratify appointments to the various panels and committees, including the Eminent Persons Panel, and must give its stamp of approval to the selected Laureates.

The Foundation committee met in August to consider applications for charitable contributions in late August, and also to consider any changes in the awards to increase visibility and regional recognition of the ANSA Awards as the Caribbean's premiere recognition programme.



*Dr A Norman Sabga, Executive Chairman of the ANSA McAL Group, and Chairman of the ANSA McAL Foundation.*

Dr Norman Sabga has select the 2018 Laureates is expected to take place in November or December.

given the assurance that the Awards will continue and perhaps expand its role as a beacon of excellence and a catalyst for development in the region.

The selection process for the 2018 Laureates is now underway, and the EPP meeting is to

The Foundation also inducted a new member in Mrs Diana Mahabir Wyatt, a member of the Trinidad & Tobago Nominating Committee.

## *New EPP Members*



Sir Royston Hopkin is the owner of the Spice Island Beach Resort in Grenada and has been involved in regional tourism for decades. He has served on the Board of the Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association (CHTA) since 1970.

Sir Royston is the recipient of several prestigious awards, including the coveted Caribbean Hotel Association's "Hotelier of the Year" honour in 1991. In 2006, received the Grenada Board of Tourism's Tourism Nutmeg Award for his contribution to the local industry.

In 2009 the CHTA presented Sir Royston with their Lifetime Achievement Award, and in January 2010, he was bestowed with the prestigious Star Diamond Award from the American Academy of Hospitality. And in 2016 he received the Six Star Diamond Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences.

Outside of business, Sir Royston was one of the first Grenadians to establish a scholarship fund for needy children, when he adopted the Grand Anse R.C. School in 1992. Since the establishment of the fund, 181 students have received scholarships. There are currently 76 active students participating in the programme.

In her New Years Honours list in December 2004, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II elevated his rank to that of Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George (KCMG) from CMG, which had been conferred in 1994.

Today, Sir Royston is internationally known for his industry knowledge and savvy. He is the former Chairman of the Caribbean Alliance for Sustainable Tourism (CAST), the largest private sector sustainable organization in the region. He is an Honorary Director of the Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association, Honorary Director of the Grenada Hotel & Tourism Association and Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Queen Elizabeth Home for Children.

Sir Royston Hopkin is married to Betty - The Lady Hopkin, and has three—Ryan, Nerissa and Janelle—who all work at the resort to ensure that the Hopkin brand of hospitality continues in the years to come.

Dr Charmaine Gardner has been involved in the private and public sectors in St Lucia, the regional and beyond for several years. A distinguished entrepreneur, she is the Managing Director of Carasco and Son Limited, a well-known and long-established fourth-generation 93-year-old family company. Dr Gardner is also a Director of Clay Products, St Lucia Ltd and Nexxa Auto Colour, St Lucia Ltd.



She has served as President of the St Lucia Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, and the regional private sector body, The Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce. She still serves with the St Lucia Chamber of Commerce in varying capacities, currently as chair of the annual business awards committee.

She is also the President of the 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank St Lucia Ltd, and Chairperson of the Bank's Board of Directors. Dr Gardner is Chairperson of the Cave Hill School of Business of the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados, and serves as a member of the University Council of the University of the West Indies.

Dr Gardner is the recipient of the Saint Lucia Medal of Honour (SLMH) for long and meritorious service in the business community and for community enrichments. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, LL.D (Honoris Causa) was conferred upon her by the University of The West Indies in 2006. She continues her voluntary service mainly in the areas of Education, Church and Women's Affairs. She is a member of the Girl Guides of Saint Lucia, the Saint Lucia Crisis Centre (from inception), the Women's Support Centre, and the Archdiocesan Pastoral Programmes and Teaching Committee.

Additionally, she served in the Parliament of Saint Lucia for some nine years. She has sat on a number of Boards and Committees, in Saint Lucia and the regional, including the National Development Corporation, the Public Utilities Commission, Chair of the Housing & Urban Development Corporation, and as a selection judge for the Ernst & Young Regional Entrepreneur of the year award, to name a few. She is presently the Honorary Consul for Israel in Saint Lucia.

## *New Country Committee Members*



**Ms. E. Ann Henry** QC, has been appointed to the OECS CNC. She is an attorney, notary public and a chartered director in Antigua Barbuda, where she is a senior partner of the firm Henry & Burnette, is . She is

one of the leading attorneys in Antigua, and has practiced law in several territories in the region since she was first called to the Bar in 1981.

Between 1981 and 1983, she practiced in the British Virgin Islands Jurisdiction as a Prosecutor in the Chambers of the Attorney General. She moved to Antigua in 1983, and till 1990, worked as an associate in Chambers of Kendall & Henry. From 1990 to 1997, she worked as a sole practitioner and in December, 1997, she launched her own firm, the Chambers of E. Ann Henry & Associates. She was elevated to the rank of Queen's Counsel in September, 2012.

Ms. Henry was educated at the UWI Cave Hill and St Augustine. She is a Past-President of the Antigua and Barbuda Bar Association and a Past Chairman of the Council of Legal Education of the West Indies. She has been admitted to bar in Antigua and Barbuda, the British Virgin Islands, and Montserrat.

She holds Bar memberships in the OECS Bar Association, Organisation of Commonwealth Caribbean Bar Associations, and the Commonwealth Law Association. She served as president of the Antigua/Barbuda Bar Association from 2003-2005 and was vice-president of the OECS Bar Association from 2004-2008.

Outside of legal practice, she has been an Acting Judge of the High Court, and Acting Justice of Appeal (Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, 2008, 2013), and a member of the Industrial Court of Antigua and Barbuda.

**Professor Emerita Hazel Simmons-McDonald** has joined the Barbados CNC. Prof Simmons-McDonald was the Pro-Vice Chancellor and Principal of The University of the West Indies Open Campus, from 2007 to 2014. Prior to that, she served as Head,

Department of Language, Linguistics and Literature; Deputy Dean, Outreach; Deputy Dean, Planning; and Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Education at Cave Hill.

Professor Simmons-McDonald traveled widely throughout the region to enable the establishment and implementation of Open Campus services, particularly in the UWI 12 countries.

She represented the University on several boards, including the Council of the Caribbean Examinations Council and the Caribbean Knowledge and Learning Network (CKLN). She is a founding member of the literary journal *Poui* and the *Multimedia Educational Resources for Learning and Online Teaching* (MERLOT), *Journal of Online Learning and Teaching* (JOLT); and has served as a reviewer for scholarly texts for The Press, UWI, the Hampton Press for the Dept. of English, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago, and *The Journal of Pidgin and Creole Linguistics* (JPCL).

Since retirement she continues to serve in the field of education and she is Chair of the CARICOM Technical Working Group for Open and Distance Learning; Chair of the CXC review committee for English; a member of the Catholic Diocesan Committee for Education in Barbados.

In June 2014 she received an award for "Outstanding Contribution to Education" from the Global Distance Learning Congress at the World Corporate Universities Congress in India. The award came close on the heels of her being awarded the OBE in 2011 for her outstanding contribution to higher education.

