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In Memoriam: Judy Y Chang

The Anthony N Sabga Caribbean Awards for Excellence marks with great sadness the passing of Mrs Judy Y Chang, CA, CPA, CMT. She died in Canada on March 8, from complications arising from cancer.

Mrs Chang served as a member of the Awards' Regional Eminent Persons Panel from inception in 2005. She also served in several high-level capacities in the ANSA McAL Group. She was a director on the ANSA McAL parent board (2008-2012), and the ANSA Merchant Bank's board (2012-2016), in addition to having a distinguished career in the Trinidadian financial services sector, and in government and non-governmental institutions.

A chartered accountant by profession, Mrs Chang became a partner of Price Waterhouse Trinidad (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) in 1980 and retired in 1997. She was one of the first women to be named a partner of that company.

Upon leaving PricewaterhouseCoopers she was appointed chairman of the Unit Trust Corporation, a position she held from 1997-2003. After this post, she was appointed the first Financial Services Ombudsman of Trinidad & Tobago, a



post she held from 2003-2008.

Outside private industry, Mrs Chang served on many governmental committees and boards. She sat on the Central Bank of T&T board from 1987-1993 and chaired its Audit Committee. She was a director of the Deposit Insurance Corporation from 1988-1993.

She contributed to the modernisation of the Trinidadian economy, chairing a government-appointed committee in 1989 on Company Law Reform. This committee produced a new Companies Act for Trinidad & Tobago, which was signed into law

in 1997.

Mrs Chang was also active in civic life. She was a Trustee of the Anglican Church and until 2009 chaired the board of her alma mater, Bishop Anstey High School.

She received the Chaconia Medal of the Order of the Trinity in 1999 for her services to business. She will be cremated in Canada.

Laureates at Work



Our 2017 Laureate in Entrepreneurship, Shadel Nyack Compton of Grenada, has broken new ground in her business, and has been recognized regionally for her work.

Belmont Estate recently opened its own chocolate factory and launched its own brand of organic chocolate, making it a tree-to-bar product, the realization of a dream of Ms Compton.

Apart from this big step, she was recognized by the Grenada Ministry of Agriculture for “Outstanding Contribution in AgriTourism” Development. She was also recognized by the regional Caribbean Tourism Organization as part of its

Caribbean Sustainable Awards. She received the Agro-Tourism and the Bridging Island of Knowledge awards. The latter recognition was from the Centre of Excellence (COE) For the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.(SIDS).



Our 2015 Laureate in Science & Technology, Prof Suresh Narine, is a transformative figure in Guyana, having revived its Institute of Applied Science and Technology. But his efforts and acclaim spread far beyond the hinterlands. He is also head of Trent University’s Centre for Biomaterials Research, which has had a recent “unanticipated” breakthrough, which has resulted in the creation of the of Prolong Mug.

The mug is made from soybeans. It is a travel container which cools liquids to an optimum temperature and allows them to remain at that temperature till ready for use.

According to Trent’s specifications, “at the heart of the Prolong Travel Mug is a patented Phase Change Material (PCM).” When hot liquid is poured into the mug the PCM cools it to a perfect 65° C. This temperature is derived from medical research as optimal for food consumption. The Lancet Oncology has recently classified beverages in excess of this temperature as possible carcinogens.

The mug might seem mundane, but its effects on health, the convenience for travelling parents and workers, are enormous. It is one of those small devices which has an outsize impact. Further details can be found at www.prolongmug.com.



Awards Ceremony in Jamaica

After our successful and well-received ceremony in Georgetown in 2017, the ANSA McAL Foundation Board has decided that the Caribbean Awards Ceremony should be staged at the other end of the Caribbean, in Jamaica, in 2018.

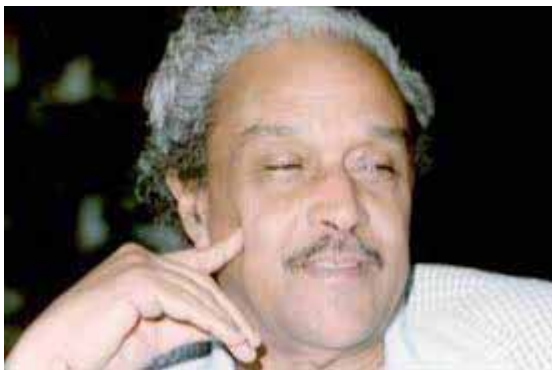


We welcome this opportunity to

honour our 2018 laureate in Arts and Letters, the poet, novelist, and essayist, Prof Kei Miller, as well as our standing Jamaican laureates scientist Prof Terrence Forrester, child-rights advocate Mrs Claudette Richardson Pious, and Mustard Seed Community Founder, Monsignor Gregory Ramkissoon. The ceremony will be staged at the Pegasus Hotel in Kingston, on May 12, from 6.30 pm. It will be live streamed and telecast to the region.

Sir Wilson Harris Dies

The ANSA Caribbean Awards extends its condolences to Prof E Nigel Harris, a member of our Regional Eminent Persons Panel, on the passing of his father, the esteemed Guyanese novelist, poet, and critic, Sir Wilson Harris, who died on March 8, in England, where he had lived since 1959.



Sir Wilson was one of the first wave of Caribbean writers who made his mark on the world stage. He was a contemporary of VS Naipaul and Derek Walcott, and his work, while it never received the widespread acclaim as the two Nobel Laureates', was acknowledged to be of equal, if not superior quality.

According to the obituary supplied by his family: "Over a period of 50 years, beginning in 1960, the celebrated author has written 26 novels, numerous works of poetry, essays and speeches. In 1987, his novel *Da Silva da Silva* was adapted for a film produced by Tariq Ali of Bandung Productions for Channel 4 in the UK. Perhaps his most cited works are his first four novels, *Palace of the Peacock* (1960), *The Far Journey of Oudin* (1961), *The Whole Armour* (1962) and *The Secret Ladder* (1963), all published by Faber and Faber."

May he rest in peace.



Congratulations to Josephine Whitehead, AA

We extend congratulations to Ms Josephine Whitehead, SC, on her elevation to the rank of Senior Counsel in Guyana as of January 1. Ms Whitehead has served on our Guyana Country Nominating Committee since its inception. We wish her continued success in her already-distinguished career.