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2020 Ceremonies to be held in four territories



Our hopes for a medium term resolution of the Covid 19 virus pandemic have, unfortunately, not come to pass. Trinidad and Tobago remains as of September in lockdown mode with its borders closed indefinitely. This has necessitated that we make alternative arrangements for honouring our 2020 Laureates, Andrew Mendes, Dr Shirin Haque, Jallim Eudovic, and Dr Olivene Burke, who as yet have not received their awards with all due pomp and ceremony.

After considering the situation, our Chairman, Mr Andrew Sabga, in consultation with our Eminent Persons Panel, has decided that the circumstances require separate ceremonies in the Laureates' home territories.

This is a challenging logistical operation

and we have begun preparations for the hosting of awards events in Guyana, St Lucia, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.

Each ceremony will be limited by the social distancing dictates of the particular territory, and will be officiated and attended by the resident members of the Eminent Persons Selection Panel. The events will be live-streamed and we intend to produce in the aftermath a made-for-television programme for broadcast throughout the region and hopefully beyond.

The events will take place in different weeks in the month of October. Please keep up with developments via our Facebook page. We are pleased to proceed, albeit in this unusual manner and hope for a return to normalcy.

In Memoriam: George Simon



Our 2012 Laureate, Arts & Letters, Mr George Simon, passed away in early July in Spain, where he lived with his wife, Imma, and their children.

Mr Simon was an archaeologist and a visual artist from Guyana. He was a member of the Lokono nation. His defining work was the (2011) discovery in Guyana of ancient farming mounds, that might cause history books about the pre-Columbian past of the Americas to be rewritten.

As part of a team of archaeologists including members from the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Florida, Simon studied man-made mounds stretching hundreds of miles between the Berbice and Corentyne rivers dating 5,000 years before the present era.

The findings provided evidence that complex, populous settlements existed in this part of the world before conven-

tional archaeology and history proposed.

Simon was educated at the University of Portsmouth and London University in the UK in fine art (printmaking, 1978) and archaeology (field and analytical techniques, 1994) respectively. In addition to his work as an archaeologist, Simon was also a prolific fine artist and teacher.

He returned to Guyana in 1978 and became an instructor at the Burrowes School of Art in Guyana and later the University of Guyana. He also had several international exhibitions in Europe (Spain and France), New York (at the Museum of Natural History), Chad, Barbados and Montreal, Canada.

In recent years, he worked as a consultant archaeologist for the government of Trinidad and Tobago, supervising the disposal of First People's remains at the Red House in Port of Spain.

Dieffenthaller's series is on Roku



Our 2019 Laureate in Arts & Letters, Danielle Dieffenthaller, has made a major breakthrough for Caribbean filmmakers: her television series, *Westwood Park*, has been licensed for the streaming platform Roku, in the US, Canada and the UK. Unfortunately the series will not be streamed in the Caribbean region via Roku, but it will be available via a new streaming service using the TEGOTV app, which is available on the Android and Apple app stores. (The app can also be accessed at <https://filmco.org/filmco2go>.)

Westwood Park is a soap opera made in Trinidad and Tobago between 1997 and 2004. It is one of the many television series, films and other commercial videos made by Dieffenthaller in her 30 years working as a director, producer and in various other capacities in the film industry in the region.



Eudovic named Ambassador

Our 2020 Laureate in Arts and Letters, Jallim Eudovic of Saint Lucia, has been named a Goodwill Ambassador for that island. His appointment is part of a programme which names prominent people in the arts, culture, sports, and academic spheres who are charged with promoting the island and branding internationally not merely for tourism, but social transformation.

Forrester named to International Science Council

One of our early laureates, Prof Terrence Forrester, medical scientist of Jamaica, and our first Science and Technology Laureate (2006) has been named to the International Science Council (ISC).

In an announcement made by the ISC earlier this month, Forrester was named with seven other scientists selected from around the world, who will comprise a vascular disease he is renowned for his Small Island Development States (SIDS) work with, and dedication to tropical Liaison Committee.



Forrester is Chief Scientist for UWI SODECO (Solutions for Developing Countries) and Professor of Experimental Medicine at UWI, Mona. As a clinical scientist with a longstanding interest in cardiovascular medicine, he is renowned for his work with, and dedication to tropical medical research.