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Laureate presentations 2022



We were pleased to host ceremonies to present prizes to three of our laureates: Dr Kim Jebodhsingh of Barbados was presented with her prize by Her Excellency, Dame Sandra Mason, President of Barbados (pictured above); Mr Marlon James was presented with his prize by Deputy Governor General of Jamaica, The Hon Steadman Fuller; and Prof Christine Carrington was presented with her prize by Her Excellency, President Paula-Mae Weekes. Two presentations remain to be made, in July, in Guyana. These are presentations to Anuska Varsha Sonai from Suriname, and Shyam Nokta of Guyana.



New CNC Heads



Prof Surujpal Teelucksingh has assumed the chairmanship of the Trinidad and Tobago Country Nominating Committee.

Prof Teelucksingh is the Science & Technology Laureate for 2011. He is a medical doctor, researcher and lecturer at the University of the West Indies, Mt Hope, medical school.

Among his many interests is diabetes research and he is director of the DERPI (Diabetes Education Research Institute) which he founded in 2007. He has been recognised by UWI as an outstanding researcher (2015) for his work in the regional collection and analysis of medical data on chronic non-communicable diseases.

Prof Ishenkumba Kahwa is the new head of the Jamaica Country Nominating Committee. He is Professor Emeritus at the UWI, Mona, where he served for 31 years till his retirement in 2018.

He joined the Department of Chemistry, University of the West Indies, Mona in 1987. He served as Professor of Supramolecular Chemistry from 2000, Head of the Department of Chemistry (2002-2008), and Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology for the period 2008-2013.

As Deputy Principal at the Mona Campus (2013-2018), Prof Kahwa led the development and establishment of a new suite of BSc, MSc, MPhil and PhD programmes in Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health (OESH).



Dr Angela Alleyne is the new chair of the Barbados Nominating Committee. She is a biologist and biochemist from the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill. She specialises in plant pathology throughout the region and population genetics of fibroids among AfroCaribbean women in Barbados.

Her professional society memberships include the British Society of Plant Pathology, the Biochemical Society of the UK, the (UK) Royal Society of Biology, the American Society for Microbiology, and the American Phytopathology Society.

She has also attracted research funding from the Canada Latin America and the Caribbean Research Exchange grant programme, the American Phytopathology Association, the (US) Environmental Protection Agency, and the J Craig Venter Institute.



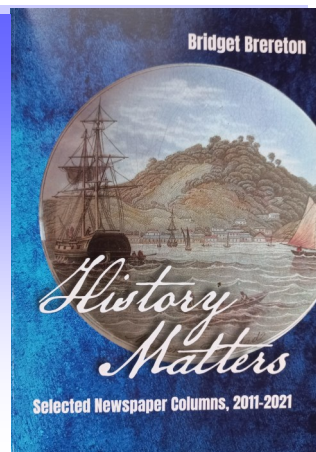
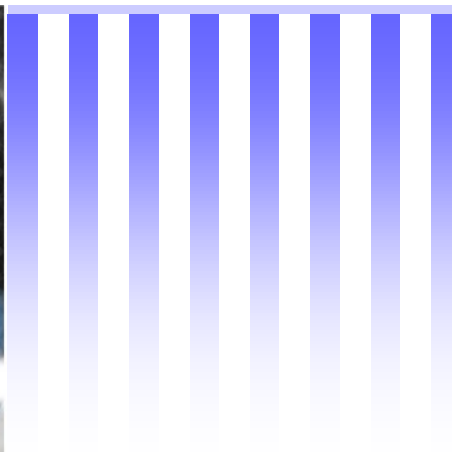
Our Eminences at work

Professor Bridget Brereton, a member of our Eminent Persons' Panel from Trinidad and Tobago and a Professor Emerita at the UWI, St Augustine, has recently published a book, *History Matters*. The book is a collection of newspaper columns published in the Trinidad press over the last decade.

Prof Brereton is a former professor of history, and the book is a series of small snapshot studies of popular history of interest to the lay reader.

Topics broached include festivals, historical events, the various historical narratives that compete vigorously in the public sphere in Trinidad and Tobago.

Prof Brereton has also published numerous academic articles and books.



Prof Brinsley Samaroo, a member of the Trinidad and Tobago Nominating Committee has published a book on the life of a Trinidadian labour rights pioneer, *Adrian Cola Rienzi, The Life and Times of an IndoCaribbean Progressive*. Rienzi was instrumental in establishing labour unions in Trinidad and Tobago, and a founder of the Oilfield Workers Trade Union.

Prof Samaroo is a UWI historian who is also a Professor Emeritus at UWI, St Augustine. He has been a government minister, and involved in many public education initiatives in Trinidad and Tobago, including the Sugar Heritage Museum, and the Friends of Mr Biswas.



Ceremonies



(Left) Mr Stetson Babb, Dr Angela Alleyne, Dr Kim Jebodhsingh, Dr Jeannine Comma, and Mr Tony Gibbs at the conferral ceremony in Barbados which took place in late May.

Dr Jebodhsingh was presented with her prize in Public & Civic Contributions (joint) by HE Dame Sandra Mason, President of Barbados, on May 20.

(Left) Sir Kenneth Hall, Prof Compton Bourne, The Hon Steadman Fuller, Deputy Governor General of Jamaica, Mr Marlon James, Mrs Diana Mahabir Wyatt, and Mr Christopher Bovell.

Mr James was presented with his prize for Arts & Letters by Deputy GG Fuller on June 2.



(Left) Prof Compton Bourne, Mrs Helen Drayton, Prof Christine Carrington, and Mr Andrew Sabga at President's house in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Prof Carrington was presented with her prize for Science & Technology by Her Excellency, Paula-Mae Weekes, President of Trinidad & Tobago, on June 14.