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Merry Christmas to the ANSA Caribbean Awards Family



joy to our region and its people.

These past 12 months have not been without newsletter. their challenges, from our own family, in the death

Nonetheless, our optimism persists and we happy and holy Christmas. are excited to welcome four more laureates to our college. These remarkable Caribbean people, Prof Please see ANSA McAL's online Christmas card Kei Miller of Jamaica, Mr William Andrew Boyle here: http://ansachristmas2017.com

It's the end of another year and we at the of Guyana, Mrs and Mr Chevaughn and Noel ANSA Caribbean Awards are, as always, pleased to Joseph of Trinidad & Tobago, and Dr Adesh have done the blessed work of bringing hope and Ramsubhag of Trinidad & Tobago, were named and their profiles are featured in the pages of this

As 2018 waits in the wings to make its of our founder, to our extended family, as in the entrance, we extend to our country committees, devastation of Dominica and Barbuda by hurricanes. laureates, Eminent Persons Panel, and families a



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Prof Kei Miller, Jamaica, Arts & Letters

els, a short story collection, four poetry collections David Malouf, and street preachers. and a book of "essays and prophecies". He is also current affairs.

most significantly the Forward Prize for Poetry protagonist experiences alienation: "In this country (2014) the premier accolade in the UK and Ireland you have an accent; /in the pub, a woman mocks for established and emerging poets, now in its 23rd it." Acclaimed Jamaican writer Olive Senior de-

person of colour to win the prize. Also an acclaimed short story writer and novelist, his first collection of short fiction, The Fear of Stones, was short-listed in 2007 for the Commonwealth Writers First Book His novel, Prize. Augustown, won the Bocas Literary prize in 2017 and its French Translation won the Prix Carbet de la Caraïbe et du Tout-Monde.

Miller was born in Jamaica in 1978 and read English at the University of

the West Indies but did not complete his read well, I'm glad you think my voice is melodic, bachelor's degree. Instead he wrote and published but if that becomes a reason to dismiss it as not Kingdom of Empty Bellies and The Fear of Stones, worthy, or as something that is just light entertaina short story collection. In 2005 he pursued an MA ment, that is beautiful to listen to, but not someat Manchester Metropolitan University. He thing that's being carefully written ... I'm very graduated at the top of his class and later did his particular about how I claim my place on the PhD at the University of Glasgow. He is now page." Professor of English and Creative Writing at the recent collection, features a mapmaker who speaks "giving to country" was a constant refrain." "the Queen's English" but sucks his teeth like a Jamaican, and a "Rasta-man" with a PhD. His writing makes use of Jamaican dialect (Patois) and

Kei Miller is a Jamaican poet, writer, and he draws inspiration from sources as varied as Earl scholar. In his career, he has produced three nov- Lovelace and Lorna Goodison, Australian writer

Miller's work also engages Caribbean a prolific blogger and tweeter, maintaining a run- themes of race, identity and immigration. His ning commentary on regional and international second collection There is an Anger that Moves, begins with "In This Country", which explores the He has won many awards for his writing, experience of an immigrant to the UK. At first the year. He is the first writer from the Caribbean and scribed the collection as a "radiant utterance that

> speaks of island experiences and gender politics from a deep well of understanding, with empathy, humour and insight."

> With all his success, Miller remains conscious of the politics of his position and field. When asked about comments he made expressing shame for his days as a poetry slam winner, he referred to a perception that "white poets read or give recitals, but black poets are performance poets ... and, yes, I'm glad you think I

In a 2013 interview with the Jamaica University of Exeter. Miller's work is closely tied Gleaner he talks about winning the prestigious, to the Caribbean region, and his continued links to Rhodes Trust sponsored Rex Nettleford Fellowinstitutions like the University of the West Indies ship in Cultural Studies. He tells reporter Daviot and the Bocas Literary Festival support this. He is Kelly: "There's always something special to me the editor of Carcanet's New Caribbean Poetry about being recognized by your own country," collection (2007). The Cartographer, his most revealing that he grew up in a household where





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Mr William Andrew Boyle, Guyana, Entrepreneurship

only lab in the country to offer the SchuyNet Lab provide green energy installations such as solar. Information System (LIS) services, whereby test

results can be accessed by doctors online, and in real time.

In the late 1980s, working for the University of Guyana, and at the Georgetown Hospital Tropical Diseases Lab as a medical microbiologist, Mr Boyle noticed the lack of adequate and high-quality medical laboratory services in his country. To meet this need the EML was formed in 1995. From a start with a limited range

EML today consists of a main laboratory in innovation, in recognition of recorded break-Georgetown and eight smaller collection/minor test through achievements in technology, processes, branches within Guyana. He has subsequently marketing campaigns and development; and from introduced a wide range of the latest tests, over Scotia Bank (Guyana) for a laboratory with out-1,000, as well as up-to-date laboratory equipment. standing entrepreneurial achievement.

The Eureka lab further introduced DNA testing, through an arrangement with the DNA success from his Alma Mater New Amsterdam Diagnostic Centre (DDC) in Ohio at a reduced rate Multilateral Secondary School where he for Guyanese citizens than what would normally graduated as class valedictorian. He then pursued obtain for such tests sent to the USA. EML a BSc in Microbiology at the University of currently serves over 100 walk-in clients per day, Cienfuegos, Cuba. He then earned his MBA at the (50%-60% of the industry market), an average of Australian Institute of Business, thus fortifying over 20,000 per year, as well as sixty major compa-further his entrepreneurial skills. nies. Senior citizens are also offered a 10% discount. The lab serves an average of thirty senior children, Tony, Andrew, and Keziah, plus his citizens per day – around ten thousand annually.

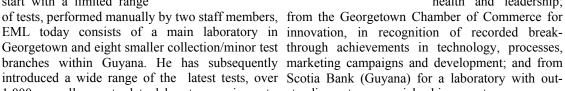
Boyle expanded out of his field and country. A Health, his source of inspiration and motivation.

Guyanese microbiologist Mr William small lab and a collection centre were opened in St Andrew Boyle is a medical services entrepreneur. Vincent in 2010. In 2017, a Psycho-diagnostics and He is the founder of the Eureka Medical Labora- Family Centre, a first-of-its-kind facility dedicated tory (EML) in Guyana which provides state-of-the- to psycho-social ills, was added to the Eureka art services to the country and region. He has also services. His innovative prowess is not merely diversified the laboratory, and his general business directed to his core business. In 2016 Boyle enterprise in other directions, like green energy and converted his Georgetown and Anna Regina food production. EML is the premier internation- laboratories and his home to solar-power. And in ally accredited lab in Guyana, one of only five such March 2017 he founded the Caribbean Wind and in the Caribbean. It is also the first and so far the Sun Inc. of which he is the sole director, to help

Entirely away from science and technol-

ogy, Mr Boyle even diversified into an egg production and supply business, Amazonia Farms. His 'Produced in the Berbice River' brand has become a source of pride and employment for persons from the area.

He is the recipient of several awards, including from PAHO/WHO for an outstanding contribution to public health and leadership;



Mr. Boyle traces the roots of his desire for

Behind his success is a loving family: his loving wife, Dr. Karen Boyle, presently the Deputy Not satisfied with his achievements, Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Public





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Chevaughn and Noel Joseph, Trinidad & Tobago, Public & Civic Contributions

Chevaughn and Noel Joseph's paediatric JBF's cancer support group, the Just Because Foundation accommodation for up to three families at a time, as (JBF), came out of their experience of losing a child well as transport to Mt. Hope and access to to cancer. When 3½-year-old Jabez "JB" Joseph was emergency services. diagnosed in 2005 with alveolar rhabdomyosar*coma*, a rare form of childhood cancer, his parents, which "addresses the emotional needs of the brothers Chevaughn and Noel, worked tirelessly to help him and sisters of children with cancer, and is a major defeat the disease. Tragically Jabez passed away two facet of the foundation's mission to provide holistic years later and in 2007 they launched the Just support for the families affected by this disease." Because Foundation (JBF), "an incorporated, non- Support groups for the fathers of children with

profit, Paediatric Cancer Support Organization" that "provides emotional, practical, and social support for families of children with cancer."

Ten years continues to work miracles in childhood advocacy. From their experience, the Josephs realised their son's response to treatment varied depending on the physical and emotional atmosphere of the treatment centre and the support services provided. They noted a marked environmental difference between hospitals abroad and those in Trinidad.

JBF resolved to set up facilities for paediatric cancer

patients in Trinidad and Tobago to supplement for Sick Children (SickKids) on another groundmedical treatment with emotional and other breaking project. With significant support via the necessary family support. They have collaborated SickKids Caribbean Initiative (SCI), they hosted a with the North Central Regional Health Authority two-day (NCRHA) to establish the JBF Paediatric Specialty participants from the several Caribbean countries, Unit (JBFPSU), a 21-bed unit at the Wendy Canada and the USA, with the immediate goal of Fitzwilliam Paediatric Hospital, Mt. Hope. The establishing a Caribbean Advocacy Network for JBFPSU caters for children with cancer as well as Childhood Cancer and Inherited Blood Disorders. children who are affected by other chronic noncommunicable diseases. The Specialty Unit has and Vice-President, respectively, of the Foundation. facilities environment which has markedly improved patient government agencies and non-governmental well-being and reduced family stress.

facility for paediatric cancer patients and their fami- illness and medical care, with a focus on children. lies who live in remote areas, and other islands.

Respite House offers temporary

The Foundation also runs a Siblings Club

cancer as well as bereaved parents have also been established.

All these services are provided at no cost to affected families.

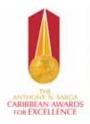
Apart from its direct patient interventions, JBF hopes to increase awareness of childhood cancers in the developing world, where cancer is often inaccurately thought to be a disease of the elderly. Along with medical doctors, social workers, psychologists, nutritionists, and non-medical family support workers, the foundation guides and educates parents.

To mark their 10th anniversary in August 2017, JBF collaborated with the Toronto-based Hospital

advocacy workshop that

Chevaughn and Noel Joseph are President and a family-friendly Their work is applauded by doctors, as well as organisations. Their interventions have the potential JBF also operates an accommodation to change the way Caribbean societies approach





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Dr Adesh Ramsubhag, Trinidad & Tobago, Science & Technology

ment of microbiology as a distinct sub-discipline of Medical Sciences, problems impacting humans and the environment.

He is a senior lecturer in Microbiology and Plant Pathology and Head of the Sciences Department at the University of the West Indies, Augustine. Since joining department that December 2001, he has produced research which affected has commercial meat industry, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, animal husbandry, environmental poll1ution (including oil spill clean ups) and the potential production of novel medical antibiotics. He has also contributed to establishing micro-

biology as a discipline in its own right at the Faculty of Science and Technology, UWI, St Augustine.

His work on microorganisms is producing exciting results that, if supported by further research, can lead to the development of industry pharmaceuticals, an export-driven estimated at a current value of US\$ 1 trillion. The research findings so far include that the chemical compounds produced by many indigenous organisms from Trinidad have unique antibiotic and other valuable qualities for the pharmaceuticals. The diversity of these organisms is great, making it even 12 peer-reviewed book chapters, more likely that home-grown research here can lead to more astounding results.

Dr Ramsubhag is credited with establishing patent application. a viable research programme in Microbiology at

Dr Adesh Ramsubhag is a Trinidadian UWI, St Augustine, where he had earned (1992) a scientist whose career is in the Microbiology and BSc in Agriculture and (1998) a PhD in Micro-Biotechnology. He has contributed significantly to biology. He has shared his expertise across several science and technology in Trinidad and Tobago and departments of the University, including Civil & the region, specifically with respect to the develop- Environmental Engineering, Food Production, Chemistry and Veterinary biology, and in research aimed at addressing Sciences, among others. He initially worked at the Caribbean Industrial Research Institute (CARIRI)

> two-and-a-half years where he applied conventional micro-biological skills to assist industries and state agencies with a range of food, water, air quality testing services, as well as with product development, optimization of for reduced processes contamination and training of staff.

In his present position as an academic, in addition to research, he is a dedicated teacher. So far, in his nearly 20-year career as a research scientist lecturer, five candidates he supervised graduated with PhDs and eight more are working towards completion. Nine

students have completed MPhil degrees and six are in the process of doing so. Also, 17 students have completed their Master of Science degrees in Management of Tropical Environments, Crop Protection or Environmental Engineering. More importantly he has stimulated and motivated many generations of undergraduate students who would have passed through him to follow his path in microbiology.

To date, his publication list includes 40 articles in peer-reviewed international journals and proceedings and abstracts. Several articles are under review or in preparation for submission, including a

