



UWI Alumna Elected to Lead PAHO



A Caribbean national has been elected as the new Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). Dr. Carissa Etienne, a native of Dominica, was elected on September 19th, 2012, by PAHO member states to lead the world's oldest and foremost public health organisation. A graduate of The University of the West Indies, Mona, Dr. Etienne will begin her five-year term on February 1st, 2013, succeeding Dr. Mirta Roses Periago of Argentina, who has been PAHO Director since 2003. She follows in the distinguished footsteps of the Chancellor of UWI, Sir George Alleyne of Barbados, who served as PAHO director from 1995 to 2003.

Dr. Etienne is currently Assistant Director General, Health Systems and Services, of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva. From 2003 to 2008 she served as Assistant Director of PAHO, WHO's Regional Office for the Americas. She graduated from the Mona Campus of UWI with an MBBS in 1976. She also studied community health in developing countries at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, where she received a Master's degree in 1982. In her native Dominica, she served as Chief Medical Officer, Director of Primary Health Care Services, Disaster Coordinator, and National Epidemiologist in the Ministry of Health. She also served as Coordinator of the National AIDS Program and as Chairman of the National AIDS Committee.

In her acceptance speech, Dr. Etienne said it was a great honour for someone from such a tiny island as Dominica to lead such an important entity. "For a woman from one of the smallest nations in the world to be elected to the helm of our distinguished and beloved PAHO is truly an honour and a privilege for me and my country, Dominica. I pledge to you that I shall do my best to live up to what I know are your high expectations," she told delegates to the 28th Pan American Sanitary Conference. Dr. Etienne said she is looking forward to working for the countries of the Americas, which have achieved many advances in health and development, but which also face many challenges. "Our region is strong," she said. "We now see political stability and economic prosperity in the region at unprecedented levels. At the same time, there are millions of people, some of them in our wealthiest member states, who do not have access to the social determinants of health or the health care they desperately need."

In thanking the ministers of health of PAHO member countries for electing her, Dr. Etienne pledged to build on the rich tradition of pan-Americanism. "If we are to achieve our health goals at the local, national, and regional levels, we must work together in the spirit of solidarity that so characterises our region, sharing our knowledge with one another, and using our resources to serve those who need our help the most," she said.

Extending congratulations on Dr. Etienne's election as the new Director of PAHO, Vice Chancellor of The UWI, Professor E. Nigel Harris noted, "It is really gratifying to hear news of another of our graduates achieving the commanding heights of their profession. UWI has managed to produce so many leaders from so many Caribbean countries in so many fields. We are hopeful that Dr. Etienne will achieve the considerable successes in PAHO of another UWI graduate who became Director of PAHO, our Chancellor Sir George Allyene. This is a proud moment for the Caribbean and for our University!" Chancellor Sir George Alleyne also offered congratulations to Dr. Etienne and reinforced the Vice Chancellor's comments on her laudable achievements as a UWI graduate, adding that he had the utmost confidence in

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Dr. Etienne's capabilities to continue the excellent work of PAHO.

UWI Medical Programmes Receive Full Accreditation

The Caribbean Accreditation Authority in Medicine and the Health Professions (CAAM-HP) has granted full accreditation to The UWI's medical programmes for the period 2012-2017. The UWI has gained institutional accreditation as a single School of Medicine programme, following on successful collaboration among the three Faculties at Cave Hill, Barbados, Mona, Jamaica, St Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago, as well as the Clinical Medical programme in the Bahamas.



In its report, the CAAM-HP commended the UWI on its draft Strategic Plan and its approach to a multi-campus, multi-territory university, noting that there is 'great potential for innovation and diversity among the campuses, while achieving common assessments and outcomes'. It also pointed to strengths such as 'a committed, motivated and collegial faculty; strong and effective leadership by Dean and Directors; a good patient mix;' and more importantly, the report noted that "UWI is producing well trained graduates".

The Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and other Health Professions (CAAM-HP) is the legally constituted body established in 2003 under the aegis of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), empowered to determine and prescribe standards and to accredit programmes of medical, dental, veterinary and other health professions education on behalf of the contracting parties in CARICOM. It was itself reviewed in 2011 by a team from the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) and the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER), and was granted recognition in May 2012 for a ten year term.

The accreditation process adopted by the CAAM-HP aims to certify that a medical education programme meets prescribed standards, and to promote institutional self-evaluation and improvement.

Merger at UWI Creates Largest Business School in the Region

September 28, 2012



The Department of Management Studies (DOMS), and The Mona School of Business (MSB) of The University of the West Indies, have merged to become Mona School of Business and Management (MSBM) effective August 1, 2012 a single business school within the Faculty of Social Sciences.

The UWI Mona now hosts a first of its kind business school within the region; as it is the only Business school of this size and quality, offering programmes at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Mona School of Business and Management will benefit from the strong brand equity of MSB in the business community, acknowledged to be the premier school for graduate business education in the region as well as the reputation of DOMS for innovative research and contribution to social and economic policy formation, and the combined extensive local and international relationships of both entities. The union will produce a critical mass of scholars to significantly strengthen research capability in business and

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management and facilitate cutting-edge innovations to address the critical priorities of the nation and the wider Caribbean region.

The expanded research and publication productivity, greater teaching and learning flexibility and their impact on quality, will allow the School to be better positioned to obtain Institutional Accreditation from the most prestigious international accreditation body, the Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

“We have created a Business School that is positioned to be globally competitive, one that will attract students and faculty of the highest calibre” expressed Professor Gordon Shirley, Pro Vice Chancellor and Principal of The University of the West Indies. “The merged entity has brought us in line with models of international business schools that offer both scale and quality in all ranges of undergraduate, postgraduate and executive education; and is therefore a step in the right direction for the University” remarked Professor Shirley.

Professor Paul Simmonds former Dean of the Business School of The University of the Virgin Islands, has been appointed Executive Director of MSBM and Dr. Densil Williams, former Head of DOMS, Deputy Executive Director. “Mona School of Business and Management will build on the strengths of the two antecedents and that of the wider UWI, leveraging the core competencies and reputation for excellence in the provision of higher education and in support of business and economic development in the region” remarked Professor Simmonds. Professor Evan Duggan, who served as Executive Director of the Mona School of Business for the past four years, has taken the baton from Professor Mark Figueroa to serve as the new Dean in the Faculty of Social Sciences, effective August 1, 2012.

Mona School of Business and Management now boasts the most expansive selection of programmes and courses in business education in the region and a wide resource pool of world class academics and business leaders. Offerings include Graduate Diploma in Business Administration, B.Sc, M.Sc, MBA, Executive-MBA PhD and DBA degree programmes, a carefully selected suite of short courses and customized corporate programs. According to Professor Duggan, “This unified Business School will produce the synergy and other benefits of scale and scope that will equip us to extend the possibilities for all stakeholders (faculty, students, alumni, business clients, the nation and the region) and further position The UWI to define a value proposition that cannot be replicated in the region.”

There are plans to establish a new home for the Mona School of Business and Management in the future. The new facilities will provide a state of the art learning environment in keeping with the University's commitment to creating centres of excellence, with emphasis on practical relevance and employability. The Mona School of Business and Management will be a force to be reckoned with as it aims to make a major impact in Business Management Education, locally and internationally.

“Put yourself in a state of mind where you say to yourself, ‘Here is an opportunity for me to celebrate like never before, my own power, my own ability to get myself to do whatever is necessary.’” ~ Dr. Martin Luther King

“There are those who look at things the way they are, and ask why... I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?” ~ Robert “Bobby” Kennedy

“If you hear a voice within you say “you cannot paint,” then by all means paint, and that voice will be silenced.” ~ Vincent Van Gogh, Dutch Painter

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Jamaican-born Verna Royes, 97, is animated as she talks with recipients of the Stanley and Verna Royes Scholarship last Tuesday. Listening in are Principal of the University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona Professor Gordon Shirley (right) and Campus Registrar Camille Bell-Hutchinson (second right). The occasion was an appreciation ceremony held last Tuesday at the Mona Visitor's

Lodge and Conference Centre to applaud Royes and her husband's generosity. Royes donated US\$50,000 to the institution, a sum which has provided 16 students with scholarships to attend UWI in the 2012/13 academic year.

Read more: http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/magazines/career/Generosity-applauded_12739068#ixzz2B3fXKnIW

UWI Alumni Pledge

As a graduate of the University of the West Indies, I commit myself to uphold the ideals and goals of my alma mater.

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I will strive to ensure The UWI's place as a Caribbean icon: the catalyst for Caribbean development and leadership. It is a legacy that I will proudly help build for future generations.

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