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A Brief Introduction to the Awards

The Anthony N Sabga Caribbean Awards for Excellence are the first of their kind in the Caribbean. The philosophy behind the Awards is that for the Caribbean to develop in the sense of a civilization, rather than an industrial centre, excellence in key fields of endeavour must be sought out, rewarded, and promoted for the benefit of all citizens.

The idea was developed from the meeting of many minds. As Chairman Emeritus of the ANSA McAL Group of companies in Trinidad, Dr Sabga was able to give a body to an initial idea from Mr Wilfred Naimool, after consultation with Sir Ellis Clarke and various others, and the logistics were worked out by the ANSA McAL Foundation.

The Awards are fully funded by the ANSA McAL Foundation. Three prizes are awarded for achievements in Science & Technology, Arts & Letters, and Public & Civic Contributions. The prizes consist of (TT) \$ 500,000, a medal, and a citation which are presented at an awards ceremony in Trinidad, usually in April. Selectors and nominators are encouraged to promote prospective laureates who are in mid-career, so the prize could be of assistance to them in continuing their work, and serving as exemplars and models for aspirants in their fields.

The Awards programme was inaugurated in 2005, and the first laureates were named, and presented with awards in 2006. Presentation ceremonies were then held biennially in Port of Spain in 2008 and 2010. Dr Sabga announced at the 2010 ceremony that the Awards would be given annually as of 2011.



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NOMINATIONS:

Who makes them, How, and Why.

The Nomination Process is an Open one: that is, anyone may nominate a candidate, and candidates may nominate themselves, using the appropriate form, which is provided at the end of this booklet, or may be downloaded from the awards website. The Foundation accepts nominations on a 'rolling', schedule (i.e. at any time during the year). To be considered for the following year, a candidate must be nominated no later than August 31, of the preceding year.

Nominees for the Sabga Awards for Excellence should have already displayed excellence in their fields of endeavour (Arts & Letters, Science & Technology, and Public & Civic Contributions). However, the Sabga Awards are not intended to be 'Lifetime Achievement' or 'Crowning Glory' awards. It is intended that persons who have shown exceptional promise in their fields, and have already made substantial achievements, but who have the potential for further important work, be considered.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINEES:

1. The nominee should show a track record of consistently superior work that demonstrates excellence, originality, and a potential to create knowledge and add to the disciplines in which the nominee works. The work must be recognized by authorities in the field.
- 1b. There is often a lack of consensus within disciplines for various reasons. Nominees must show excellence in the opinion of a significant number of experts, but these opinions need not be universal.
2. The nominee's work should show the potential for future development, which would be positively aided by the award. This is a function of the nominee's age, his/her field, and the peculiarities of each.
3. The nominee should produce work, ideas, theories, or whatever products in his/her field are referred to, which are likely to serve as models for further work, to encourage new and interesting ideas which are directly relevant to the Caribbean's peculiarities, and to influence the present and coming generations.
4. While it is desirable that nominees be held up as exemplars for the Caribbean people, the reality is that most heroes are created retrospectively. Therefore personality and personal attributes, unless these are overwhelming, should be secondary to the nominee's ability, and work done.

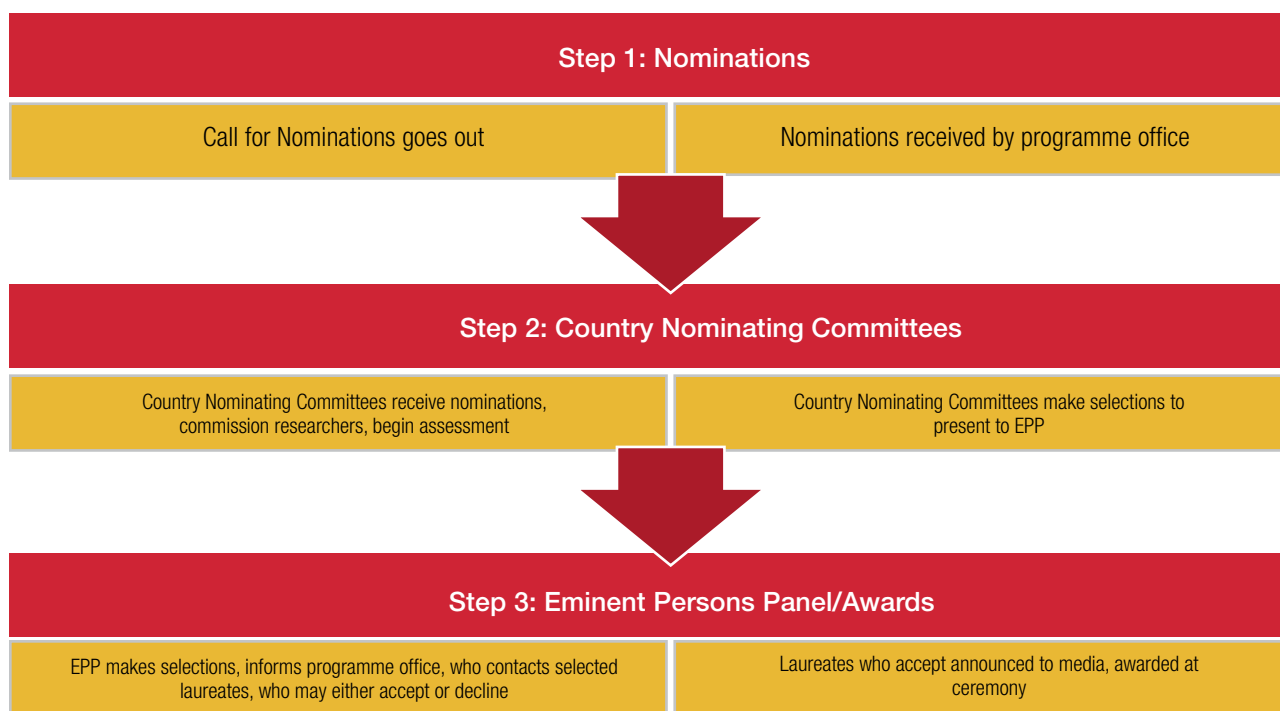
The Nomination forms may be submitted by electronic mail (anscafe@ansamcal.com), regular post (ANSA Centre, 9th Floor, TATIL Building, 11 Maraval Road, St Clair, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago), or by fax (868 622 3941).

The Panel, Committees and Process

After nominations are received, they must pass through three selection procedures: A Country Nominating Committee (CNC); a research-review of credentials and achievements; and a final selection process by a regional Eminent Persons Panel (EPP). The decisions of the Eminent Persons Panel are independent of the Foundation, and are final, and not subject to review.

There are five Country Nominating Committees: Barbados; Guyana; Jamaica; the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), and Trinidad & Tobago. Each nominating committee consists of academics, professionals, and outstanding citizens. They receive, vet, and assess applications. Part of the assessment is the engagement of researchers in each territory to do thorough background checks on each nominee, to ensure their credentials, references, and standing are genuine. Once the CNCs have selected the best applicants, they present their nominees to the Eminent Persons Panel, which is comprised of people of exceptional achievement and reputation throughout the Caribbean. The EPP then makes the final selections.

THE PROCESS



PANEL AND COMMITTEES

The Eminent Persons Panel



Mr Michael Mansoor
Chair



Justice Christopher Blackman
Barbados/Bahamas



Prof Compton Bourne
Guyana/Barbados



Mr Christopher Bovell
Jamaica



Mrs Judy Chang
Trinidad & Tobago



Rev Dr Henry J Charles
Trinidad & Tobago



Sr Paul D'Ornellas
Trinidad & Tobago



Sir Shridath Ramphal
Guyana/Barbados



Maj Gen Joseph Singh
Guyana



Sir K Dwight Venner
St Vincent/St Kitts

The Country Nominating Committees 2010 - 2011

THE BARBADOS CNC

1. **Dr Basil Springer, GCM (Chair)**
2. Mr Peter Boos
3. Dr Marcia Burrowes
4. Sen Dr Frances Louise Chandler
5. Mrs Roberta Clarke
6. Mrs Vivian Anne Gittens
7. Sen The Honourable Branford Taitt

THE GUYANA CNC

1. **Dr. David Singh (Chair)**
2. Mr Al Creighton
3. Dr. Marlene Cox
4. Mr. Alim Hosein
5. Mr Stanley Lawrence Lachmarsingh
6. Prof. Harold Lutchman
7. Mr. Brynmor Pollard SC, CCH
8. Mrs. Annette Arjoon Martins;
9. Ms. Seeta Terry Shab Roath
10. Ms. Josephine Whitehead AA



THE JAMAICA CNC

1. **Dr The Honourable Barbara Gloudon (Chair)**
2. Professor Edward Baugh
3. Mrs Jacqueline da Costa
4. Mr Brian Heap
5. Mr Earl Jarrett
6. Professor Gerald Lalor OJ, CD, PhD
7. Professor Mervyn Morris
8. Miss Petrona Morrison
9. Mr Morin Seymour
10. Dr Glenda Simms
11. Professor Ronald Young
12. Ms Marjorie Whyllie

THE OECS CNC

1. **H E Ambassador Charles Maynard (Chair)(Dominica)**
2. Mr Errol Allen (St Vincent)
3. Mr J Emile Ferdinand (St Kitts)
4. Dr Charmaine Gardner (St Lucia)
5. Professor Gerald Grell, MD, JP, SAH (Dominica)
6. Dr James DeVere Pitt (Grenada)
7. Sir Paul Scoon (Grenada)
8. Dr Beverley Steele, LLD, CBE, MH (Grenada)
9. Mr Marius St Rose (St Lucia)

THE TRINIDAD & TOBAGO CNC

1. **Mr Brian Lewis (Chair)**
2. Professor Bridget Brereton
3. Mrs Diane Chatoor
4. Professor Julian Kenny
5. Bro Noble Khan
6. Mrs Diana Mahabir Wyatt
7. Mr Ravindranath Maharaj (Ravi Ji)
8. Mr Robert Riley
9. Professor Ramsey Saunder

The Laureates

Four sets of laureates have been named between 2006 and the present. They come from across the English-speaking Caribbean and represent a wide range of disciplines. The Arts & Letters laureates include a filmmaker, a novelist, and a playwright-poet-Carnival artist. The Science & Technology Laureates include a solar energy entrepreneur, and two medical researchers (in anatomical pathology and epidemiology). The Public & Civic Contributions laureates include a missionary, environmentalist, and community activists.



2006

(Left) **Mr Robert Yao Ramesar**, Filmmaker
Arts & Letters (Trinidad & Tobago);
Monsignor Gregory Ramkissoon, Priest
Public & Civic Contributions (Jamaica);
Prof Terrence Forrester, Epidemiologist
Science & Technology (Jamaica)



2008

(Left) **Prof David Dabydeen**, Writer, Critic, Academic
Arts & Letters (Guyana);
Ms Annette Arjoon, Environmental Activist
Public & Civic Contributions - Joint (Guyana);
Mrs Claudette Richardson-Pious, Community Activist
Public & Civic Contributions - Joint (Jamaica);
Mr James Husbands, Entrepreneur in Solar Technology
Science and Technology (Barbados)



2010

(Left) **Mr Adrian Augier**, Poet, Playwright, Carnival Artist
Arts & Letters (St Lucia);
Prof Kathleen Coard, Anatomical Pathologist
Science and Technology (Grenada);
Mr Sydney Allcock, Indigenous Peoples' Activist
Public & Civic Contributions (Guyana)



2011

(Left) **Dr Lennox Honychurch**, Archaeologist, Museologist, Historian
Public & Civic Contributions (Dominica);
Dr Kim Johnson, Historian, Filmmaker
Arts & Letters (Trinidad & Tobago);
Prof Surujpal Teelucksingh, Physician, Medical Researcher
Science & Technology (Trinidad & Tobago)

The Future of the Awards

These awards are an integral part of Dr Anthony N Sabga's vision for social development. Having taken the first steps in establishing the institution, there are a few obvious logical steps forward. These include the increase in the regularity of the awards, and an expansion in the scope of the institutional mandate.

From a start as a biennial event, the Awards became annual in 2011, doubling the number of laureates, and thus increasing their ability to contribute to the region's collective well-being. Intimately connected to the Awards' future is the wide dissemination of knowledge of their existence. To achieve their desired effect of providing inspiration and encouraging innovation, the Awards must exist in the public imagination, and have begun a branding programme.

The Anthony N. Sabga Awards for Excellence believes that a vigorous programme of public lectures, publication, and professional collaboration involving and highlighting the knowledge our laureates produce is the next logical step to making the awards better known and more effective in fulfilling their purpose. We have, as of 2010, asked laureates to compose a lengthy essay describing their lives, their work, and their pathways to excellence. Along with videos of interviews, lectures, and other publications, the Sabga Awards will begin to actively archive its laureates' achievements, and to disseminate this knowledge widely.

To achieve this dissemination of knowledge of our existence and our laureates' work, the ANSA Caribbean Awards for Excellence is actively seeking partners in the intellectual, corporate, and non-governmental spheres. We have approached the University of the West Indies and will, in the near future, contact international foundations to explore possible partnerships and cooperation.

The ANSA Caribbean Awards for Excellence hosts a Facebook page and a website (www.ansacaribbeanawards.com).

Profile of the ANSA McAL Foundation

The Foundation was created by a merger of the ANSA Foundation, formed in 1986 to assist charitable causes, and the McAL Foundation, formed with similar aims in 1981. The merger was effected on November 17, 1993. A year later, Dr Anthony N Sabga was responsible for the rejuvenation of the Guardian Neediest Cases Fund, a long-standing charitable project of the Trinidad Publishing Company Ltd, publishers of the Trinidad & Tobago and Sunday Guardian newspapers.

Since inception the Foundation has been committed to addressing a broad range of social needs. In recent times it has adopted a policy of concentrating on projects of national and regional significance.

Notable achievements include:

- Building the ANSA McAL Psychological Research Centre at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine.
- Being a benefactor of the ANSA McAL wing of the Diagnostic, Research, Education Centre for the Hearing Impaired (DRETCHI) for the Trinidad and Tobago Association for the Deaf.
- Providing significant support for The Princess Elizabeth Home for Handicapped Children; SERVOL; the Jaya Lakshmi Children's Home; Junior Achievement of Trinidad and Tobago; The Living Water Community Food Assistance Relief (FAR) Project; the Blood Bank; and Trinidad and Tobago Cancer Society.
- Being a founding member of the UWI Institute of Business.

From 1991 to 2003 the Foundation received 1% of profit of the ANSA McAL Group. By investing this endowment, the Foundation is now self-financing, and able to undertake in perpetuity the significant commitment of the Anthony N. Sabga Caribbean Awards for Excellence programme.

Board of Directors ANSA McAL Foundation:

- Dr Anthony N Sabga (Chairman)
- Mrs Judy Y Chang, CMT
- Mrs Linda Sabga Hadeed
- Mr Nabeel A Hadeed
- Mr Ravindranath Maharaj [Ravi Ji]
- Fr Ronald Mendes, CSSp
- Mr Victor Mouttet
- Mr Wilfred S Naimool
- Mrs Maria Superville-Neilson (Secretary)

Profile of Dr Anthony N Sabga

Dr Anthony N. Sabga came to Trinidad as an immigrant from Syria in 1930 with his family. By age 25, he had founded his own business, Standard Distributors Ltd, a merchandise importer, in 1946. From there he expanded into manufacturing, printing, and food processing. In 1964, the holding company Anthony N Sabga Limited was formed, and ANSA Industries was established in 1965. In 1986, ANSA Industries acquired and merged with the ailing McEneaney Alstons (McAL), and in 1992, the ANSA McAL Group emerged.

When Dr Sabga retired as Chairman of the ANSA McAL Group in 2000, the group of companies had become one of the most diversified conglomerates in the Caribbean, with interests in media, manufacturing, financial services, insurance, and banking. He has, since then, been its Chairman Emeritus, and has devoted himself to the Foundation, and a number of business positions.

Dr Sabga has been honoured many times for his contributions to business in Trinidad & Tobago and the region. Some of his awards include:

- The Chaconia Medal, Gold (1998);
- Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa (University of the West Indies, 1998);
- Ernst & Young Master Entrepreneur Award (1998);
- Trinidad & Tobago Icons of the Nation, Category: Thinkers, Movers and Shakers (2002);
- Prime Minister's Award for Innovation and Invention, Lifetime Achievement Award (Manufacturing Sector, 2004); and
- Induction into the Trinidad & Tobago Chamber of Commerce's Business Hall of Fame (2008).

Dr Sabga believes the idea of the Caribbean Awards for Excellence is a natural adjunct to the expansion of his business through the Caribbean and beyond. He believes that it is only through active efforts to create a sense of unity and belief in its own potential, that the Caribbean can emerge as a full citizen of the globalised world. The Caribbean Awards for Excellence are a tangible expression of that belief.





NOMINATION FORM

AWARD CATEGORY

<input type="checkbox"/>	Arts & Letters	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science & Technology	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public & Civic Contributions
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CANDIDATE'S NAME AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

Surname

Title: Dr, Mr, Mrs, Ms First Name

Other Names

Date of Birth

Country of Birth Nationality

CANDIDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Home Address

Telephone Mobile

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Work Address

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REFERENCES

Any endorser should be able to substantiate the Candidate's contributions by providing explicit detail from personal knowledge.

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CANDIDATE'S EDUCATION, TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS

CANDIDATE AS EXEMPLAR

Track record and significant accomplishments: awards, recognition of work, standing in the field

CANDIDATE POTENTIAL

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