

## Anthony N. Sabga Awards E-News

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# Laureates lead in Guyana



The general elections in Guyana in May brought a momentous change to the life of that country, and one of our laureates, Mr Sydney Allicock, was directly involved. Having served as an opposition MP in the previous Parliament, Mr Allicock was a member of the opposition alliance headed by David Granger which won in 2015.

On May 25, he was sworn in as one of four vice presidents of Guyana and placed in the Cabinet, as minister for indigenous affairs. His formal designation is The Hon Sydney Allicock, MS, Vice President and Minister of Indigenous Affairs.

Mr Allicock was our 2010 laureate in Public and Civic Contributions. He is a member of the First Nations of Guyana, and was awarded for his environmental and

social work in creating sustainable tourism which did not impact the environment and benefitted the indigenous peoples.

Our most recent Arts & Letters Laureate, Dr Paloma Mohamed Martin, playwright and social psychologist, was also among those honoured by the new government in its 49th anniversary of independence awards list. Dr Mohamed Martin was awarded the AA (Arrow of Achievement). It is one of many awards that she has received over her career.

Guyana has provided the Caribbean Awards with seven laureates. The others are Prof David Dabydeen (2008), Annette Arjoon Martins (2008), George Simon (2012) Karen de Souza (2014), and Prof Suresh Narine (2015). Guyana has won awards in all categories but Entrepreneurship, launched in 2015.



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#### The Excellent Decade



We made presentations of our 10th anniversary publication, **The Excellent Decade**, to the Universities of Trinidad & Tobago's President, Prof Dyer Narinesingh (above), and the University of the West Indies, St Augustine's Principal, Prof

Clement Sankat, and head librarian Jennifer Joseph (below).

The Excellent Decade is a compilation of the autobiographies of all 27 laureates, important speeches by our founder and EPP chairs, and a listing of members of all committees and panels. Books will also be given to national libraries in the various territories.



### Carbon Conversation in Guyana

Our 2015 laureate in Science & Technology, **Prof Suresh Narine**, recently launched an energy conservation initiative in Guyana, called **Carbon Conversations**.

The lecture/conversation, was titled *Natural Resources Utilization, Sustainability and Development in Guyana: Mutually Exclusive?* It focused on Guyana's role in the global environmental challenge, of how to deal with the amount of carbon-based emissions in the atmosphere. Carbon Conversations is an initiative of Trent University where Prof Narine is head of the Centre for Biomaterials Research which has been conducted internationally.

The event was held at the Pegasus Hotel in Georgetown, and was attended by a crowd of about 400 people which included the several Government ministers, public officials, and Sir Shridath Ramphal, our EPP Chairman. Prof Narine is scheduled to speak in Jamaica soon.



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# Books, Music and Film from Laureates and Committee Members

Our 2013 Laureate in Arts & Letters, **Prof Caryl Phillips of St Kitts & Nevis**, recently published a **new novel**, **The Lost Child**.

It has been praised as an ambitious and accomplished work, taking as its starting point Heathcliff, the protagonist of Emily Bronte's classic novel Wuthering Heights, and moving backward and forwards through time, and telling the story via multiple characters, including the Brontes.

Prof Brinsley Samaroo, of our Trinidad & Tobago CNC, a historian, has recently published a new book: The Price of Conscience: Howard Noel Nankivell and the Labour Unrest in the Caribbean in 1937 and 1938.

The book revisits the period and brings from obscurity the British Colonial Secretary, Nankivell, who was key in the formation of the Trinidadian labour movement.

Our 2011 Arts & Letters Laureate, Kim Johnson's movie, PAN! Our Musical Odyssey, which opened the 2014 Trinidad & Tobago Film Festival, was featured at the Brooklyn Museum in New York on June 28 as part of Caribbean Heritage Month

The film has featured at film festivals internationally including FEMI, Guadeloupe; ReelWorld, Canada; and Washington DC Film Festival, to great acclaim in jury mentions and awards.







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