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The 2022 Ceremonies are On



We are pleased to announce we have secured dates and venues for the ceremonies for conferring our 2022 Laureates, and the heads of state of Guyana (HE President Irfaan Ali), Barbados (HE Sandra Mason), Trinidad & Tobago (HE Paula-Mae Weekes), and Jamaica (HE Sir Patrick Allen) have all kindly consented to make the presentations.

The Barbados presentation to Public & Civic Contributions Laureate, Dr Kim Jebodhsingh, will take place at State House, Bridgetown, on May 20. The Trinidad & Tobago presentation to Science & Technology Laureate Prof Christine Carrington will

take place at President's House, Port of Spain, on June 14.

The Jamaica presentation to Arts & Letters Laureate, Marlon James, will take place at the King's House in Kingston on June 2. And the Guyana presentation to Entrepreneurship Laureate Shyam Nokta, and joint Public & Civic Contributions Laureate Anuskha Sonai of Suriname, will take place on July 25, at State House in Georgetown.

The presentations will be recorded and half-hour television programmes will be produced on each of the laureates and their work, for regional broadcast.



Our Eminences at work



Major General Joe Singh (Retd), a member of our EPP, has recently been named Chairman of the Natural Resources Fund Board in Guyana by President Irfaan Ali.

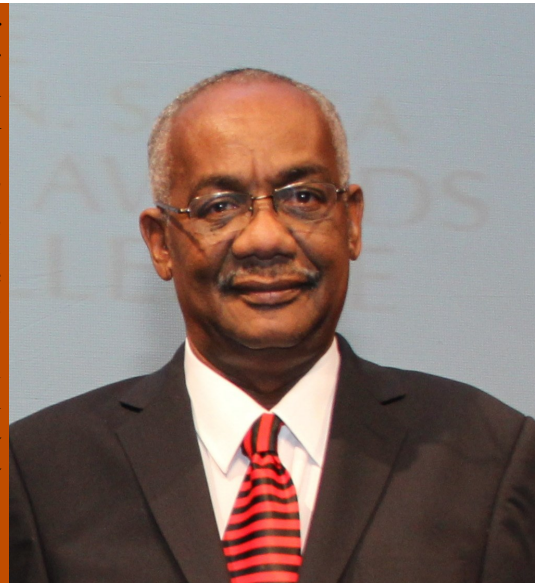
Gen Singh was the Pro-Chancellor of the University of Guyana from March 2018 to March 2021, during which time he also acted as the Chancellor from November 2018 to Nov 2019.

He has chaired several state and autonomous boards including the National Agriculture, Research and Extension Institute, the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission, and the National Protected Areas Trust. He has been a member of the Eminent Persons Panel since 2007.

The Honourable Justice Christopher Blackman, our Eminent Persons Panel member from Barbados, has recently been named Chairman of that country's Republican Constitution Commission.

Justice Blackman has held several other high-profile public service positions, including Chairman of the CARICOM Competition Commission and Chairman of the Employment Rights Tribunal of Barbados. He has been on the EPP since inception.

He is a former non-resident Justice of Appeal of the Belize Court of Appeal, having been appointed to that post on October 1, 2014 for a period of three years. Prior to that, he was a Justice of the Court of Appeal of The Bahamas, serving from March 1, 2008 to December 5, 2014.



Filming of *Get Millie Black*, a television version of a novel by our 2022 Laureate in Arts & Letters, Marlon James, started in Jamaica last week, the *Jamaica Gleaner* reported. The programme will be done in six instalments.

According to the *Gleaner*, the United Kingdom's Channel 4 and the US television company HBO are partners in the enterprise. *Millie Black* is the story of an ex-Scotland Yard detective, Millie-Jean Black, who returns to Jamaica to work with the Jamaican police and gets caught up in the human dramas of Kingston.

James won the 2015 Man Booker Prize for *A Brief History of Seven Killings*.



Our Eminences at work



Prof Liam Teague, our 2014 laureate in Arts & Letters, and a renowned steel pan player and Professor of Music and Head of Steelpan Studies at the Northern Illinois

University (NIU) in the US, has been named a NIU Board of Trustees Professor.

According to the NIU, the Board of Trustees Professorship was established in 2007. It recognizes international prominence in research as well as excellence in all facets of teaching. No more than two awards are made each academic year, and no more than 15 professorships are active at any given time

Teague's accomplishments as a musician are well-known. He has performed internationally for the last 25 years and has collaborated with other musical artists to create pieces especially for the steelpan. He also returns annually to arrange for the steelband Silver Stars in Trinidad and Tobago's annual Panorama.

Our 2017 Laureate in Public & Civic Contributions, legal scholar and attorney Dr Arif Bulkan of Guyana, has been appointed as a Justice of Appeal in Belize. He was sworn-in in a virtual ceremony by Belize Governor General HE Dame Froyla Tzalam on May 9.

The Governor General noted that she was impressed with the quality of experience that Justice Bulkan would bring to Belize. Prior to this appointment, Dr Bulkan was a member of the prestigious United Nations Human Rights Committee in 2019, and was elected its Vice-Chairman in March 2021.

The UN Human Rights Committee is "the body of independent experts that monitors implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights by its States parties. The Committee's work promotes the enjoyment of civil and political



rights, resulting in numerous changes of law, policy and practice."

The Committee, in April 2022, made a significant determination that the former Brazilian president, (2003-2010) Luiz Inacio "Lula" da Silva had his rights violated by the judiciary of Brazil.



Mr Justice Rolston Nelson, a member of our Eminent Persons Panel, was awarded the Chaconia Medal, Gold (CMT), the second highest honour in the Trinidad and Tobago National Awards, for 2020. It was presented in early 2022, since the COVID 19 situation had caused a shutdown of public ceremonies.

The CMT is awarded to persons who have performed meritorious service to the country, tending to promote the national welfare.

