

Caribbean Agro-Economic Society

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Announcing the 32nd West Indies Agricultural Economics Conference 2017

CAES and the University of the West Indies will be hosting the upcoming 32nd West Indies Agricultural Economics Conference which will be held in the beautiful country of Guyana in 2017. Focus will be placed on research that provides Pathways to Sustainable Agricultural Development in the Caribbean.

The date of the conference is **6 - 11th of August, 2017.**

Theme:

“Food & Nutrition Security: The Pathway to Sustainable Agricultural Development in the Caribbean”

Subthemes:

- Propelling Caribbean Agricultural Development through School Feeding Programs (SFP)
- Improving Caribbean Food and Nutrition through Increased Utilization of Local Foods
- Innovations in Domestic Food Marketing in the Caribbean
- Climate Change and Agricultural Development
- Mobilizing Agricultural Development through Technology
- Extension and Education: Contributions to Sustainable Agricultural Development
- Labour Supply and Agricultural Development
- Approaches to Attaining Food and Nutrition Security in the Caribbean
- Environmental Challenges to Achieving Food and Nutrition Security



CAES Awardee Ms. Sarojini Ragbir

At the CAES Annual Function held on **Saturday 2nd July, 2016** at the Dudley Huggins Building, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. Ms. Sarojini Ragbir was awarded the Distinguished Contributor Award.



Ms. Sarojini Ragbir is a former Secretary of the Society and was recognised for her great contributions to the Society. She is currently the Communications Coordinator in the Faculty of Food and Agriculture.

CONGRATULATIONS

On behalf of the Caribbean Agro-Economic Society, we wish to congratulate our executive member Professor Edward A. Evans on his promotion from Associate Professor to Full Professor at the Department of Food and Resource Economics, Institute of Food and Agricultural Science, University of Florida, USA.



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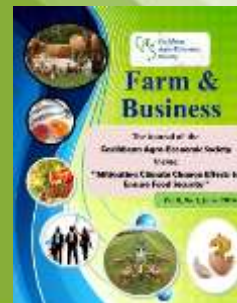
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Highlights of the 31st West Indies Agricultural Economics Conference 2015

The 31st West Indies Agricultural Economics Conference held in St. Croix, US Virgin Islands was a great success. According to the Honourable Governor, Kenneth E. Mapp, the Conference was viewed as a means to discuss and create solutions that would help the nation cope with their current climate, agricultural and economic issues. Remarks were given by other dignitaries such as Mr. Kwame Garcia, the Commissioner of Agriculture the Honourable Carlos Robles and Dr. David Hall, President of the University of the Virgin Islands.

However, the biggest highlight of the conference was awarding Mr. Kwame Garcia, Sr. with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Evening Reception held at The Buccaneer Hotel, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. Mr. Garcia was awarded for his great contributions to the field of Agricultural



Participants were able to experience the rich culture, historical landmarks, several different firms in Hydroponics and Rum Manufacturing as well as recent developments in Aquaponics.

Finally, it was agreed by the newly appointed executive that the publication of the Journal *Farm & Business* be resumed from September, 2015.

Meet the Executive 2015-2017



From left to right: Dr. Isabella Granderson – Treasurer; Dr. Carel Ligeon – Elected Member; Dr. Hazel Patterson-Andrews – Secretary; Dr. Erecia Hepburn – Vice President; Prof. Carlisle Pemberton – President; Dr. Govind Seepersad – Director of Publication; Ms. Afiya De Sormeaux – Assistant Secretary; Dr. Ermanno Affuso – Elected Member.

Missing Elected Members: Mr. Winston Ramautarsingh; Mr. Claude Gerald; Prof. Edward Evans

IMPORTANT DATES

The 32nd West Indies Agricultural Economics Conference to be held in Georgetown, Guyana:

- Submission of Abstracts: Thursday 29th December, 2016
- Notification of Acceptance: Friday 27th January, 2017
- Submission of Final Papers: Wednesday 12th April, 2017
- Publication of Proceedings: November 2017



31st Conference Field Trip

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