

CHAIRS' MESSAGE (UWI)

The Faculty of Medical Sciences, The University of the West Indies, extends warm and hearty greetings to the faculty, Yale University on this auspicious occasion, the inaugural Yale/UWI continuing medical education conference in Global Health. We are particularly grateful to all who have been instrumental in the conceptualization, development and implementation of the conference.

This conference highlights and promotes the best of research from our two institutions, and sets the stage for further academic collaborations. This includes student and faculty exchanges, collaborative research, scholarly activity, postdoctoral fellowships and other professional development opportunities.

The conference comes on the heel of the stage that was initially set several years ago. For several years, undergraduate and graduate students from Yale University

have collaborated with the Department of Child and Adolescent Health to conduct research in Infectious Diseases. In 2003, Dr Nanlesta Pilgrim, a Yale Psychology graduate student, was the first to address the issue of adolescents with HIV/AIDS who acquired HIV in infancy from their mothers. Significant advancement, however, has occurred since meeting Elijah Paintsil. His passion, drive and focus have set the flame ablaze for UWI's collaboration with the Yale Partnerships for Global Health.

We welcome and thank all participants in this conference, and promise that the next two days will be a rewarding academic treat.

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Chairpersons
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