

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

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*The theme for the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this Conference is “One Health: One Caribbean”. In its broadest sense, this concept covers the broad overlapping areas of zoonotic infections (microbial diseases, antimicrobial resistance, food safety, bio-threats, global health, and appropriate interventions) as well as comparative/translational medicine (cancer, cardiovascular diseases, metabolic diseases, joint and skeletal diseases, clinical trials and environmental hazards exposure). Increasingly, the interconnected networks of humans, their microbiomes, pet animals and livestock, together with wildlife and their collective social and ecological environments, are apparent. Consequently, to solve human health problems now require integrated and multidisciplinary approaches to health in its broadest terms.*

*The theme also speaks to Caribbean involvement on two fronts: firstly, as we recognize that any disease which is evident or threatens one part of the Caribbean, is a potential and often realized danger to the entire region; and, secondly, as we seek to bring together the expertise and experiences of our colleagues in the other island states. The current discussions about arboviral diseases and mosquito control fit perfectly into a theme like this and follows on the discussions post-Paris re: Climate Change.*

*This Conference and workshop support the overall mission of The University of the West Indies (UWI) to; (a) Advance education, (b) Create knowledge and (c) Support inclusive development of the Caribbean region and beyond. Research remains the life-blood, fully embracing the economic and commercial models, while nurturing young*

*researchers and contributing new knowledge to the world. As one of the leading biomedical research groups in the Caribbean, the Faculty of Medical Sciences of The UWI, Mona, is pleased to present the Faculty's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Conference and Workshop. During this Conference, we will continue to showcase the biomedical and clinical research being undertaken in the Faculty.*

*We invite you to attend the series of events which include the Ethics Symposium, the Sir Kenneth Standard Distinguished Lecture which will focus on the interconnectedness of the Caribbean in the context of one health, and the Research Conference and Workshop. This year, we will further celebrate the legacy of Sir Kenneth Standard as we recognize the work of a Public Health Inspector, who has excelled.*

*We offer special welcome to the Sir Kenneth Standard Distinguished lecturer, Dr Carissa Etienne, Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), who has a distinguished career championing efforts both to renew primary healthcare and to strengthen health systems, with focus on people, leadership and access.*

*We think our Conference will excite and stimulate your intellectual interest. Thanks for joining us. Welcome.*

*Dr Paul D Brown  
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