

## CHAIR'S MESSAGE (YALE)

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I bring you warm greetings from Dr Clifford Bogue, Interim Chairman of the Department of Paediatrics, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut, United States of America (USA), who could not attend the maiden edition of this continuing medical education (CME) conference jointly sponsored by our two great institutions (The University of the West Indies at Kingston, Jamaica and Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA). On behalf of the Yale Partnerships for Global Health, of which The University of the West Indies at Mona Campus is the latest addition, I welcome you to this conference. Our two institutions have agreed to explore and implement mutually rewarding viable initiatives focussed on, among others, the following areas of academic cooperation: student exchange, collaborative research, co-sponsorship of academic projects and conferences, sharing of scientific

information on areas of mutual interest in the context of the policies of both institutions, and other academic collaboration including curriculum and faculty exchange. This conference, therefore, is just the beginning of great things to come. In the next two days, our distinguished faculty drawn from both institutions will share with us updates on cancer, infectious diseases and genetics of diseases. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Conference Organizing Committee under the able leadership of Professors Christie-Samuels and Pierre for the wonderful set up and organization. Thank you for your participation in our first CME conference. May the next two days be refreshing and rewarding to you all.

*Elijah Paintsil*  
*Chair*  
*Organizing Committee*