

## **2011 ICS Inaugural Academic Conference on International Football: *Ideology, Culture, Politics, Media and Everyday Life.***

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The University of the West Indies, the Institute of Caribbean Studies and the Department of Sport extends an invitation and welcome to all institutions, organizations, administrators, coaches, academics, individuals and others interested in the sport of football to participate in the INAUGURAL ACADEMIC CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL to be held at the University of the West Indies, Mona, St. Andrew, JAMAICA from **November 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

#### **Introduction**

Football was introduced in the Caribbean towards the end of the 19th century by the British colonial settlers and soldiers who used games and sport as a 'tool' for recreation, relaxation and control. Jamaica played its first international match in 1925 against Haiti. In 1965 under the leadership of Brazilian coach Jorge Penna, Jamaica made its first attempt at World Cup qualification, in its bid to be a part of the 1966 World Cup Finals in England. The Captain Horace Burrell-led Jamaica Football Federation, Brazilian technical director Rene Simoes and National coach Carl Brown steered the Jamaican team to success in qualifying for the FIFA World Cup in 1998. In so doing Jamaica became the first English-speaking Caribbean country to qualify for the World Cup finals. The experience of attempting to qualify national teams for the quadrennial FIFA World Cup competitions has exposed Jamaica to many of the international issues concerning the role of football in the shaping of societies globally.

#### **Objectives**

Primarily, the conference has been conceptualized to assist with the revolutionizing of football locally and regionally. The daily sessions and activities will facilitate this through focus on the ideological, cultural, economic, political and the social encounters of the game in the various spaces within which it is played. Therefore, administrators and practitioners will not only garner perspectives previously unknown, but the conference will also explore new ways of improving the game.

In addition, the conference will be used as the opportunity to celebrate the achievements and contributions of 5 local football PIONEERS: Lindy Delapenha, George Thompson, Keith Noad, Allan Cole and Ricardo Gardner

The conference will welcome papers on themes such as:

- The role of football in social history, culture, psycho-emotional philosophical, economic and political aspects of human development.
- Football at the intersections of power, race, color, class, gender, religion and the media.
- International Football (in Africa, Asia, Europe, South America, Central and North America, Oceania, the Caribbean)

- Elements that determine the ethos of amateur, semi-professional, professional and international play, games and sport
- Methodologies for football development at the individual, family, community, school, club, business, government, national and regional levels.
- Strategizing Jamaica World Cup 2022 and beyond.

The deadline for submission of proposal is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011. Proposals should be no longer than 150 words and should be sent to: [academicfootballconference@gmail.com](mailto:academicfootballconference@gmail.com) or blaqnity@yahoo.com