



**The Accreditation Council
of Trinidad and Tobago**

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Quality is the Key

Since its establishment in 2004, The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT) has been a driver of social and economic change and development. Through ACTT's quality assurance mechanisms, which include registration of post secondary and tertiary level institutions, accreditation, recognition of transnational programmes and programme approval, students at local institutions are assured that their programme of study has met internationally benchmarked quality standards.

In order to promote a culture of quality in education, ACTT observes an annual Quality Assurance Month. This year, the 6th Annual Quality Assurance Month was held in October and dedicated to the theme *"Sustaining Quality in Higher Education - Turning Challenges into Opportunities"*. The month's activities were designed to facilitate cross fertilisation of ideas among key stakeholders and to provide the opportunity to popularise the services offered by ACTT. These events included panel discussions, public consultations on the proposed National Qualifications and Credit Framework, the 1st National Quiz for Secondary Schools and the 3rd Annual Essay Competition for students enrolled in Forms 5 & 6, and in undergraduate programmes.

QUALITY TEST ASSURANCE MONTH

October 2013



CAPTIONS:

1. Senator the Honourable Fazal Karim, Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training (MTEST) delivers the feature address at the 1st Public Consultation of the Draft National Qualifications and Credit Framework (NQCF) held at NAPA, South.
2. Dr Gillian Paul, President Ag., COSTAATT, and moderator for ACTT's Panel Discussion at ALJGSB addresses the crowd as the Panellists look on.
3. Audience and panel at the Tobago Panel Discussion, listens as moderator, Dr Verleen Bobb-Lewis, Coordinator of School Supervision, DEYAS, addresses the crowd.
4. Michael Bradshaw, Executive Director, ACTT explains the objectives of the National Qualifications and Credit Framework (NQCF) to the audience at the 3rd Public Consultation, held at ALJGSB.

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The month culminated in the Quality in Tertiary Education (QulTE) Awards Ceremony on Thursday October 31, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency, Trinidad. At this auspicious event, awards were presented to exemplary institutions in the following categories:

- Excellence for Student Support Services
- Excellence for an Established Quality Management System

ACTT also presented individuals with the Excellence in Applied and Academic Research Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr Vernon Andrews, who has, over several decades, made sterling contributions to the development and advancement of quality assurance systems, policies and processes in tertiary education.

In addition at the QulTE Awards Ceremony, ACTT presented the Certificate of Institutional Accreditation to the Trinidad and Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute (THTI) and a Certificate of Registration to the first registered local awarding body, the Institute of Banking and Finance (IBF).

CAPTIONS:

1. Dr Michael Dowlath, Chairman of the Board of Directors, ACTT, Michael Bradshaw, Executive Director, ACTT stand with Lifetime Achievement Awardee, Dr Vernon Andrews.
2. Dr Michael Dowlath, Chairman of the Board of Directors, ACTT, Michael Bradshaw, Executive Director, ACTT stand with Dr Clinton Valley, President USC, and Nikisha Hamilton, Manager, Quality Assurance and Programme Development, ROYTEC 1st and 2nd place winners respectively of the Large Category, Student Support Services Award.
3. Michael Bradshaw, Executive Director, ACTT presents a token of appreciation to Dr Cloud Bai-Yun, Chief Executive Officer, United Kingdom National Recognition Information Centre (UKNARIC) who was the feature speaker at the QulTE Awards 2013.
4. (L-R): Michael Bradshaw, Executive Director, ACTT; 1st place winners - UWI School of Business and Applied Studies Limited (trading as ROYTEC), represented by Earl Browne, Executive Director, and Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business, represented by Dr Henry Bailey; 3rd place winner - University of the Southern Caribbean, represented by Dr Clinton A. Valley, President; Dr Michael R. Dowlath, Chairman, ACTT.
5. Dr Michael Dowlath, Chairman of the Board of Directors, ACTT, Michael Bradshaw, Executive Director, ACTT present the Academic and Applied Research Award to two distinguished individuals Dr Natasha Ramroop Singh, UTT and Dr Henry Bailey, ALJGSB.
6. L-R: Michael Bradshaw, Executive Director, ACTT; 2nd place winner - Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business, represented by Dr Henry Bailey; 1st place winner - Hugh Wooding Law School, represented by Ms Miriam Samaru, Principal; 2nd place winner - CTS College of Business and Computer Science Ltd., represented by Mr. Ravi Ragoonath, Director; and Dr Michael R. Dowlath, Chairman, ACTT.

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ACTT's Services: Conferment of institutional titles • Registration of higher education institutions
Accreditation of higher education institutions • Recognition of foreign programmes and awards
Programme approval • Equivalence assessment



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1. Dr Michael Dowlath, Chairman of the Board of Director, ACTT, Michael Bradshaw, Executive Director, ACTT present the Certificate of Institutional Accreditation to Dr Patricia Butcher, Executive Director, and Mr William Aguiton, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Trinidad and Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute (THTI).
2. Dr Joycelyn Rampersad, Veena Badrie-Maharaj, Lennon Ballah-Lashley, Members of the Board of Directors, ACTT and Michael Bradshaw, Executive Director, ACTT stand with Feature Speaker, Dr Cloud Bai-Yun, Chief Executive Officer, UKNARIC.
3. Dr Michael Dowlath, Chairman of the Board of Director, ACTT, Michael Bradshaw, Executive Director, ACTT present the Certificate of Registration to Paula Baldwin, Chief Executive Officer and Andrea Taylor-Hanna, President, the Institute of Banking and Finance, the first Local Awarding Body to receive such an honour.
- 4, 5 & 6. Members of Staff of the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago at the QuiTE Awards Ceremony 2013 at HYATT Regency Trinidad.

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1. Azim Ali, Deputy Chairman, ACTT, Michael Bradshaw, Executive Director, ACTT, stand with Winners, Coach, Ms Sherese Jack and Father Kenneth Forrester of the Bishop's High School, Tobago, the 1st place winners of the first National Quiz on Quality Assurance in Higher Education.
2. Azim Ali, Deputy Chairman, ACTT presents Father Kenneth Forrester, Bishop's High School Tobago, with a cheque as part of their prize.

**1st NATIONAL
Quiz**
on Quality Assurance in Higher Education
2013



Essay
COMPETITION 2013



Dr Michael Dowlath, Chairman of the Board of Director, ACTT, Michael Bradshaw, Executive Director, ACTT stand with winners and sponsors of the 3rd Annual Essay Competition.

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