

Greetings from the team at the Museums Association of the Caribbean! In our first newsletter for 2016, we take a look at our AGM and workshops from the latter half of 2015, in St. Lucia and Barbados. We also share news of new programming projects for 2016!



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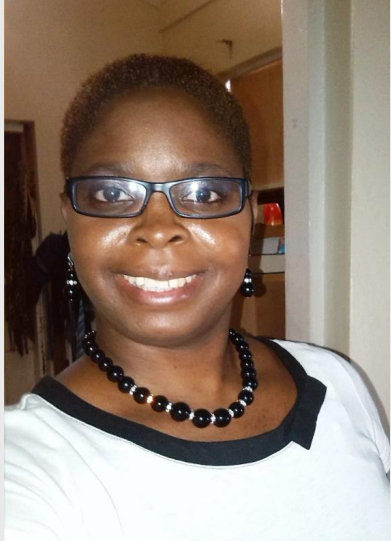
MAC would like to thank the presenters, youth participants and all those who attended the 26th Annual General Meeting in St. Lucia for making it a truly dynamic one! Le Pavillon Royal Museum, Government House in collaboration with Saint Lucia National Trust and Saint Lucia Archaeological Society generously hosted the AGM in St. Lucia and we would like to thank their staff for their hospitality throughout the event. The conference centered around the theme of Museum's Sustainability through Youth Engagement and over the course of three days, papers were presented from regional and international museum professionals from Trinidad and Tobago, The Cayman Islands, The Netherlands and the United States to name a few. Click [here](#) to find more information on the event.



Presentation by Dr. Joanne Hypolite Curator at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture

The 2016 AGM will be hosted by the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands in October; more information will follow in upcoming newsletters

**MAC's New President
and Vice President**



MAC is pleased to announce our new President **Dr. Sherene James-Williamson** and our new Vice President **Mrs. Luce Hodge-Smith**. Dr. James-Williamson who was MAC Vice President since 2013, comes with a history of working in museums. She is currently a Lecturer & Museum Curator in the Department of Geography and Geology at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Jamaica. Join us in congratulating her on her new appointment as President.



Mrs. Luce Hodge-Smith is currently the Director of Culture in the Department of Culture, Ministry of Education and Culture, British Virgin Islands. Her portfolio includes overseeing the daily operations of the Department including the Virgin Islands Folk Museum.

The MAC Board 2015 -16

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Csilla Ariese-Vandemeulebroucke, Leiden University, The Netherlands (new member on the board since October 2015)

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Central Bank Money Museum of Trinidad & Tobago, Trinidad, Associate Member (represented by Nimah Mukawil-Zakuri)

Institute of Jamaica, Jamaica, (represented by Anne Marie Bonner & Dr. Jonathan Greenland)

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Lord Cultural Resources, (represented by Lisa Wright & Yvonne Tang)

Le Pavillon Royal, St. Lucia (represented by Cyril Saltibus & Anya Edwin)

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The Museum Professionals Exchange Programme

Deadline extended to March 14 2016

The Museums Association of the Caribbean (MAC) has a vision for the continuous engagement and training of museum professionals across the Caribbean. To this end an exchange programme was envisioned by the Board and adopted by the membership at the 2014 AGM in Kingston Jamaica. The intention of the programme is to provide training opportunities for museum professionals, students of museology, heritage studies and related disciplines through exchanges within the MAC membership circuit. The programme occurs year round, applications can be made at any time. The applications are vetted by a selection committee and the student and/or professional will be placed in a listed, suitable institution.

Please click on the links below to find out more information about the program and to access our application forms. Please send the completed application forms, with the subject "MAC Museum Professionals Exchange Programme" to the following email secretariat@caribbeanmuseums.com



Museum Education Workshop 2015

MAC in collaboration with The Commonwealth Association of Museums, ICOM Barbados, ICOM/ICTOP held a Museum Education workshop hosted at the Barbados Museum in Barbados. Participants from throughout the region took part in three day workshop on formal curriculum-based education for students, Inquiry-based teaching methodologies, informal education/programming for adults and children, programme planning and professional development for museum workers. Following the workshop participants enjoy field trips to Museum of Parliament and Nidhe Israel Museum Barbados. Facilitators of the workshop included:

Catherine C. Cole, Secretary-General, Commonwealth Association of Museums (CAM) /Principal Consultant, Catherine C Cole & Associates, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Daniela Fifi, Education and Public Programs Fellow, The Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Art Gallery, Columbia University, New York City

Dr. Sherene James-Williamson, President, Museums Association of the Caribbean/Lecturer and Museum Curator, University of the West Indies, Geology Museum, Kingston, Jamaica

Dr. Phaedra Livingstone, Secretary, ICOM ICTOP/Former Museum Studies Director & Assistant Professor, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, USA

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