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Dr. Dennis Irvine elected President of CARADOL

JADOL Executive Member Dr. Dennis Irvine was elected President of the Caribbean Association for Distance and Open Learning (CARADOL) in March 2004.

The official launch of CARADOL takes place in Trinidad & Tobago, February 11 and 12, 2005. The feature address will be given by Sir John Daniel, President, Commonwealth of Learning (COL).

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Honorary members

Since its inception in 2000, JADOL has conferred honorary membership on two outstanding contributors to distance education in Jamaica.

In 2002, Professor Gerald C. Lalor (below) was the first person inducted as an honorary member in recognition of his visionary and innovative work in distance education in the Caribbean. It was his vision that gave birth to UWIDITE in the 1980s, which has now evolved into the UWI Distance Education Centre, serving the countries that support the UWI.

Mr. Arthur Henry Winnington Williams (above) was inducted in 2003 for his pioneering work in distance education. In the late 1950s for a period of three years on his own initiative and with his own finances, he developed and offered correspondence courses for the eight courses in the Third Jamaica Local Examination.

JADOL activities over the years

In the four and a half years since the inauguration of JADOL in July 2000, the Association has mounted a number of public lectures including *Open learning and distance education* by Dr. Dennis Irvine; *On-line education: Prospects for Jamaica* by Mrs. Avrill Crawford; *Current and future trends in open and distance education: Lessons from the USA* by Dr. David Rand; *Learning in support of adult literacy* by Mr. Seymour Riley; and *Electronic resources for library support of distance students* by Mrs. Evadne McLean.

In July 2003, there was a panel discussion on *Distance education from the students' perspective*. The panellists and their topics were: Mr. Orville Beckford, *Self-directed learning*; Mr. Shirlee Morgan, *Combining distance learning with work, family and social life*; Mrs. Hughette Grant-Wilson, *E-learning, the student's perspective*; Mr. Christopher Hewitt, *Motivating the self for distance learning*; and Mr. Garfield White, *Comparisons between face to face and distance learning*.

For three successive years since 2002, JADOL Week has been the high-point of the Association's activities. The week of activities normally begins with a church service and incorporates the Annual General Meeting and a seminar.

In October 2004, a seminar presented by Ms. Vilma Gregory of Vilcomm Services International Ltd. and the University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech) examined *E-learning: Institutional and Student Preparedness*. A workshop led by JADOL members Mr. Mark Bellingier of the US Peace Corps and Mr. Howard Smith of UWIDEC addressed the very topical issue of open source software (OSS). A resource CD on OSS was given to each workshop participant.