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JADOL to honour Ministry of Education, Youth and Culture

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Culture will be honoured for its contribution to the promotion and use of distance education in Jamaica at the JADOL Award and Fund Raising Luncheon, to be held at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 1 at the Terra Nova Hotel. The Ministry will be the first institution to receive the JADOL award. Previous honourees are Professor Gerald Lalor (2002) and Mr. Arthur H. W. Williams (2003).

Distance education activities undertaken by the Ministry include the Educational Broadcasting Service (EBS) 1972-1981, the In-Service Teacher Education Thrust (ISTET) 1973-1982, and the Reform of Secondary Education (ROSE) programme, which began in 1983. The Ministry also supported the Post Certificate Diploma programme co-ordinated by Church Teachers College (1991-2001), which was designed to upgrade teachers who had obtained the two-year teachers' college certificate to the three-year diploma level. More recently the Ministry undertook the B.Ed. distance project with The University of the West Indies, offering some ten programmes aimed particularly at teachers in the schools recently upgraded to the secondary level.

Through former Chief Education Officer and immediate past president of JADOL, Mr. Wesley Barrett, the Ministry was also instrumental in Jamaica's participation in the Rajiv Gandhi Fellowship Scheme, which allows Jamaican students to pursue the Post Graduate Diploma in Distance Education and the Master of Arts in Distance Education, both offered by the Indira Gandhi National Open University based in India, with support from The Mico College (2002-on going).

For further information on the Award and Fund Raising Luncheon, please contact **Christine Marrett** at 927-2831 or send an email message to jadol@uwimona.edu.jm. ♦

Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning

JADOL is one of several organisations that comprise a Caribbean consortium, which is partnering with the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) to host the Fourth Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning (PCF4), to take place in Ocho Rios, October 30-November 3, 2006. Sir John Daniel, President and Chief Executive Officer of COL, announced the collaboration during his presentation on *Commonwealth and Caribbean co-operation in distance education*, given at the JADOL public lecture held at the University of Technology, Jamaica in February this year.

PCF4 is the fourth in a series of fora on open learning hosted biennially by COL in collaboration

with members of the Federation of Commonwealth Open and Distance Learning Associations. Previous events in the series have been held in Asia (Brunei, Darussalam), Africa (Durban, South Africa) and the Pacific (Dunedin, New Zealand).

Members of JADOL are involved in the sub-committees that have been formed to organise the event. ♦



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