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### Editorial

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We do hope that all our members of the Caribbean Agro-Economic Society and well-wishers are keeping in good health, as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the pandemic, we were able to hold the 34th West Indies Agricultural Economics Conference from 4 - 9 June 2023 at the Breezes Resort and Spa All Inclusive, Nassau, The Bahamas.

This Conference was co-hosted by the Bahamas Agriculture and Marine Science Institute (BAMSI) and the Department of the Agricultural Economics and Extension of the University of the West Indies. The Breezes Resort was a delightful location and we got excellent cooperation from the management of the Resort. The Local Organising Committee headed by Senator Erecia Hepburn-Forbes did an excellent job in organising the events for the Conference and the Society owes them immense gratitude.

This publication, Volume 15 No. 1 presents the first set of reviewed and accepted papers that were presented at the 34th Conference. It features the Sir Arthur Lewis-George Beckford Memorial Lecture by the eminent Bahamian agriculturist, Godfrey Eneas. The other papers focus on the potential impact of inventory control systems on Caribbean firms by Alex Sharland and John MacLatchie, the challenges and benefits of mangrove ecosystems to the island of Tobago by Niko Howai and a review of the implications for rural communities in Guyana of the use of mercury in gold mining, by Donna Morrison. Other papers from this Conference will be published in subsequent issues of this Journal, as they are reviewed and accepted.

We continue to advise that papers can be submitted for review and on-line publication in this journal at any time. Also, comments on papers in this Journal may be submitted to the Editor and these comments may be published, as well as the responses of the authors.

Again, we especially remind members of the Society that copies of all issues of Farm and Business are available online at <https://econpapers.repec.org/article/agsfabtho/>. Members of the Society are urged to visit this website to obtain relevant information on the Agricultural Economics of the Caribbean, which could assist them in their research and in their own publications. All Proceedings of the West Indies Agricultural Economics Conferences are also available online at the AgEcon Search website <https://ageconsearch.umn.edu/collection/44?ln=en>

We have been advised that Professor Carlton Davis, a member of our Editorial Advisory Board and a most distinguished member of our Society has passed away. Our condolences to his family.

We do hope you enjoy reading this Journal and will submit your articles for review and publication. Keep well and safe everyone.

Carlisle Pemberton

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