

PASSING OF A COLLEAGUE

Emeritus Professor Harold Ramkissoon (14 April 1942-15 Nov 2024)

We regret to inform you of the passing of our colleague, Emeritus Professor Harold Ramkissoon, former Professor of Applied Mathematics and Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Science and Technology.

In 1966, Professor Ramkissoon obtained his BSc. Mathematics (Hons.) from The UWI Mona. After being awarded his Doctorate, he began his professional career as a Lecturer in Mathematics at the St. Augustine Campus in 1976, where he taught and mentored students until his retirement in 2017.

A pioneer for advancing science and technology in our region, Professor Ramkissoon was frequently invited to share his expertise at institutions, conferences, and symposiums worldwide, delivering presentations in countries such as the United Kingdom, China, India, the United States, the Czech Republic, and Malaysia. His research centred on the areas of micropolar fluids, viscoelastic fluids and stability analysis, resulting in the publication of 85 papers in international journals, the authoring of five books and his place as a reviewer for global scientific journals.

Professor Ramkissoon also served as a distinguished member of numerous organisations. He served as a Fellow of the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS), the Caribbean Academy of Sciences—where he was a founding member and former president—and the European Academy of Sciences and Arts. He also held the titles of Foreign Fellow and Corresponding Member in both the Cuban and Venezuelan Academies of Sciences. In addition to these honours, he adopted the role as Executive Secretary of CARISCIENCE, further solidifying his impact on scientific advancement in the region. From 2010 to 2013, his contributions also extended to national development as an Independent Senator in the Trinidad and Tobago Government.

Throughout his extensive career, Professor Ramkissoon earned numerous accolades. Among these included being the first West Indian to receive both a Readership and Personal Chair in Mathematics at The UWI; the First CARICOM Science Award; The Chaconia Medal Gold (Trinidad and Tobago's second highest award), The Academic Gold Medal of the Simon Bolivar University and the Key to the City of Havana for his contribution to the Development of Science in the Caribbean. In 2019, he was conferred an honorary doctorate from The UWI St. Augustine.



The funeral service for Emeritus Professor Harold Ramkissoon will take place tomorrow, Friday, November 22, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. at his home, #7 Midway Road, North Valsayn followed by cremation at the Waterloo Cremation Site, Couva, (The Temple in the Sea), at 11.30 a.m. The funeral will also be streamed on YouTube.

A memorial service for the late Professor Ramkissoon will also be held on Tuesday, November 26 at 10:00 a.m. at the Daaga Auditorium, The UWI St. Augustine Campus. All are invited to join in the celebration of the life and work of Emeritus Professor Harold Ramkissoon.

The campus community extends condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

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