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Agricultural Journalism Awardees Announced

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Organisers of the Excellence in Caribbean Agricultural Journalism Awards 2011 wish to announce the winners of the first edition of the regional awards.

The competition was organised by the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI), the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the Association of Caribbean Media Workers (ACM), with assistance from the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Co-operation ACP-EU (CTA).

The award for the Best News Story (Print) goes to Gaulbert Sutherland of the Stabroek News newspaper of Guyana.

The Best Business Feature (Print) was submitted by Shaliza Hassanali of the Trinidad Guardian.

Winner of the Best Television News story is Carry Bishop of the Jamaica Information Service.

Best News Story (Radio) was won by Antoinette Frederick of WINN FM, St Kitts and Nevis.

No prize was awarded to entrants in the Web-based and Digital Media category.

The Awards Ceremony to honour the winners will be staged in Dominica during Caribbean Week of Agriculture (CWA) activities.

According to CARDI Executive Director, Dr Arlington Chesney, these Awards are part of the actions of the Agricultural Community to involve the Media in sensitising the public as to the key role of agriculture in the development of the economies of the Region.

IICA Representative in Trinidad and Tobago and Coordinator, Regional Integration, Caribbean Region, Gregg Rawlins in expressing satisfaction with the outcome of the first edition of Media Awards said that the Awards Competition
was but one in a series of initiatives pursued by the partner agencies to
strengthen relations between the media and the agricultural sector.

He added that media and agricultural professionals have participated in
agricultural roundtable sessions and training workshops designed to inform and
sensitise and encourage improved media coverage of agriculture and food
security related issues.

ACM President, Wesley Gibbings, said he was pleased with the high level of
interest in the first edition of the awards.

“The intention here is to encourage the growth of credible channels of informed,
well-told stories on the food and agriculture sector,” Gibbings said. “In the
Caribbean, such stories are among the most important the journalistic
community can offer.”

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