

JRC Hall of Fame CITATION

VETERINARY SURGEON, Dr. ST. AUBYN BARTLETT, JP

Dr. St. Aubyn Bartlett JP, former Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security and former Member of Parliament has served the horse-racing industry as a regulatory veterinarian for 27 years.

Dr. Bartlett can rightly be considered the father of Jamaica's equine regulatory medicine and is credited with piloting the Commission's race day medication programme which saw the usage of Lasix© being introduced in 2003, 10 years after his initial efforts at providing this facility for local racing Thoroughbreds. This programme has had a tremendously positive effect on the horse population for racing through the controlled administration of Lasix to horses experiencing Exercise Induced Pulmonary Haemorrhage (EIPH), commonly called "bleeding" in racing circles.



Under Dr Bartlett's leadership of the Commission's Veterinary Department, several other initiatives were undertaken to strengthen regulatory controls including: modernizing of equine sample collection methods and sample analysis; the establishment of medication thresholds 2006 and the introduction of equine micro chipping in 2008. Dr Bartlett has also been instrumental in the introduction and enforcement of Jamaica's equine vaccination programme starting in 1990.

In 1992, Jamaica's Trainer's Training Programme was reinvented under Dr Bartlett's leadership and has since provided a much sought-after training opportunity for persons aspiring to be race horse trainers. This programme is the only such in the Caribbean and the majority of trainers currently at Caymanas Park are graduates of this programme.

Throughout his tenure Dr. Bartlett has worked with the West Indies Thoroughbred Racing Association (WITRA) in developing a tri-partite agreement between Jamaica, Barbados and Trinidad & Tobago for the standardization of veterinary protocols in the international transport and quarantine of Thoroughbreds used in regional racing.

Importantly, Dr. Bartlett in his capacity as a Delegate of the Caribbean Confederation has had the responsibility of accompanying horses representing Jamaica internationally.

Dr. St. Aubyn Bartlett has served as a professional of the highest order with unquestioned integrity and dedication in delivering veterinary services to the industry and is a fitting candidate for Hall of Fame recognition.