

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **VENEZUELAN SCIENTISTS HONOR TRINI**



Professor Emeritus Harold Ramkissoon of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science at the St. Augustine Campus was officially inducted as a member of the Venezuelan Academy of Sciences at a Ceremony held at the Academy's Centre in Caracas on May 27, 2009 and in the process became the first scholar from the English-speaking Caribbean to be so honored. Present at the Ceremony were the country's leading scientists including Professor Claudio Bifano, President of the Venezuelan Academy of Sciences, Professor Blas Bruni Celli, a medical doctor, philosopher, historian and writer, Professor Benjamin Scharifker, President of the University of Simon Bolivar, its former President, Professor Freddy Malpica and Professor Marco Falcon, the region's leading hydrologist.

Professor Bifano, Chair of the proceedings lauded Professor Ramkissoon for his notable contribution to the field of mathematics and for the pivotal role he has played and continues to play in the development of Science and Technology in the wider Caribbean and beyond. Professor Ramkissoon is a founding member and President of the Caribbean Academy of Sciences, the Caribbean Scientific Union and the Caribbean Congress of Fluid Dynamics. He is currently the Executive Secretary of the UNESCO affiliated organization, CARISCIENCE, Chair of a CARICOM Science and Technology Steering Committee and Board member of UNESCO's International Science, Technology and Innovation Centre. He has also been instrumental in establishing strong links between scientific communities in Venezuela and Trinidad and Tobago. As part of the ceremony, Professor Ramkissoon presented a monograph on the main results of his research work which spanned a period of over thirty years and delivered a lecture titled "Science and Technology in the Caribbean".



The Venezuelan Academy of Sciences was created by a Law of the Congress of Venezuela in 1917.