

# ACTT'S MILESTONES

## 2004

- March 12 – The bill for the establishment of an accrediting agency in Trinidad and Tobago is introduced in the House of Representatives by the Honourable Colm Imbert, the then Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education.
- March 18 - The bill for the establishment of an Accrediting Agency in Trinidad and Tobago is published in the Gazette, Volume 43, No. 44.
- July 9 - An Act is Proclaimed to establish The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago.
- September 2 – The Appointment of the Board of Directors of the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago. The Honourable Colm Imbert, the then Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education, announced the appointment of the twelve member board of ACTT. The Board of Directors comprised: Janet Stanley-Marcano, Chairman, Alvin Ashton, Deputy Chairman, Ruby S. Alleyne, Eduardo Ali, Dr Peter Baggan, Lennon Ballah-Lashley, Cipriani Davis, Professor Clement Imbert, Deborah Maharaj-Newling, Peter O'Neil, Donald Peters and Sally Siriram.

## 2005

- February 14 - Ruby S. Alleyne, PhD appointed as the 1st Executive Director of The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago.
- July 1 – ACTT's Trinidad Office is established at Level 3, Building B, ALGICO Plaza, St Vincent Street, Port of Spain.
- November 29 & 30 - ACTT hosted the Caribbean Area Network for Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education (CANQATE) 2nd Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Port of Spain.
- November 28 – ACTT officially launches at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Port of Spain.

## 2006

- April 24 – ACTT officially launches in Tobago at the Hilton Tobago Golf and Spa Resort, Tobago.

- October 17 - ACTT, in collaboration with the Educational Credential Evaluators of the United States of America (USA), hosts the first Workshop on the Forensics of Academic Credential and CV Fraud at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Port of Spain.

## **2007**

- July 5 - The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago Act, Act No. 16 of 2004 (now Chapter 39:06 under the revised laws of Trinidad and Tobago) was amended by Act No. 16 of 2007.
- November 14 – ACTT registers its first tertiary level institution (TLI), The University of the Southern Caribbean (USC).

## **2008**

- July 7 - The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago Act, Act No. 16 of 2004 (now Chapter 39:06 under the revised laws of Trinidad and Tobago) was amended by Act No. 10 of 2008.
- September 21-26 – ACTT hosts its 1<sup>st</sup> Quality Assurance Week, the theme of which was ‘Innovating Higher Education to meet National Development Needs and Global Challenge’.
- November 28 – ACTT opens its 1<sup>st</sup> Office in Tobago at Pigeon Point Road.

## **2009**

- June 29 – ACTT recognises its 1<sup>st</sup> foreign awarding body, The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).
- August 7 – ACTT registers its first tertiary level institution in Tobago, the Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute.

## **2010**

- July 8 - ACTT signs a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Training Agency (NTA) which was facilitated by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education (MSTTE) at the Rudranath Capildeo Building, Couva.
- November 23-26 - ACTT hosts the Caribbean Area Network for Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education (CANQATE) 7th Annual Conference and Annual Meeting at the National Academy for the Performing Arts (NAPA), Port of Spain.

- November 26 – ACTT appoints a new Board of Directors –Michael R. Dowlath, Chairman, Azim Ali, Rodney Amar, Lennon Ballah-Lashley, Mervyn Extavour, Hatim Gardner, Veena Badrie-Maharaj, Bheshem Ramlal, Joycelyn Rampersad.

## **2011**

- May 18 - ACTT announces the 1<sup>st</sup> Accredited Institutions in Trinidad and Tobago: College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago (COSTAATT), The University of the West Indies (UWI) and The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT).
- May 23 - ACTT launches its Students' Caravan at the Iere High School, Siparia.
- October 13 – ACTT launches its on-line Compendium of Registered, Accredited and Recognised Institutions, Awarding Bodies and Programmes 2011-2012.
- November 17-18 – ACTT hosts its 1<sup>st</sup> National Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education.
- November 18 – ACTT hosts its 1<sup>st</sup> Quality in Tertiary Education (QuiTE) Awards Ceremony

## **2012**

- March 23 - ACTT announces the conferment of the status of Institutional Accreditation on Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business.
- April 28 – ACTT opens its 1<sup>st</sup> South Outreach Office and launches its Digital Map of Registered and Accredited Higher Education Institutions of Trinidad and Tobago
- May 21 - ACTT announces the conferment of the status of Institutional Accreditation on the University of the Southern Caribbean.
- June 1 – ACTT launches the Tobago Student Caravan, the Digital Map of Registered and Accredited Higher Education Institutions of Trinidad and Tobago and Re-commissions the Tobago Outreach Office at Tobago Technology Centre, Canaan, Tobago
- July 25 - ACTT in collaboration with the Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training (MTEST) launches the shared on-line Institutional Profile (IP) database at the MTEST Conference Room, Level 18 Tower C, Waterfront Complex, #1A Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.
- November 23 - ACTT in collaboration with the UKNARIC hosted the Forensics of Academic Credential and CV Fraud Workshop at the Capital Plaza Hotel, Port of Spain.
- November 30, 2012 - ACTT announces the conferment of the status of Institutional Accreditation on the Cipriani College of Labour and Co-operative Studies with their Institutional Accreditation certificate.

## 2013

- April 30 – May 3 – ACTT hosts its 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education. The theme: ‘From Best Practice to Next Practice’ at the National Academy for the Performing Arts (NAPA), Port of Spain.
- May 1 - ACTT signs a Memoranda of Co-operation with The Council of Adult Experiential Learning (CAEL) and The United Kingdom National Recognition Information Centre (UK NARIC).
- June 17 – ACTT launches its 1<sup>st</sup> National Quiz for secondary students
- September 13 - ACTT announces the conferment of the status of Institutional Accreditation on the Caribbean Nazarene College (CNC) and the St Andrews Theological College (SATC).
- October 31 - ACTT announces the conferment of the status of Institutional Accreditation on the Trinidad and Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute (TTHTI).
- October 31 - ACTT registers its 1<sup>st</sup> Local Awarding Body, the Institute of Banking and Finance of Trinidad and Tobago (IBAF).
- October 31 – ACTT announces the publication of its 1<sup>st</sup> Journal of Quality Assurance in Higher Education

## 2014

- May 26 – ACTT hosted its 1st Workshop on Prior Learning Assessment, facilitated by Joel Simon, Vice President for Public Sector Services for the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL)
- May 28 – 29 - ACTT hosted its 1<sup>st</sup> Tobago Symposium entitled: A Vision for Higher Education at the Rovaneln Resort in Tobago
- July 9 – ACTT launches its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations and announces its 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Higher Education and Training.
- July 9 – ACTT signs a Memoranda of Cooperation with:
  - The Trinidad and Tobago Group of Professionals Association (TTGPA)
  - The Association of Professional Engineers of Trinidad and Tobago (APETT)
  - The Nursing Council of Trinidad and Tobago (NCTT)
  - The Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago (MBTT)
  - The Institute of Chartered Accountants (ICATT)
  - The Trinidad and Tobago Association of Psychologists (TTAP)
  - Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association (CETA)
- July 16 – ACTT hosted a Symposium in Trinidad entitled Excellence in Teaching, Training and Learning at the National Energy and Skills Centre (NESC) in Point Lisas

- October 29 – ACTT announces the conferment of the status of Institutional Accreditation on the MIC Institute of Technology and the Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute (THTI)
- November 09-21 ACTT for the first time partnered with an international agency – the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) to conduct reviews in Trinidad and Tobago

## **2015**

- February 25 – ACTT launches The Quality Institute at the Hilton Trinidad and Conference Centre.
- April 14-17 - ACTT hosts its 2nd International Conference on Higher Education and Training.
- July 23 – ACTT announces the conferment of the status of Institutional Accreditation on West Indies School of Theology (WIST).
- July 23 – ACTT celebrated its Tenth Anniversary with a ceremony at the Hyatt Regency, Trinidad honouring the first board and premiering a book of its history