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NCOCA HONORS FIVE (5) OUTSTANDING SCIENTISTS

Washington, DC, September 23, 2005 -- The National Coalition on Caribbean Affairs (NCOCA) at its 8th Annual Awards Banquet, which will be held on **Saturday, October 8, 2005, at the Hilton Hotel, 8727 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland**, starting at 7:00 p.m., will honor five (5) outstanding scientists.

This is in keeping with this year's theme: "Science, Technology and Development."

The honorees will be:

A. PINNACLE AWARD

Dr. Thomas P. Lecky (Jamaica):

Animal geneticist, for developing improved breeds of cattle including the Jamaica Hope dairy cattle, the Jamaica Reds, Jamaica Blues and Jamaica Brahman.

Dr. John A. Ewen (Jamaica):

Chemist, who pioneered scientific discoveries and practical technological advances that have led to the development of the modern methods for the synthesis of polyolefin plastics.

Professor Ramsey Saunders (Trinidad/ Tobago):

Physicist, is Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences at the St. Augustine Campus, University of the West Indies. He is recognized internationally for his contributions in the fields of Medical Physics and Bioengineering, Material Science and Environmental Physics.

B. INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Martin Cooper (USA):

Electrical engineer, who conceived the first portable cellular phone in 1973 and led the 10-year process of bringing it to market.

Dr. Compton Bourne (Guyana):

Economist and former Principal of the St. Augustine Campus of the University of the West Indies. He played a major role in the preparation of the UWI Strategic Development Programme for Science and Technology and Distance Education. He is currently President of the Caribbean Development Bank.

The honorees will participate in a Seminar on the above-mentioned theme, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. on October 8, 2005 at the Hilton Hotel 8727 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.

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