

December 6<sup>th</sup> 2019

Esteemed colleagues of the MMIRA-CC.

It gives great pleasure to highlight innovations and achievements of the Caribbean chapter of the MMIRA under my presidency, 2018/19. As you may have realized, innovation and great leadership are the hallmarks of this wonderful organization since its birth in March 2017, at the historic second regional mixed methods conference in Mo Bay, under the astute leadership of the vibrant Dr Loraine Cook, we have been growing from strength to strength.

#### Conference

You are probably familiar with the 3<sup>rd</sup> regional conference, held March 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Arthur Lok Jack Global School of Business, UWI St. Augustine. On Monday, there was a preconference workshop on QDA Miner with Norman Peladieu. From Tuesday to Thursday were a mix workshops and academic sessions. Keynotes were given by John Creswell, Cheryl Poth and Tony Onwuegbuzie, all global leaders in mixed methods. The conference report details attendance and outcomes of this successful conference. Most notably, we collaborated successfully with a range of organizations to make the conference a reality- UWI Pro-Vice Chancellors Wayne Hunt and Stephan Gift, Department of Agriculture Economics, Arthur Lok Jack Global School of Business, Centre for language Learning at the UWI STA, Schools of Education at the UWI, Schools of Nursing, SALISES, CITS (conference website hosting) and UWI Bursary (accounts and financials), Provalis Research Ltd., MAXQDA, SAGE Publishing UK, and Republic Bank, Market Facts and Opinion, Hodder Education, Water One. Additionally there were several in-kind and student sponsors who made this conference possible. Please see more at <http://conferences.sta.uwi.edu/mmiracc/>

#### Workshops

In November, we held a Caribbean week of Mixed Methods Research workshops across Trinidad and Jamaica. Tim Guetterman conducted a 2-day workshop in Trinidad at the School of Education, UWI on Joint Displays while Peggy Shannon-Baker conducted a 2-day workshop on paradigms in Mixed methods Research at Mona, Jamaica. Additionally Leemoy Weaver conducted her first international workshop in Japan in September and Loraine and I presented our first webinar on mixed methods case study through MMIRA offered on a platform for the University of Alberta in July. Dr. Cook also placed the Caribbean in the international spotlight as she has prepared not one but two MOOCs or Massive Open Online courses, chaired by Shannon Baker.

#### Graduates

Tashane has become Dr. Tashane Haynes-Brown under the guidance of Dr. Cook, Sharon has become Dr. Sharon Jaggernaut under the guidance of Dr. Jameson Charles and Bephyer has become Dr. Bephyer Parey through examination by Dr. Cook and Dr. Cheryl Poth, of University of Alberta.

#### Website

As such we need means and ways of communicating the good news, of the work of the chapter, and so the idea of website came to fruition under the willing guidance of Ingrid and

the talent and skill and technical capability of Gia. The whole marketing team of Cynthia and Michele must be thanked for bringing the website to life and is now available at [www.mmiracc.com](http://www.mmiracc.com). The website is still a work in progress, the logo needs sorting out, but certainly allows you to see what is happening at the mmiracc and how to communicate with us.

#### Newsletter

The idea of a newsletter often sounds much simpler than it looks and though the idea was borne some time ago, it took a full team and collaboration over many months to bring this idea to fruition. However it turned out to be so wonderful with the imagination and persistence of Ingrid and her team. The idea here is an enewsletter twice per year that we can place within the reach of all chapter members.

#### Membership and accounts

Our membership has grown to more than 120 across the globe and our accounts look improved from previous numbers. I look forward to you renewing your mmiracc membership if you are not up to date or ask you to join us and work with us to continue to bring the warmth, energy and beauty of the Caribbean to the world. Please see Debbie Devonish or Avalloy or Tynessa for more information on how to join us. Tashane has been working tirelessly to keep our accounts straight and adhere to regulations and protocols.

We do hope to continue the great work started under the first president Dr. Cook and in December, we now hand over to our third President, Dr. Tashane Haynes-Brown. Steve has been a pillar of support as chapter manager, always providing insights and directions where needed.

We thank those, named and un-named, who have supported us and helped us in the Caribbean and globally in making our dreams become a reality. We hope that we can continue to advance local, regional and global partnerships as MMIRA-CC grows in strength and purpose.

Thanks again teams and thank you all for celebrating with us.

Sincerely

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