

Honorary Life Membership

WACC Honorary Life Members / WACC Laureates

Since 1995, WACC has publicly recognised the work of communicators who have upheld its principles and values while defending human rights and working for greater social justice: <http://www.waccglobal.org/who-we-are/our-history/wacc-laureates>

The award is made to individuals who have significantly upheld WACC's vision, mission, and principles in one or more of the following ways:

- * Having demonstrated a long involvement in Christian communication
- * Having had a long association with WACC
- * Having made a significant contribution to the development of Christian communication by encouraging and supporting initiatives in communication
- * Having made a contribution to the field of Christian communication as a communication practitioner
- * Having made a contribution in the field of research, administration, or education
- * Having been active in the promotion and growth of WACC

The following names are put forward for consideration by the Board in advance of the September 2019 meeting.

Alma D. Montoya Ch (Colombia)

Comunicadora Social, especialista en Comunicación y Desarrollo; especialista en Comunicación y Gestión y Desarrollo Comunitario. Con amplia experiencia en formación y acompañamiento en comunidades en proyectos comunicativos. Miembro del Equipo de Formación Latinoamericano de Formación Radiofónica ELFO de la Asociación Latinoamericana de Educación Radiofónica ALER, vicepresidenta para América Latina de la WACC, miembro de la Fundación SUMAPAX Colectivo de Comunicación Comunitaria y Directora del Grupo COMUNICARTE.

Gianna Urizio (Italy)

Sociologist, TV producer and journalist. After studying sociology and social psychology in Florence and Rome Gianna Urizio worked as TV producer and author at the Italian TV station Rai Due. 2002-2005 she was president of WACC Europe. In 2002, she founded the Italian Protestant film association "Roberto Sbaffi". She is member of the INTERFILM Board. Gianna served as an executive member of WACC Europe becoming President in 1992.

Pradip Thomas (India/Australia)

Pradip is an internationally recognised scholar and academic, and is currently based at the School of Communication & Arts (SCA), University of Queensland. He has published widely

in areas including communication and social change, the political economy of communication, media and religion, and Indian media. He has published in the world's top ranked journals including the Journal of Communication, Media, Culture & Society; the International Communications Gazette; the International Journal of Communication; and the European Journal of Communication along with key Indian journals such as the Economic and Political Weekly. He sits on numerous editorial boards and is an Associate Editor of the International Communications Gazette. Pradip was director of studies and publications and co-editor of Media Development at WACC.

Patrick Anthony (St Lucia)

Monsignor Patrick 'Paba' Anthony has a Masters' degree in Theology and a doctorate in Literatures in English from the University of the West Indies. In 2000, he was awarded the St. Lucia Cross and in 2012 he received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. Paba has worked tirelessly to preserve St Lucia's unique heritage for over 40 years and was one of the founding members of the Folk Research Centre (FRC) which was established in 1973. While working as a parish priest, Paba began an action group which studied St Lucian society and out of this project the FRC began. The Centre gathered research, audio and visual materials and written work which were quintessentially St Lucian to educate the public about folk history. In 1992, he was a founder of WACC Caribe and its first President.

José Luis Aguirre Alvis

José Luis Aguirre Alvis is the Director of Servicio de Capacitación en Radio y Televisión para el Desarrollo of the "San Pablo" Bolivian Catholic University and is associated with Servicio de Capacitación en Radio y Televisión para el Desarrollo (SECRAD). He was the key contact for two WACC-funded projects, in 2007 and 2009, in which SECRAD was the project partner. He is a former Vice-President of WACC Global and former President of WACC's Latin America Region.