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AVP for Graduate Studies, Research & Entrepreneurship, Dr. Paul Ivey, attended and presented at the 2023 Biennial Congress of the International Network of Research Management Societies (INORMS), held from May 30-June 2, 2023 in Durban, South Africa.

INORMS brings together research management societies and associations from across the globe. Its purpose is to enable interactions, share good practice, and coordinate activities between the member societies, to the benefit of their individual membership.

At the Congress, Dr. Ivey made a presentation titled '**Professionalising Research Management & Administration in the Caribbean**' and was a panelist on a Panel Discussion on '**The Key Drivers for and Barriers to Professionalise Research Management and Administration in Lower and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs)**'.

Dr. Ivey's participation at the Congress was made possible through sponsorship (covering his airfare, accommodation, and conference registration) from the Special Programme for Research on Tropical Diseases (TDR)/World Health Organization/Essence on Health Research.

The sponsorship was facilitated by the Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association (SARIMA) particularly because Dr. Ivey's portfolio responsibilities include research management and also

because the University of Technology, Jamaica (through the SGSRE) is the Secretariat for the Caribbean Research and Innovation Management Association (CabRIMA) that is coordinated by Dr. Ivey.

CabRIMA is the professional body for research managers in the Caribbean and its mission is "To support the improvement and effectiveness of research management systems, structures, and processes in regional higher education institutions and research and innovation organizations through capacity-building and networking."

Back in 2009, UTech, Jamaica, and eight other partners, led by SARIMA, implemented a European Union-funded project '**The Improvement of Research & Innovation Management Capacity in Africa and the Caribbean for the Successful Stimulation and Dissemination of Research Results (RIMI4AC)**'; CabRIMA was an outcome of the project.

Dr. Ivey shared that "Participating in the Congress has yielded significant capacity-building benefits for me personally (in relation to enhanced understandings, insights, and good practices in research management and administration); additionally, by extension, UTech, Jamaica, and Jamaica as well, will derive benefits."

A total of 565 delegates from 53 countries attended the 2023 INORMS Congress. The next INORMS Congress will be held in Madrid, Spain, in 2025.