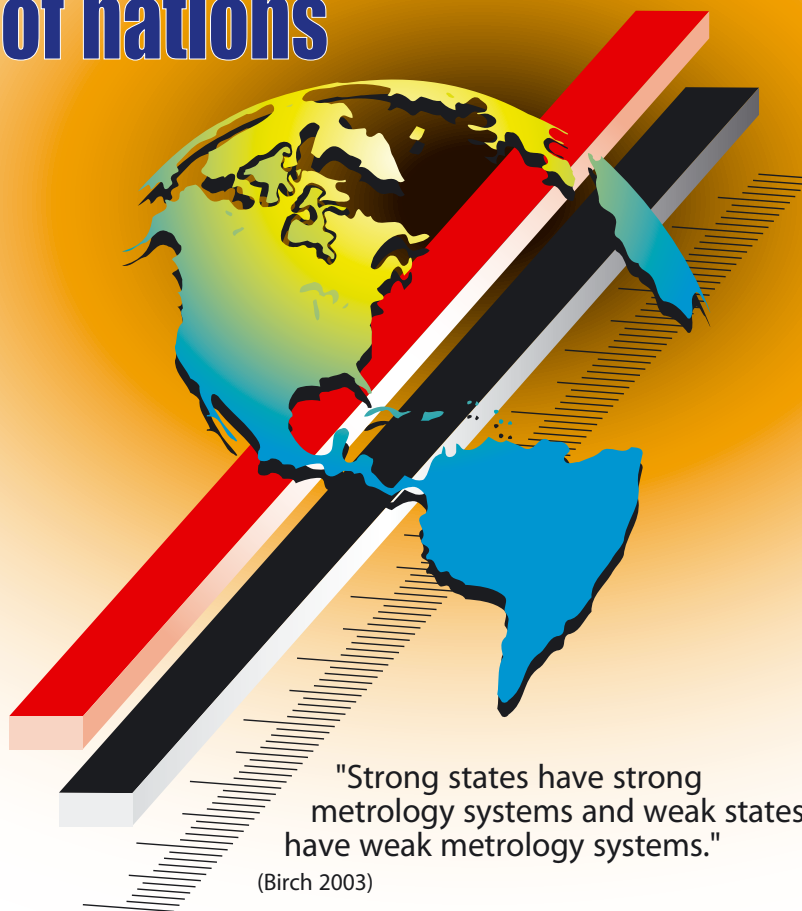


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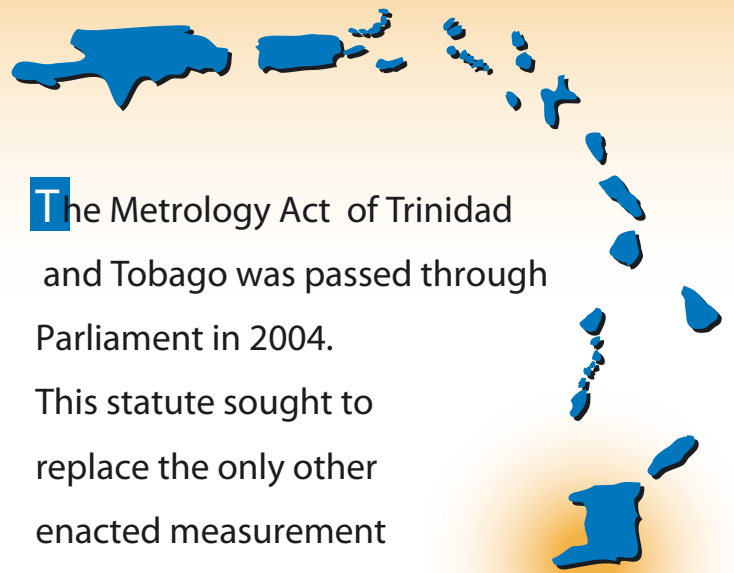
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Countries grapple with problems that threaten their very existence. They struggle for greater industrial competitiveness, more efficiency in the use of natural resources, more safety and better health in the community and greater degrees of protection of the environment. Success in the realisation of these goals require the careful application of measurement, proving that Metrology is in fact important in ensuring national viability.

Metrology in Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean



The Metrology Act of Trinidad and Tobago was passed through Parliament in 2004.

This statute sought to replace the only other enacted measurement legislation, the Weights and Measures Ordinance of 1938. With the passage of the Act into law, Trinidad and Tobago joined a growing number of countries of the Caribbean in the development of an effective metrology system. Pressures from the creation of International Free Trade Arrangements by the WTO along with regional trade groupings such as the CSME and the pending FTAA have increased the awareness of the need to accelerate the development of metrology in the Caribbean.

Hemispheric Metrology

Despite the present lull in activities of the pending FTAA all countries within the hemisphere will have to ensure that the metrology arrangements are put in place to support the trade agreements that will arise. Establishment of the appropriate strategic metrology will provide a foundation for the Conformity Assessment, Quality and Quantification necessary for survival in a free trade environment.



SIM AGM 2005



It is against this backdrop, at a time when the Presidency of SIM lies within the

Caribbean (Antigua and Barbuda) that the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards will host the Annual General Meeting of SIM from October 10th to the 14th 2005.

As a prelude to the Annual General Meeting, the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards and SIM will present the Symposium and Workshop series entitled "Metrology, the foundation; ensuring the viability of nations." Through this landmark event TTBS will officially

launch its National Metrology Programme for Trinidad and Tobago and present the concept of the Caribbean Metrology System while creating an environment for an exciting discourse on the topics that are important to the entire regional and international metrology fraternities.

Symposium and Workshops

The presentations will highlight metrology issues of importance:

- The introduction of modern Legal Metrology to Trinidad and Tobago
- Infrastructural and industrial implications of a Caribbean Metrology System
- Measurement for the storage and distribution of petroleum products and derivatives
- Chemical Metrology, the main growth area in modern metrology
- Petroleum Measurement
- Free Trade/TBT/Conformity Assessment
- Metrology and Public Utilities
- Length Measurement for the Caribbean

Target Audiences for Seminars

- Senior Policy Makers in the Public and Private Sectors
- CEOs
- Senior Executives
- Medical Practitioners
- Technical and Quality Managers
- Manufacturers, Exporters, Importers, Distributors and Retailers
- Scientists, Engineers, Technicians
- Post Graduate Students
- The General Public

SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

Date: October 10th-12th 2005

Venue: The Cascadia Hotel and
Conference Centre,
Ariapita Road,
St. Anns

Website:
www.cascadiahotel.com/home.htm



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IMPORTANT DATES

Early Bird Registration:
On or before 12th September, 2005

Late Registration:
After 12th September, 2005

Welcome Cocktail:
10th October, 2005

COST OF REGISTRATION

Per day per person
Early Bird Registration: \$250US
Late Registration: \$300US

Three Day Package
Three Day Package per person:
\$700US

Three Day Group Package:
2 persons: 10% discount

3 or more persons: 15% discount

Post Graduate Student:
Contact Symposium Secretariat

INFORMATION ABOUT EXHIBITION

An exhibition of measurement instrumentation by the most well known manufacturers will be hosted along with the Symposium and Workshop 10th -12th October at the same venue. For more information on the cost of exhibiting space please contact the Symposium Secretariat.

General Information about
Trinidad and Tobago:
<http://visittnt.com/General/about/general.html>

VISA requirements for
Trinidad and Tobago:
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