



Lal Balkaran receives Professional Achievement Award from the IIA

During its 2022 International Conference, held July 18 - 20 in Chicago, The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) awarded five legacy awards, recognizing individuals who have made significant contributions to the internal audit profession over their careers. Well-known internal audit leader **Lal Balkaran** is a recipient of the Institute's **Bradford Cadmus Memorial Award** which is granted in tribute to the memory of Bradford Cadmus, author, educator, researcher, and the first managing director of the IIA. It officially recognizes internal auditors who have made outstanding contributions in research, education, publications, or other developments and activities in the field of internal auditing. The IIA is the recognized body of professional internal auditing with more than 218,000 members and 180,000 certified internal auditors in over 180 countries.

The award was presented at the July 17-20 IIA's 2022 International Conference held in Chicago by the Chairman of the Board (Charles T. Wright) and the President & CEO of the Institute (Anthony Pugliese). Lal is the only Canadian to receive this prestigious award since 1994 and also the only Guyanese and West Indian to achieve this feat in the Institute's history. Mr. Balkaran, founder of IIA-Guyana and a Past President of IIA-Toronto, has over thirty years of senior internal auditing experience in both the public and private sectors and has authored several reference publications on business and on his native country in addition to eight documentaries. He has also published over fifty articles across the globe in acclaimed journals including the *Globe and Mail* and *Financial Post* on internal audit-related topics, some of which have been award-winning reprinted in several languages. In addition, he is the recipient of IIA-Canada's three national awards and has presented at several conferences on a wide range of topics. Mr. Balkaran, from Goed Fortuin on the WBD, was born in Pouderoyen, attended Malgre Tout Primary and West Demerara Secondary schools, taught in the Rupununi and worked as a senior internal auditor and management accountant at Guysuco and CXC. He is principally self-taught and is a **Certified Internal Auditor, Chartered Global Management Accountant, Fellow Chartered Professional Accountant** (Canada), **Fellow Chartered Governance Professional, Fellow Chartered Management Accountant** (UK), and an **MBA** from Heriot-Watt University. It should be noted that Mr. Balkaran is the author of the upcoming *Biographical Dictionary of Guyana*.