

Head of Library Studies sits on UNESCO committee

Professor Daphne Douglas, Head of the Department of Library Studies, Mona, was recently invited by UNESCO to be a member of the AD HOC Committee on Education and Training Policy and Programme of the General Information Programme of that organisation.

As a result, she attended the sixth biennial session at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris during January 18-23.

The meeting was concerned with advising UNESCO on planning the education and training component of their programme for the next medium-term plan, covering 1990-1995, as well as looking at the possible activities for the immediate biennium 1988/89.

Professor Douglas was elected Vice-President of the meeting which was attended by 11 members and three observers from 11 countries. Presi-

dent was Mr. Ben Ruglass from the National Office for Research and Special Libraries, Norway; and the rapporteur was Professor Jean Tague, Dean of the School of Library and Information Science, University of Western Ontario, Canada.

Speaking of her experience, Professor Douglas said that it was a very rich one. Of particular interest was the forecast of the information environment envisaged for the Twentieth Century and the possible role of information professionals in meeting the complex challenges which are bound to surface.

The education and training of this cadre of persons had to be viewed in a most modern progressive light in order to make the products of library schools relevant in the years which lie ahead.

She was able to make a significant contribution, particularly as planning affected the Caribbean, and was pleased that her pleas for assistance in this area were supported by a number of members and endorsed by the meeting.

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