The Department of Medicine welcomes you to this Festschrift in honour of Professor Owen St C Morgan, clinician scientist, educator, administrator, benefactor, husband, father, and stalwart in internal medicine and neurology. For the 35 years he spent with The University of the West Indies at the Department of Medicine and the University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI), he brought honour and distinction and leaves a legacy of scholarship. Goldberg stated that the clinician scientist is the catalyst for research and teaching in the clinical departments. Indeed, he and his colleagues opined that this species – the clinician scientist – is an endangered species and should we allow this species to become extinct it would be a major catastrophe for clinical medicine. It would leave an unfathomable void. Professor Morgan has always been conscious that the clinician scientist is the salt of clinical medicine and that salt must never lose its savour. He also favours a role for the PhD scientist within the clinical department. He has been a leading investigator in HTLV-1 associated diseases and has recently established a neuro-physiology unit for the advance study of neurological diseases at the UHWI. We have therefore assembled here as a group of clinicians, scientists, educators, students, administrators and well wishers who have had close interaction with this master mentor to pay tribute to him in a way we believe he would like.

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