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2006 marked the seventh anniversary of Pan Podium. Since its inception, the magazine and its website ardously promoted this wonderful instrument, its musicians, events and its continued progress in establishing itself in global music. In 2006, Russell Henderson MBE was yet another pan musician to be awarded this prestigious title and Ebony Steel Orchestra won their fifteenth panorama title ensuring that their world title is secure. Ebony, Phase 11 Pan Groove, The Defence Force, Pan Kultur and Nostalgia steel bands all performed at the FIFA World Cup finals in Germany capturing their global audience with the versatility of the steel pan and the dexterity of its players.

BAS Future Development Forum has organised two successful events, Pan Explosion and Carols on Steel with many more events planned for 2007. The Caribbean Steel International band appeared on

the EMMAS stage in Olbia, Sardinia. The first time a steel band has played at this event in its 17 years of existence, yet another ground-breaking feat for the instrument.

BAS's initiative in setting up UK regional committees will ensure that all local voices are heard and issues addressed. Our annual Awards event is an important event in the UK community's calendar and continues to set standards in its related Arts disciplines. Pan Podium magazine and website have also undergone development work in 2006 ensuring that BAS's media machinery is both effective, efficient and continues to be a world leader with further enhancements planned in 2007. Pan Podium continues to work closely with our global media partners to ensure that we are aspiring and achieving in unity. Pan4Life.

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