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Dr Bouare has recently been selected for inclusion in the 2002 edition of *Great Minds of the 21st Century*, compiled by the Governing Board of Editors of the American Biographical Institute (ABI). According to the ABI his selection is due to 'significant accomplishments within, and mastery of economics'. Earlier he was also included in *Who's Who in Economics in the 21st Century*, compiled by the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England.

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