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**RE: 2009 – 2010 CAG Visiting Professor**

As you are probably aware, each year the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology selects one of the members to be the CAG Visiting Professor. The recipient of the award is asked to visit several centres across Canada to present at GI or Grand Rounds, a research seminar, and/or regional/provincial meetings.

I am writing to let you know that the 2009-2010 Visiting Professor is Dr. Alan Barkun (McGill University) and to ask if you would be interested in having him visit during the year from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. For your information, we include a short biographical sketch from Dr. Barkun.

It would be appreciated if you will contact him directly to arrange a suitable date, preferably by July. A response form is included for your convenience.

The CAG will provide funding to cover the Visiting Professor's travel. It is the responsibility of the host center to provide an honorarium and the cost of any living expenses and entertainment associated with the visit.

It is hoped that your center will take this excellent opportunity to have Dr. Barkun visit with you, and help to make the CAG Visiting Professor program a resounding success.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Jan Irvine  
VP Secretary, CAG

Cc: Dr. Ron Bridges, President  
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## **2009 – 2010 CAG Visiting Professor Prof. Alan Barkun**

Alan Barkun, MD,CM, FRCP(C), FACP, FACG, M.Sc. (Clinical Epidemiology)

Dr. Alan Barkun is the first and current recipient of the DG Kinnear Chair in Gastroenterology at McGill University, Montréal, Canada. He received his medical degree in 1983 from McGill University, where he then completed his residency training in Internal Medicine, and Gastroenterology. Dr. Barkun continued his research training in Hepato-gastroenterology at the Hôpital Edouard Herriot in Lyon, France and in Therapeutic Endoscopy at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina, USA under Dr. Peter Cotton. In 1995, he received an M.Sc. in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from McGill University. He holds Fellowships from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the American College of Physicians, and three American digestive Societies. Dr. Barkun is the recipient of many awards, including the first American Digestive Health Foundation (ADHF) – American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Endoscopic (ASGE) Research Scholar Award ever presented to a Canadian Clinician Scientist in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology Visiting Professor Award awarded for outstanding contributions to both research and teaching nationally, and the André Viallet award of the Association des Gastro-Entérologues du Québec, for lifetime achievement and contribution to the field. He has been a research scholar of the Fonds de la Recherche en Santé du Québec (FRSQ) for almost 20 years, and holds or has held numerous peer-reviewed grants from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the FRSQ, the American College of Gastroenterology, the ASGE, and the ADHF, totaling over 5 million dollars. He has been Chair, scientific officer, or member of review committees for most of these organizations. He has supervised over a dozen Masters candidates in Epidemiology, most funded by national or international peer-review agencies, and has also acted as mentor for many students and residents. Dr. Barkun has published over 400 peer reviewed articles and abstracts, and has given over 350 regional, national and international presentations invited by professional Societies, including state-of-the-art addresses at the Canadian and American Digestive Disease weeks, the yearly Post-Graduate Courses of the American College of Gastroenterology, the American Gastroenterological Association, the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, and at Annual Meetings of National Societies in Europe, Africa, and Asia. He sits or has been on the editorial board of North American GI journals. His research interests include the assessment of emerging digestive endoscopic technologies with an emphasis on methodological, clinical and cost-effectiveness trials of treatments for bilio-pancreatic diseases and upper gastrointestinal bleeding. Dr. Barkun draws his research interests from his busy clinical practice and extensive endoscopic experience, performing therapeutic upper and lower endoscopic procedures and ERCP's. More recently, in the area of non variceal upper gastrointestinal bleeding, he spearheaded the completion of three Canadian Endoscopic Registries with the aim of strengthening endoscopic research in Canada, has organized two international consensus conferences in six years that have generated authoritative, well disseminated practice guidelines with the goal to improve patient care globally, and is currently spearheading a large national trial to assess dissemination of these guidelines in Canada.

**2009 – 2010 CAG Visiting Professor  
Prof. Alan Barkun**

**Only return this form if you are interested in having  
Prof. Alan Barkun visit your centre.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred time of year: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred day of the week: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email the details on this form to: **alan.barkun@muhc.mcgill.ca**

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Fax this completed form to: **514.934.8375**