



ORRIN BARROW MEMORIAL FUND

February 11, 2016

It is with great pleasure that we announce the formation of the Orrin Barrow Memorial Fund in support of an annual lecture in his honour.

Background

Orrin was one of the founders of AWIG and made an enormous contribution to the association and to Gastroenterology in the Caribbean. His vision was the driving force behind our annual educational meeting and he represented Caribbean Gastroenterology at the America College of Gastroenterology where he was recognized as a master of the College and also with the Canadian Gastroenterologist Association.

His contribution went way beyond our group of Gastroenterologists and he had a major impact on Medicine in Jamaica in general and the University of the West Indies in particular. He mentored many of us, some of whom are senior consultants today. He was a very active Freemason and had a special love for music and a vivid appreciation of life in general, which touched and influenced us all.

During his final illness, Orrin made it very plain that he did not want any kind of fuss made about his passing and so the type of memorial service or celebration of his life which might have been expected, did not take place.

We feel that an *Annual Lectureship* in would be an appropriate way to perpetuate his memory.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Association of West Indies Gastroenterology (AWIG) held in Martinique in April 2015, the motion that we set up this memorial fund, was passed unanimously.

The Fund

Our target is a fund which would support an annual lectureship from its investment earnings. We are, therefore, aiming for a minimum fund of US\$50,000 but would hope to achieve considerably more than that.



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The "Founders" of the fund have pledged \$20,000 to get the fund started before we make the general appeal. These are:

Charlie Edwards, Roger Hollingworth, Harry Munnings, Trevor Seaton, Nadia Williams, Trevor Murphy, Stuart Gittens, Richard Hunt, and Milena Astorga.

Contribution to the fund should be forwarded to the treasurer of AWIG Dr. Derek Mitchell. Pledges and the commitment will be accepted and assigned to the Orrin Barrow Fund. The financial contribution can be made in 1 or 2 tranches over a year from the time of the commitment.*

The annual lectureship will start with the AWIG meeting of 2017.

Assuming that it will take a while to accumulate the funds to support the lectureship, the first two years (2017 and 2018) will be sponsored directly by Trevor Seaton and Charles Edwards (separate from their contribution to the fund).

We will gratefully accept *any* financial contribution to the fund but we would ask people to consider contributing at the following levels.

Platinum	\$2,500+
Gold	\$1,000 - \$2,500
Silver	up to \$1,000

The "Founders" of the fund will serve as the initial directors. Later on, a more specific proposal for structure, management, and policy direction of the fund will be presented.

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