

SOCIAL EVENTS

- **Tuesday, August 4:** Edinburgh - Optional Excursion: Ghostly Underground Tour
- **Wednesday, August 5:** Edinburgh – Guided City Tour and National Museum of Scotland, Scotch Whiskey Experience
- **Thursday, August 6:** Explore St Andrews, Farewell dinner

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The Bockus International Society of Gastroenterology was founded in 1958 in honor of Dr Henry L Bockus (1894-1982) by his former students, residents and fellows at the Graduate School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA. The Bockus Society holds biennial scientific congresses in different continents, thus continuing to foster Dr Bockus' lifelong interest and vision to promote international medical friendship, and excellence in education and research collaboration.

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34th Bockus International Scientific Congress



August 5-6, 2026
Edinburgh, Scotland



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SOCIETY OF GASTROENTEROLOGY

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Welcome: Aliza Solomon

Opening Remarks: Eric B Goosenberg

Day 1 Moderators: Jorge Marrero, Aliza Solomon

800 Breakfast

840 Welcome/Presidential Remarks

900 Virendra Joshi – Updates in the Diagnosis and Therapy of Barrett’s Esophagus

925 David Bjorkman – Nonvariceal Upper GI Bleeding

950 Colm O’Morain – Gastric Cancer prevention initiatives in Europe

1015 Q and A

1030 Coffee Break

1045 Berk Memorial Lecture: Kenneth McColl - How Anomalies Conquered Duodenal Ulcer

1110 Andres Duarte – Noninvasive Liver Disease Assessments

1135 Henry Lin – You and Your Gut Microbes

1200 Q and A

1230 Lunch

Day 2 Moderators: Jorge Prieto, Robbyn Sockolow

800 Breakfast

840 Hugh Chaun (presented by Rick Goosenberg) – Gastrointestinal symptoms of Frédéric François Chopin, still a mystery

905 Marc Ghany – HBV Treatment and Elimination

930 Melissa Rose – QI in Pediatric GI

955 Jorge Marrero - Early Detection of Hepatocellular Carcinoma in 2026

1020 Q and A

1035 Coffee Break

1050 Bockus Memorial Lecture: Malcolm Dunlop - "Of Mice and Men" - and Women: Sexual dimorphism in colorectal cancer causation

1115 Michael Kochman – Future of GI with AI

1140 Richard K Sterling – Updates in treatment of MASH

1205 Q and A

1220 Closing Remarks/President Elect Transition – Richard Sterling

1245 Lunch

HENRY L. BOCKUS MEMORIAL LECTURER: PROF. MALCOLM DUNLOP, MD



Professor Malcolm Dunlop, MD, is Professor and Group Leader in the University of Edinburgh Institute of Genetics and Cancer, Chair of Coloproctology at Edinburgh, and Academic Head of the Colorectal Surgery Unit, Western General Hospital in Edinburgh. He has an active grant portfolio and a strong laboratory research program focused on reducing mortality from large bowel cancer through early detection and prevention. He has focused his research on unraveling the genetic architecture of colorectal cancer risk and defining its functional consequences. His team and his collaborators have been highly successful in identifying genes and genetic risk factors predisposing to colorectal cancer. The ultimate aim is to understand disease causation and apply genetic information to prevention. His clinical practice comprising a substantial caseload of colorectal cancer and inflammatory bowel disease, along with managing the entire caseload of polyposis syndromes in SE Scotland and beyond has enabled ground-breaking translational research such as developing organoid cultures for rare polyposis syndromes. The aim is to understand colorectal cancer causation and apply knowledge of the genetic basis of the disease to prevent cancer. Having trained in tandem as surgeon and clinician scientist through an MRC Training Fellowship, staff scientist in the MRC Human Genetics Unit, Clinician Scientist Fellowship, Reader, and then established Chair with the University of Edinburgh, Dunlop has a longstanding track record in the field of colorectal cancer genetics research. Following a period focused on developing gene therapy for colon cancer at the University of Pennsylvania as part of a 4-year MRC Fellowship, his research interest once again focused on understanding the molecular mechanisms of carcinogenesis, in particular the role of heritable susceptibility and its interactions with environmental factors. At a regional level, he was instrumental in creating the specialist colorectal surgery service for Lothian and SE Scotland, resulting in demonstrable improvements in patient care (several publications). Indeed, Lothian Colorectal Surgery Unit was at the vanguard of supra-regional specialization within the UK, being the largest aggregation of Colorectal Surgeons in Europe. This has translated into some of the best cancer survival statistics and other quality metrics in cancer care in the UK and Europe, as measured by cancer network audits and the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain & Ireland.

HENRY L. BOCKUS, MD

Henry L. Bockus was born in 1894 in Newark, Delaware. He graduated from Central High School in Philadelphia in 1913 and received his M.D. from Jefferson Medical College in 1917. During World War II, he joined the medical corps of the U.S. Marines and served in Cuba. Following the war, his interest turned to the field of gastroenterology. By 1923, he had organized the Department of Gastroenterology at the University of Pennsylvania. He served as professor of Gastroenterology and Chair of the departments of Medicine and Gastroenterology (1949-1960), and Emeritus Professor (1960).

Bockus contributed to the training and education of physicians from around the world. He helped to organize the Asian Gastroenterological Association in Tokyo, and societies in other countries, as well. In 1958, the Bockus International Society of Gastroenterology was founded by associates, friends, and students, to honor Bockus' contributions to the field, and to share information from both a clinical and research standpoint, throughout the world.

During his time at the University of Pennsylvania, Bockus wrote a comprehensive series on Gastroenterology that has since been republished and translated into other languages and was for many years the standard reference in this specialty.



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EDWARD BERK, MD

Dr. Berk is internationally renowned for his immeasurable contributions as an author, an editor, a physician with a caring bedside manner and a gifted teacher. Dr. Berk wore many hats and held many titles throughout the span of his professional career but is best known as the founding chairman of the Department of Medicine and the Division of Gastroenterology at the University of California- Irvine. This dual role and his monumental contributions throughout his career in medicine gave the university its initial credibility, helping it to grow into the highly ranked university it is today.

The late Dr. Berk served on several ASGE Committees and as President of the Society from 1958-1959. He was awarded ASGE's highest honor, the Rudolf Schindler Award, in 1966 and was distinguished as a Fellow of ASGE in 2006. In recognition of these many accomplishments, achievements, and his distinguished contributions to our profession, ASGE honors Dr. Berk with this lectureship.

The J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecturer was nominated on his honor by the American College of Gastroenterology. This lectureship was established in recognition of the significant contributions made by J. Edward Berk, MD, MACG, to clinical gastroenterology during his long and distinguished clinical and academic career. A nationally and internationally renowned physician and teacher, Dr. Berk also served as ACG President from 1975-1976.

The Bockus International Society of Gastroenterology's Berk Memorial lecturer was established in his honor due to his broad contribution to the field of gastroenterology and to the Bockus society throughout his entire life.



EDWARD BERK MEMORIAL LECTURER: PROF. KENNETH E.L. MCCOLL MD,FRCP, F.MED.SCI, FRSE

Professor McColl obtained his Medical Degree from the University of Glasgow in 1974 and then undertook training in both General Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology. In 1980, he was awarded a Medical Research Council Travelling Fellowship and spent one year in the University of California, San Francisco. In 1984 he was appointed Consultant Physician in Gastroenterology in the Western Infirmary, Glasgow and in 1992 he was appointed Professor of Gastroenterology in the University of Glasgow. Professor McColl has led an active research group focusing on the etiology and pathophysiology of upper gastrointestinal disease. Professor McColl's contribution to medicine and science has been recognized by being elected a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh

