



# AMMI Canada – CACMID

Annual Conference | Conférence annuelle  
May 3-6 mai | Sheraton Centre Toronto

Awards News Release

## **AMMI Canada Recognizes Physicians' Achievements and Contributions at the Annual National Awards Ceremony**

**May 4, 2017 – Toronto** – The Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease (AMMI) Canada is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2016-2017 AMMI Canada Merit Awards.

**Dr. Allison J. McGeer** of Toronto, Ontario is the recipient of the AMMI Canada Lifetime Achievement Award, in recognition of her outstanding and distinguished career. Dr. McGeer has served as the Director of the Division of Infection Control at Mount Sinai Hospital since 1990. Throughout her career, she has played a key role in the investigation of antimicrobial resistance across Canada, as well as in the research and control of emerging infectious diseases both nationally and internationally. Dr. McGeer was the co-founder, and is currently the coordinating investigator, of the Toronto Invasive Bacterial Disease Network (TIBDN) which conducts population-based surveillance for bacterial and viral diseases causing hospitalization. She also serves as a leading advisor in the WHO investigation of MERS-CoV, among other advisory roles. Her current research is focused on improving the protection of older adults and hospitalized patients from antimicrobial resistant organisms and viral respiratory infections, as well as using surveillance to support research into the evolution of pathogens and improvements in diagnosis and management of serious infections.

**Dr. A. Mark Joffe** of Edmonton, Alberta is the recipient of the AMMI Canada Distinguished Service Award for his longstanding professional achievements and dedicated service to AMMI Canada. Dr. Joffe has been instrumental to the growth, development, promotion, and overall success of AMMI Canada. His formal contributions are numerous and include his participation and work with the Canadian Infectious Disease Society (CIDS) prior to the formation of AMMI Canada. He served as the Scientific Planning Committee chair in 2004, and played an integral role in developing the relationship and subsequent agreement between AMMI Canada and Canadian Association for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (CACMID) to create the conjoint conference that has been taking place since 2005. Dr. Joffe served as the AMMI Canada Program Planning Committee Chair and Annual Conference Scientific Planning Committee Co-Chair from 2005-2012. Thereafter he assumed the position of AMMI President Elect (2010-2012), AMMI Canada President (2012-2014), and AMMI Canada Past-President (2014-2016).

The Awards will be presented at a ceremony on May 4 beginning at 5:00 pm at the Sheraton Centre Toronto.

AMMI Canada ([www.ammi.ca](http://www.ammi.ca)) is the national association representing physicians and researchers specialising in medical microbiology and infectious diseases. The association strives to improve the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of infections through education, research and advocacy.

For more information:

Alvin Cader  
Communications Coordinator  
613 862 5119