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Awards News Release

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

**March 28 2016 – Vancouver** – The Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease (AMMI) Canada is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2015-2016 AMMI Canada Awards.

**Dr. Mark Wainberg** of Montreal, Quebec is the recipient of the AMMI Canada Lifetime Achievement Award, in recognition of his outstanding and distinguished career. Dr. Wainberg played a lead role in the discovery and development of lamivudine (3TC), as an anti-retroviral drug, now one of the most widely used medications for the treatment of HIV. While President of the International AIDS Society, he brought unprecedented international attention to the lack of access to anti-HIV drugs in developing countries. His research and leadership on AIDS and HIV contributed to saving millions of lives around the world. Most recently, Dr Wainberg has turned his attention to achieving a cure for HIV infection.

**Dr. Fred Y Aoki** of Winnipeg, Manitoba is the recipient of the AMMI Canada Distinguished Service Award for his long-term professional achievements and dedicated service to AMMI Canada. Since 1988, Dr Aoki has been a Professor in the Departments of Medicine, Medical Microbiology and Pharmacology and Therapeutics at the University of Manitoba. He has contributed to AMMI Canada and its predecessor, the Canadian Infectious Disease Society (CIDS) for 20 years, is active on the Guidelines Committee and served as a former Associate Editor of the Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases. During his career, he has played a leading role in clinical trials and guideline development for influenzal and herpes infections.

The Awards will be presented at a ceremony on March 31 beginning at 5:00 pm at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre.

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.

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