



Canadian Association for Clinical
Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

*Association canadienne de microbiologie
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Backgrounder

The Canadian Association for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (CACMID) is an umbrella organization with representation from professional associations involved in all aspects of microbiology. The roots of CACMID go back to 1932. At that time, the Laboratory Section of the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) was becoming quite active and a decision was made to hold a separate Conjoint Meeting, hosting participants from public health, bacteriology, chemistry and pathology. These meetings continued over the decades. CACMID, as it is presently known, was incorporated in 1980.

The mission of CACMID is (i) to promote and enhance the cooperation and voice of all professionals working in all aspects of microbiology, (ii) to promote education, research and interchange of ideas within the professional body, and (iii) to promote the development of standards and guidelines in the future of clinical microbiology.

The primary activity to achieve the CACMID mission is to organize an annual meeting, which is designed to address the needs of health care professionals specialized in the areas of infection control, clinical microbiology and infectious diseases.

CACMID has been holding its annual meeting conjointly with AMMI Canada since 2005. The 2007 AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual conference will be CACMID's 75th meeting. The program includes symposia, plenary sessions and presentations in either short oral format or in poster format. Social events and award presentations are also part of the annual meeting.

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