

Where Canada's experts in clinical microbiology and infectious diseases meet
point de rencontre des experts canadiens en microbiologie médicale et infectiologie



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BACKGROUND

The AMMI Canada – CACMID 2007 Annual Conference
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The Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease Canada (AMMI Canada) in partnership with the Canadian Association for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (CACMID) will host the AMMI Canada – CACMID 2007 Annual Conference at the World Trade and Convention Centre and the Delta Barrington and Delta Halifax hotels, in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

From March 14 to 18, the conference is estimated to host over 500 participants including physicians, scientists, health care providers, exhibitors, journalists, and non-governmental representatives, to participate in the largest educational forum of its kind in Canada.

This year's conference promises to be as insightful as it has been in previous years. The four-day program brings together an interesting mix of interactive workshops, plenary sessions, oral and poster presentations, keynote lectures, symposia and the ever-popular Clinical and Microbiological Vignettes.

The program will offer delegates a strong roster of speakers and presentations reflecting topics of great interest and importance to the fields of infectious diseases and medical microbiology such as what's new with vaccines, pathogenesis, successes and challenges in 25 years of HIV, information technology and the world of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases. The 2007 educational forum will address:

- New findings from basic microbiology research related to human disease;
- Updates for medical professionals on diagnostics and therapeutics;
- the most recent trends in prevention and control of infections;
- new findings on pathogenesis and epidemiology of established and newly-recognized microbes; and
- analysis of the increased resistance of pathogens to diverse therapeutics.

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An awards presentation ceremony will be held at the conference to recognize the best student research from all levels as well as to recognize those individuals who have made a significant contribution in the fields of medical microbiology and infectious diseases.

The program will be complemented by social events, many affiliates' meetings in addition to the popular Exhibitors' Hall, an industry-focused exhibition featuring 50 exhibitors, displaying the latest in technology and research in the fields of medical microbiology, infectious disease, pharmaceuticals and diagnostics.

In 2005, members of both organizations - AMMI Canada and CACMID - identified the need for a joint educational event as a way of bringing together the expertise and resources of Canadian leaders in microbiology and infectious disease in one outstanding meeting. Since then, this highly regarded Conference continues to attract more delegates to become 'Where Canada's experts in Clinical Microbiology and infectious diseases meet'. The meeting is also an approved Accredited Group Learning Activity as defined by the Maintenance of Certification program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

About AMMI Canada

The Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease (AMMI) Canada is the national association that represents physicians and researchers specializing in the fields of medical microbiology and infectious diseases.

Through research, education, and partnerships with other associations, AMMI Canada strives to protect people from existing and emerging infectious diseases and to provide treatment for those who are affected. For more information, visit www.ammi.ca

About CACMID

The Canadian Association for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (CACMID) is a national association composed of physicians, researchers, technologists and students primarily focused on laboratory aspects of clinical microbiology and infectious diseases. Their goals are to enhance scientific exchange within the association, promote education and research, and support clinical microbiology standards and practices. For more information, visit www.cacmid.ca

For more information about the AMMI Canada - CACMID Annual Conference 2007, go to www.ammi.ca/annual_conference.

The plenary sessions are open to the media. To attend the conference or to request an interview, please contact:

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