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AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference Hosts an Empowering Gathering to Discuss Issues in Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology

March 14, 2007 - Halifax – Today, the AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference kicks off with leading Canadian and American scientists gathered at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia to address important topics in medical microbiology and infectious diseases.

A forum to foster collaboration and share current information and practices among leading experts in infectious diseases, the annual conference is hosted by the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease (AMMI) Canada and the Canadian Association for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (CACMID).

From March 14 to 18, 2007, national and international speakers will provide updates on the latest public health issues. The scientific program focuses on topics ranging from life deep inside the bacterial cell to new information technology tools, future challenges of HIV and vaccination against infectious diseases.

“Promoting the diagnostic, the prevention and the treatment of infections is our primary mission. It’s a fact that the prevalence and societal cost of infectious diseases are far more important than any other disease we are facing nowadays,” said Dr. Michel Laverdière, AMMI Canada President and Central Planning Committee Co-Chair. “The organizers of our annual conference strive every year to bring together a program that reflects some of the most pressing topics in the fields of infectious diseases and clinical microbiology.”

"This conference is an excellent venue for Canadian physicians, scientists, laboratorians and trainees involved in all aspects of medical microbiology and infectious diseases to exchange scientific ideas, learn from their peers and explore new ways to translate their research into good clinical practice", commented Dr. Graham Tipples, CACMID President, and Central Planning Committee Co-Chair.

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The scientific program will be complemented by oral and poster presentations, mini-symposia and clinical vignettes sessions. The popular Exhibitors' Hall will feature 50 exhibitors, displaying the latest in technology and research in the fields of medical microbiology, infectious disease, pharmaceuticals and diagnostics.

This year's special lecture focuses on the fascinating and dramatic stories behind Lawlor's island during a period when the knowledge on infectious diseases and clinical microbiology were so limited. Dr. Ian Cameron will present: *Halifax and the Lawlor's Island Quarantine Station 1866-1938: Politics, Personalities and Protecting the Public.*

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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