

AMMI Canada Mission Statement And Aims and Goals for the CME/CPD Program

AMMI Canada seeks to promote excellence in the design and development of programs that serve the continuing educational needs of its members: infectious disease physicians, microbiologists and other health professionals involved in the broad field of infectious diseases.

1) To provide continuing education in the form of an Annual Conference. The conference is designed to address the educational needs of health care professional specializing in the areas of medical microbiology and infectious diseases, infection prevention and control, public health, and food and environmental microbiology. The program includes symposia, plenary sessions and presentations. Presentations will either be in short oral format or poster format. This conference will provide opportunities to network and share current information, as well as present innovative scientific research with practical applications for contemporary issues. The annual conference offers an education forum, which address:

- new findings from basic research in microbiology as it relates to human disease,
- updates for medical professionals on diagnosis and therapeutics of infectious diseases,
- recent advances in infection prevention and control,
- new findings on the epidemiology and pathogenesis of established and newly recognized microbes,
- analysis of antimicrobial resistance patterns to diverse therapeutics,
- updates in environmental and food microbiology
- new developments in public health
- QA/QM – quality assurance/management as related to the structure, process and optimal outcome in the fields of research, diagnosis and patient management.

Specific objectives will be developed for each scientific session and will be presented in the scientific program. Formal evaluations of each session by attendees will be solicited, including an evaluation of the effectiveness of each session and speaker, and of the relevance of the objectives and topics to the professional development needs of the attendee. Suggestions for future topics of interest will be solicited. The planning and development of future meetings will be guided by the results of these evaluations.

2) To provide educational materials for, and to encourage dissemination of research and clinical findings pertinent to Canadian practitioners in infectious diseases and microbiology in the form of the publication of the “Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology (CJIDMM)”, the official journal of the association.

3) To take the initiative in organizing workshops required for the enhancement of education related to infectious diseases and microbiology for medical students, residents, fellows and practicing specialists in the field, as well as for other health care providers.

- 4) To provide guidance to practitioners in the field of clinical infectious diseases and medical microbiology by developing and publishing clinical and diagnostic guidelines through the AMMI Canada Guidelines Committee.
 - 5) To support the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and to provide members with information on how to optimize CPD activities according to the model provided by the RCPSC. To provide feed back, in the form of aggregate data, to members on the CPD activity of their sub-specialty.
 - 6) To advise Canadian continuing education providers in infectious diseases and microbiology on appropriate needs assessments of infectious disease physicians and medical microbiologists, program content and evaluation.
 - 7) To survey the membership, from time to time, for their level of satisfaction with CPD activities of the association and to solicit opinions on future directions and strategic goals of the CPD program.
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