



# AMMI Canada

Association of Medical Microbiology  
and Infectious Disease Canada

Association pour la microbiologie  
médicale et l'infectiologie Canada



## 2006 Annual Report

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# President's Report

*Michel Laverdière, MD*

In the next pages, you will read reports provided by the various committees of AMMI Canada. You will notice that the association has maintained a high level of activities during the last year. The objectives which we have set for ourselves as an association committed to preventing and treating infections have continued to be achieved. Thanks to our communications, to our educational activities, to our partnerships in the activities of other associations and to our involvement in research projects supported by our foundation or in collaboration with the Institute of Infection and Immunity-CIHR, the profile of AMMI Canada and its members continues to increase.

However, we are aware that many Canadian experts in infectious diseases and medical microbiology are not currently part of our association. We continue our efforts to recruit them through our secretariat. We believe that a direct approach to recruit colleagues is much more rewarding than any other type of recruitment. I thus incite you to help as soon as the opportunity arises.

Infectious diseases have great impact on the life of Canadians and it is becoming increasingly alarming. For us, members of the association which embodies the largest membership of Canadian experts in infectious diseases and medical microbiology, this situation represents an opportunity and a challenge at the same time. It rests with us to communicate important issues in infectious diseases to the medical community, the general public and the health policy decision makers. But we must remain vigilant.

The prevalence of infectious diseases in our communities and abroad creates interests among several Canadian organizations and associations in various aspects related to infectious diseases. We ought to offer our collaboration to these associations and organizations and encourage their projects; however our status as Canada's experts in infectious diseases and medical microbiology must be recognized and maintained in the present and the future.

The executive of AMMI Canada has always worked towards communicating and exchanging knowledge between members and health decision makers to facilitate advancing our mission. Therefore, I encourage you to share your ideas and suggestions with us, in writing or verbally. These will always be appreciated. I wish you an excellent annual conference in Halifax.

Vous constaterez, à la lecture des compte-rendus d'activités des différents comités de l'Association contenus dans ce rapport annuel, que l'AMMI Canada a maintenu au cours de la dernière année un niveau d'activité élevé. Les objectifs que nous sommes fixés comme Association de prévenir, de diagnostiquer et de traiter les infections de façon optimale ont continué d'être atteints. Grâce à nos communications, à nos activités d'éducation, à nos participations en partenariat aux activités des autres associations et aux jumelages à des projets de recherches supportés par notre propre fondation ou à l'occasion en collaboration avec l'Institut des maladies infectieuses et immunitaires des IRSC, le profil de l'AMMI Canada et de ses membres continue d'augmenter.

Nous sommes cependant conscients que plusieurs spécialistes canadiens en infectiologie et en microbiologie médicale ne font pas partie actuellement de notre association. Nous continuons de les solliciter par la voie officielle de notre secrétariat. Cependant une sollicitation directe par une connaissance proche est en général beaucoup plus fructueuse que tout autre type de sollicitation. Je vous incite donc à le faire dès que vous en avez l'occasion.

Les maladies infectieuses occupent une place importante dans la vie des canadiens et elle devient de plus en plus préoccupante. Pour nous, membres de l'Association qui regroupe le plus grand nombre d'experts canadiens en infectiologie et en microbiologie médicale, ceci représente à la fois une opportunité et un défi. Il nous appartient d'éduquer la communauté médicale, et la population en général de même que de conseiller les décideurs des politiques de santé sur les maladies infectieuses. Mais nous devons aussi demeurer vigilants. De nos jours, l'importance des maladies infectieuses dans nos communautés et à l'étranger amène plusieurs organisations et associations canadiennes à s'intéresser à différents aspects reliés aux maladies infectieuses. Nous devons offrir notre collaboration aux projets de ces associations et organisations; mais il est primordial que notre position d'experts canadiens en infectiologie et en microbiologie médicale soit reconnue et maintenue dans le présent et dans l'avenir.

L'exécutif de l'AMMI a toujours souhaité une Association où les échanges entre les membres et les dirigeants soient bi-directionnels. Je vous invite donc à ne pas hésiter à nous faire part de vos idées et de vos suggestions. Que ce soit par écrit ou de vive voix, vos commentaires sont toujours les bienvenus. Je vous souhaite une excellente conférence annuelle à Halifax.

# Council and Committees

<b>President:</b>	Michel Laverdière
<b>President Elect:</b>	Gerald Evans
<b>Past President:</b>	Susan Richardson
<b>Secretary:</b>	Joanne Langley
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Baldwin Toyé
<b>Medical Microbiology Section Head:</b>	Diane Roscoe
<b>Infectious Diseases Section Head:</b>	Geoffrey Taylor
<b>Councillors:</b>	Magdalena Kuhn Lynora Saxinger Stephen Sanche Guy Boivin Dale Purych Karam Ramotar

## Nomination Committee:

<b>Chair:</b>	Susan Richardson
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## Other Committees:

<b>Canadian Hospital Epidemiology:</b>	Elizabeth Bryce Andrew Simor
<b>Public Relations and Communications:</b>	Michel Laverdière
<b>Associate Members:</b>	Julie Carson
<b>Education:</b>	Anita Rachlis Gary Victor
<b>Finance:</b>	Baldwin Toyé
<b>Grants and Awards:</b>	Marcellus Behr
<b>Guidelines:</b>	Gerald Evans
<b>Program Planning:</b>	Mark Joffe

## Liaison representatives:

**The Royal College  
of Physicians and  
Surgeons of Canada  
Specialty Committee  
(Infectious Diseases):** Lynn Johnston

**The Royal College  
of Physicians  
and Surgeons of  
Canada Specialty  
Committee (Medical  
Microbiology):** Fiona Smail

## Secretariat:

<b>Executive Director:</b>	Richard McCoy
<b>Communications Manager:</b>	Grace Elasmr
<b>Office Manager:</b>	Riccarda Galioto
<b>Administrative Assistant/ Membership:</b>	Kimberley Wannamaker

## Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases

<b>President:</b>	Raphael Saginur
<b>Executive Director:</b>	Richard McCoy
<b>Director of Development:</b>	Melissa Coleman
<b>Administrator:</b>	Marlene Harris

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# Secretary's Report

*Joanne Langley, MD FRCPC*

At the end of the calendar year we are delighted to report that AMMI Canada membership is growing, with a total of 526 members from diverse fields in microbiology and infectious diseases. There are 426 active members, 58 post-graduate trainees (Associate members), 32 retired/Emeritus members and 12 sustaining members. We greatly appreciate the efforts of members to encourage colleagues in the field to join AMMI Canada, and the work of the Program Directors in bringing our organization to the attention of trainees. We were saddened to lose two AMMI Canada colleagues who passed away this year, Drs. Erica Critchon and Aaron Lee. New members are listed. Welcome!

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# Treasurer's Report

*Baldwin Toye, MD FRCPC*

As recommended by our new auditor, the format and content of the financial statements have been modified from previous years. It now includes the revenue and expenses associated with our Annual Conference. Some of the financial reserves that have been built up from previous years' activities have been used to offset the difference between 2006 revenues and expenses. Revenues from membership dues were higher as a result of receiving dues owing from previous years. The major source of funds for the activities of AMMI Canada, however, continues to be dependent on the financial success of our Conference. Although the 2006 Conference was successful financially, there was a 33% decrease in net funds compared to previous years due to higher conference expenses. Overall expenses increased due to activities administered through the Secretariat as well as one-time expenses associated with the move of the Secretariat to its new office location. Salary support of CFID's Director of Development and support of the Foundation's increased activities has continued. Strategies to reduce conference and overall expenses are being developed and should improve our financial situation for 2007.

# Membership report

*Riccarda Galioto, Office Manager*

## New Members

### Active (14)

Al-Badri, Emad	Toronto, ON	Karnauchow, Timothy	Ottawa, ON
Castillo, Eliana	Vancouver, BC	Longtin, Yves	Ste. Foy, QC
Cayouette, Maryse	Joliette, QC	Manges, Ameer	Montréal, QC
Chijide, Valda	Regina, SK	Pépin, Jacques	Montréal, QC
Coombes, Brian	Hamilton, ON	Sheppard, Don	Montréal, QC
Deeks, Shelley	Toronto, ON	Shoukry, Naglaa	Montréal, QC
Fox, Julie	Calgary, AB	Waters, Valerie	Toronto, ON

### Associate (25)

Al Odayani,		Minion, Jessica	Edmonton, AB
Abdul Rahman	Toronto, ON	Oughton, Matthew	Montréal, QC
Aubert, Daniel	London, ON	Pillai, Dylan	San Francisco, CAL
Boyington, Curtiss	Edmonton, AB	Prystajecy, Natalie	Vancouver, BC
Chan, Adrienne	North York, ON	Reynolds, Steven	North Vancouver, BC
Ciccotelli, William	Hamilton, ON	Riberdy St-Pierre,	
Cooper, Ryan	Edmonton, AB	Catherine	Verdun, QC
Goldfarb, David	Ottawa, ON	Skinner, Stuart	Winnipeg, MB
Grant, Jennifer	Montréal, QC	Srigley, Jocelyn	Hamilton, ON
Haleis, Ahmed	Winnipeg, MB	Su, Shih (Hann)	Montréal, QC
Imperial, Miguel	Vancouver, BC	Szakacs, Tom	Ottawa, ON
Lee, Todd	Toronto, ON	Tan, Darrell	Toronto, ON
Lu, Jun	Edmonton, AB	Xiong, Jianhui	Ste-Foy QC
Mak, Anton	Kirkland, QC		

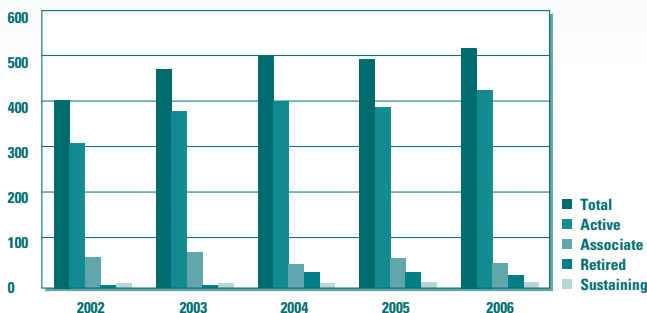
## Deceased Members (2)

Erica Critchon  
Aaron Lee

## 2006 Membership Details

	Active	Associate	Emeritus/Retired	Deceased	Sustaining	Total
2003	390	78	4	-1	11	482
2004	413	54	34	0	11	512
2005	397	63	34	0	12	506
2006	426	58	32	-2	12	526

AMMI membership by category  
2002-2006





# Committee Reports

## Canadian Hospital Epidemiology Committee (CHEC)

Elizabeth Bryce, MD FRCPC and Andrew Simor, MD FRCPC

CHEC/CNISP surveillance has been ongoing for:

- MRSA (including CA-MRSA)
- CSF Shunt-Associated Infections
- VRE
- Severe Febrile Respiratory Infections
- Cardiac Surgical Site Infections

1. There was a 6-month surveillance period for Clostridium Difficile-associated Diarrhea.
2. A CPSI study proposal was funded and surveillance is currently underway for central venous catheter-associated bloodstream infections, to determine incidence and risk factors.
3. The CHEC/CNISP/AMMI Canada/CHICA-Canada Position Statement on Public Reporting was posted on the AMMI Canada website at [www.ammi.ca](http://www.ammi.ca)

### Papers Published:

Ofner-Agostini M, Simor AE, Mulvey M, et al. *Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus in Canadian aboriginal people*. Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol 2006;27:204-7.

### Abstracts presented:

Miller M, Gravel D, Mulvey M, et al. *Surveillance for nosocomial Clostridium difficile-associated diarrhea in Canadian hospitals*. SHEA, Chicago, IL, March 2006.

Miller M, Gravel D, Mulvey M, et al. *Presence of a highly virulent clone of Clostridium difficile among Canadian hospitals: strain characterization and correlation with severe disease*. SHEA, Chicago, IL, March 2006.

Ofner-Agostini M, Mulvey M, Simor AE, et al. *Outcomes, predictors, and laboratory analysis of patients harboring extended-spectrum  $\beta$ -lactamase (ESBL) or AmpC resistant organisms in Canadian hospitals*. SHEA, Chicago, IL, March 2006.

Ofner-Agostini M, Simor AE, McGeer A, et al. *Outcomes and predictors of in hospital mortality associated with invasive methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infection*. SHEA, Chicago, IL, March 2006.

Campbell J, Spreitzer JD, Mulvey M, et al. *Emergence of four new epidemic strains of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus in Canada*. 1st Annual Public Health Agency of Canada Research Forum, Winnipeg, Man., March, 2006.

Boroumandi S, Chung KM, Simor AE, et al. *Characterization of mupirocin-resistant methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus strains isolated in Canada*. ASM, Orlando, FL, May, 2006.

Stegenga J, Johnston L, Stuart T, et al. *A survey of central venous catheter insertion practices in hospitals participating in the Canadian nosocomial infection surveillance program*. IDSA, Toronto, ON, Oct., 2006.

Suh KN, Gravel D, Moore DL, et al. *Risk factors for complications of febrile respiratory infections in hospitalized Canadian children*. IDSA, Toronto, ON, Oct., 2006.

### The following manuscripts have been submitted for publication and are currently under review:

Tracz DM, Boyd DA, Hizon R, et al. *AmpC gene expression in promoter mutants of cefoxitin resistant Escherichia coli clinical isolates*. (J Antimicrob Chemother)

Gravel D, Matlow A, Ofner-Agostini M, et al. *A point-prevalence survey of healthcare-associated infections in pediatric populations in major Canadian hospitals*. (J Pediatrics)

Ofner-Agostini M, Varia M, Johnston L, et al. *Infection control and antimicrobial restriction practices for antimicrobial resistant organisms in Canadian tertiary care hospitals*. (Am J Infect Control)



## Guidelines Committee

*Gerald Evans, MD FRCPC*

The Guidelines committee contributed to the development of an array of guidelines. Following are the guidelines published since the last annual report:

LE Nicolle and AMMI Canada Guidelines Committee ***Complicated urinary tract infection in adults*** Can J Infect Dis Med Micro 2005; 16: 349-360

UD Allen, FY Aoki, HG Stiver and AMMI Canada Guidelines Committee ***The Use of Antiviral Drugs for Influenza*** Can J Infect Dis Med Micro, in press.

The Influenza guideline is a joint effort with the Canadian Pediatric Society and will be published simultaneously in Paediatrics & Child Health.

M Barton, M Hawkes (Co-Principal Authors) D Moore et al ***Guidelines For The Prevention And Management Of Community-Associated Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (CA-MRSA): A Perspective For Canadian Health Care Practitioners*** Can J Infect Dis Med Micro, in press.

The CA-MRSA guidelines are a joint effort with CCAR and the Canadian Pediatric Society.

A number of guidelines are currently in development. These will be subject to committee review and the AMMI Canada guidelines process.

Hospital-acquired pneumonia  
Guidelines for Screening Immigrants  
and Refugees  
Chronic Rhinosinusitis  
Revised Canadian CAP Guidelines  
HPV Guidelines  
Candidiasis Guidelines  
Skin and Soft Tissue Infection Guidelines  
Intra-Abdominal Infection Guidelines

### **Leads:**

C. Rotstein, G. Evans  
  
C. Greenaway  
M. Desrosiers  
L. Mandell  
SOGC and G. Evans  
C. Rotstein, M. Laverdière, E. Bow  
J. Embil, G. Evans  
A. Nathans, G. Evans

## Grants and Awards Committee

*Marcellus Behr, MD FRCPC*

The Committee has met by conference call on February 23, 2006 to discuss the ranking of award applicants. Other discussions were held by email to discuss individual cases. Generally, a very good consensus of rankings by the committee members has been reported, despite the different training and research backgrounds.

Winners of awards during 2005-2006 competitions were:

Janssen Ortho Studentship	Tasleem Rajan
Janssen Ortho Studentship	Scott Sugden
Strep Research Fellowship	Stephanie Smith
Bayer Young Investigator	Peter Daley
AMMI Canada Distinguished Service	Coleman Rotstein
Juan Embil Award	Duncan Webster
Bayer/CIHR Fellowship	Matthew Oughton

The Committee has recently communicated by email regarding future funding opportunities. Specifically, the committee had long maintained a consistent stance that the funding agency, generally pharmaceutical, would not direct the specific field of research to be undertaken. As a result, the only 'restrictive award' in place at present has been the Safe Drinking Award due to the conditions stipulated in this fund. This year, the committee developed with the Director of Development a plan to solicit applicants for the Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases (CFID) / Surviving Strep – Strategies for LIFE Streptococcal research Award, for which Stephanie Smith was selected.

More recently, there has been further discussion about the opportunities and potential risks of partnership with CIHR in joint efforts. In the last year, a number of opportunities were identified where AMMI Canada/CFID could contribute funds towards a CIHR-matching program, such as the Small Health Organizations Partnership Program (SHOPP) Award (<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/31198.html>). Further discussion will be held on whether participation in such partnerships represents an opportunity to extend our funding, through CIHR matching, or rather might represent a risk of depletion of AMMI Canada / CFID funds, through programs whose scope and evaluation are beyond our control.

## Program Planning Committee

*Mark Joffe, MD FRCPC*

The 2006 Annual Meeting of AMMI CANADA and CACMID was held March 16-19, 2006 in Victoria, B.C. This was the second combined meeting of AMMI Canada and CACMID.

Plenary Sessions at the 2006 Annual Meeting included: Re-emerging Dimorphic Fungal Infections in Canada, Influenza, Sexually Transmitted Infections and a full day plenary, co-sponsored by CIHR, entitled Desperate Therapies and the Amazing Race for Antimicrobial Alternatives. The meeting was rounded out by 3 pre-meeting workshops (including Trainees' Day), 4 Industry-sponsored Mini-Symposia, 15 oral abstract sessions and 2 Poster sessions.

### Highlights for 2006

1. Growth in registration with 376 individuals registered for the meeting and an additional 150 registered to work in the exhibit booths
2. 44 trainees attended Trainees Day
3. 36 student posters were submitted and 5 awards were presented
4. Proceedings of the Alternatives to Antibiotics plenary will be published in the Oct/Nov issue of the Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology (CJIDMM)

Feverish planning is underway for the next annual meeting to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, March 14-18, 2007. An agreement has been reached to have combined meetings with CACMID through 2009. Planned plenary sessions for the upcoming annual meeting include: Microbial Pathogenesis; Health Information Technology – Applications for I.D. and Med. Micro.; HIV; and, Update in Vaccines.

### Perceived Challenges for 2007

1. Planning has been delayed and slow but is now nearly complete.
2. Some members have reported disappointment that the meeting will conflict with the Spring Break. Scheduling was a major challenge and avoidance of all Spring Breaks nearly impossible.
3. A decision was made by Council to eliminate the Educational Grant previously awarded to those attending the meeting to help defray costs (excluding Trainees).
4. A downward trend in sponsorship for this meeting is concerning. Funding by large pharmaceutical companies, in particular, appears to be diminishing. An attempt to solicit increased sponsorship from diagnostic companies by offering the opportunity to plan workshops has been met with resistance.

# Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Specialty Committee in Medical Microbiology

*Fiona Smail, MD FRCPC*

The present members of the Nucleus committee are:

Dr Fiona Smail (Chair)

Dr Claire Beliveau

Dr Patrick Doyle

Dr Magdalena Kuhn

Dr Marie Louie (replacing Dr Godfrey Harding)

Dr Lynn Johnson (ex-officio)

Dr Debbie Yamamura

Dr Diane Roscoe (ex-officio)

An important responsibility of the Nucleus Committee is to provide specific input to the Committee on Specialties regarding the accreditation of individual programs. The committee's comments and questions on the pre-survey documentation are provided to the Royal College survey team who incorporate them in their report and the committee is asked to provide their recommendation on the surveyor's final report. Currently there are 10 approved programs, one program with provisional approval status and one inactive program.

## Credential Issues and Accreditation

There have been no changes to the Specific Standards of Accreditation for residency programs in Medical Microbiology (revised 2004) and to the Objectives of Training and Specialty Training Requirements in Medical Microbiology (final version 2005). The Royal College has updated its General Standards of Accreditation (available on their website) effective June 2006. The most important change is the careful use of the words "must" and "should": "must" indicates that meeting the standard is absolutely necessary and now applies to all of the CANMEDS competencies.

## Examinations and FITER

2007 Medical Microbiology Examination Board:

Dr Diane Roscoe continues in the role of Chair of the Examination Board for 2007. The 2006 examination was held in Hamilton and in 2007 will be held in Ottawa, with the administrative aspects of the examination managed by the Royal College Examination Centre and the practical hosted by Dr Baldwin Toye at the Ottawa General Hospital. A workshop of the examination board was hosted by the Royal College in December 2006 to assist in question writing, as well to address the assessment of specific CANMEDS competencies within the examination framework.

An up-to-date FITER based on the approved Objectives of Training has been approved. The approved FITER contains a tick box indicating that a structured assessment of clinical skills has taken place. Although many programs have had this requirement informally in place, the Specialty Committee has agreed that this is now an absolute pre-requisite and, for those trainees entering Medical Microbiology who are not certified in pediatrics or internal medicine, a structured clinical assessment must be completed.

### Working Group in Laboratory Medicine

The Committee on Specialties continues to pursue its Core Competency Project and is working on defining a future training structure for laboratory medicine disciplines in Canada. The Working Group in Laboratory Medicine has continued to meet but few areas of consensus have yet been reached. There is interest in exploring areas of common training and competencies with Infectious Diseases and discussions on how these could be incorporated into any new training structure are ongoing.

# Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Specialty Committee in Infectious Diseases

*Lynn B. Johnston, MD FRCPC*

Since the Specialty Committee's last submission to the Annual Report, Dr. Upton Allen's term has ended and I replaced him in October 2006 as the new Chair. Three new members have been added to the Nucleus Committee. They are Drs. Wayne Ghesquiere (Region 1), Andrew Morris (Region 3), and Todd Hatchette (Region 5) who join continuing members Drs. Kurt Williams (Region 2) and Jane MacDonald (Region 4). Dr. Fiona Smail (Chair, Specialty Committee in Medical Microbiology) and Dr. Christian Sinave (Chair, Examination Board) are ex-officio members of the Nucleus Committee. The Specialty Committee (51.9% of members) met during the AMMI Canada-CACMID meeting in March 2006 and will meet in Halifax in March 2007.

## **Credential Issues and Accreditation**

Two programs (one each adult and pediatric) were reviewed in 2006 and four (two each adult and pediatric) will be surveyed in 2007. As of September 2006 there were 16 programs on Full Approval (10 Adult and 6 Pediatric), 2 Inactive Programs (1 Adult and 1 Pediatric), 2 Pediatric Programs on reactivated and no Programs with Provisional Approval or Notice of Intent to Withdraw. In 2005 the average response rate from the Nucleus Committee to the pre-survey questionnaires was 68% for the Adult Programs and 18% for the Pediatric Programs and in 2006 it was 75% for both Adult and Pediatric Programs.

Essentially all of our specialty specific documents (Specific Standards of Accreditation for Residency Programs, Objectives of Training, Specialty Training Requirements, and the FITER) need updating. This will be a major project for the Specialty Committee in the year ahead. Hopefully this will provide a stimulus for the Specialty Committee to share rotation specific objectives and FITERS that have been developed for the various Programs and lead to the development of a generic document that can be used by all.

## **Examination Board**

Drs. Christian Sinave and Nicole Le Saux have graciously agreed to continue as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, of the Examination Board in Infectious Diseases. New members named to the Examination Board are Drs. Andrew Johnson, Caroline Quach, and Tim Mailman who join Drs. John Embil, Wayne Gold, Christine Lee, Michael Libman, Anne McCarthy, Neil Rau, Annie Ruest, Valerie Sales, Satchan Takaya, Sarah Forgie, Jane MacDonald, Joan Robinson, and Bob Slinger. The examination continues in the format of two three-hour papers of short-answer questions. The College is considering having the ID examiners meet in Ottawa to score the papers together.

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## Royal College Core Competency Project

The College continues to pursue this initiative (see previous Annual Report for details). Phase One (2005-2007) was to be information gathering with surveys of medical students, residents, medical educators and other stakeholders to identify the problems that exist in postgraduate medical education and potential solutions. As part of the process, I have been asked to submit, on behalf of the Specialty Committee, a commentary paper on the Core Competency Program. Related to the Core Competency exploration is the College's interest in finding alternative routes of entry for Medical Microbiology. To that end, Dr. Smaill and I have been invited by the College to open with them a dialogue to discuss the possibility of developing a future for the two disciplines that will be mutually beneficial". We will keep AMMI Canada members informed of developments through Council.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge with much gratitude Dr. Allen's hard work on the Specialty Committee over the last several years. I also want to thank those who volunteer to serve on the Nucleus Committee and Examination Board. I invite other Royal College members of our specialty who wish to serve on either the Examination Board or Nucleus Committee to contact me, so they may be considered for appointment as vacancies arise.

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## Nominations Committee

*Susan Richardson, MD, FRCPC*

The 2006 Nominations Committee was comprised of the Past-President as Chair (Dr. Susan Richardson), in addition to two Active Members-at-large of the association (Dr. Karam Ramotar, Dr. Margaret Fearon). The committee considered potential officers for the available positions on AMMI Canada Council, respecting the by-law requirement to have two councillors from each standing section (i.e. Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology) of the total 6 councillors. In addition, a distribution of officers representing different geographical areas of the country, genders, paediatric and adult specialists and members with diverse areas of specialization within Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology were sought. The committee created a slate of officers that was sent to the secretariat and then circulated to the general membership, with an option for submission of additional nominations from the membership, to be received by the Secretariat by January 15, 2007.

The final slate of officers will be presented at the 2007 Annual General Meeting in March.

# Communications and Public Relations Committee

*Michel Laverdière, MD*

The Communications and Public Relations committee was created in 2005 in Ottawa with a clear objective in mind - to raise the association's and the foundation's profile through branding and increase visibility by becoming a key media source for medical microbiology and infectious diseases issues.

After its inception, the committee presented a communications plan which identified the priorities and targeted the communication gaps of AMMI Canada and CFID. However, due to staffing changes, the implementation of the plan experienced a significant delay. In June 2006, AMMI Canada Secretariat hired a new communications manager, Grace Elasmir. The committee is hoping to move steadily on the communications front to ensure AMMI Canada and CFID achieve their set goals.

## Activities of the Communications and PR committee

### 1. External communications

#### a. Brand establishment

- i. Adoption of a common tagline for AMMI Canada & CFID. As a definition, the tagline which usually is a few words will help the public and the members conceptualize and immediately recognize AMMI Canada.

#### **Preventing and treating infectious diseases** ***Prévenir et traiter les infections***

- ii. Signature for AMMI Canada & CFID. The signature is a few sentences which encapsulates AMMI Canada and CFID, and explains who they are and what they do.

#### **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](http://www.ammi.ca)

*L'Association pour la microbiologie médicale et l'infectiologie (AMMI) Canada est une association nationale qui représente des médecins et chercheurs spécialisés en microbiologie médicale et en infectiologie. Grâce à la recherche, à l'éducation et à son partenariat avec d'autres associations, l'AMMI Canada vise à prévenir et à traiter les infections actuelles et en émergence.*

*Pour plus d'information, visitez le site web [www.ammi.ca](http://www.ammi.ca)*



**CFID:**

The Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases (CFID) is a national charity dedicated to protecting and improving the health of Canadians and people around the globe. Funding the critical research efforts of AMMI Canada, our country's largest association of medical microbiologists and infectious disease specialists, CFID works in collaboration with government and private sector partners to support Canadian scientists and physicians in the discovery and implementation of effective infection prevention, diagnosis and treatment. More information on CFID is available at [www.researchid.com](http://www.researchid.com).

*La Fondation canadienne des maladies infectieuses (FCMI) est un organisme national de bienfaisance engagé à protéger et améliorer la santé à la fois des citoyens canadiens et du monde entier. FCMI appuie les projets de recherche de l'AMMI Canada, qui représente la principale association de spécialistes en microbiologie médicale et infectiologie au Canada. En collaboration avec des partenaires gouvernementaux et privés, la fondation encourage et supporte les médecins et chercheurs canadiens en microbiologie et infectiologie pour la découverte et l'application de solutions efficaces de prévention, de diagnostic et de traitement contre les infections. Pour plus d'information, visitez le site web [www.researchid.com](http://www.researchid.com)*

- iii. A tagline was chosen as well to increase the name recognition of the AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference and make the event a well-known, trusted and reliable venue for information on medical microbiology and infectious disease.

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

- iv. Usage of consistent message and theme across internal and external material.

**b. Publications**

- i. Bilingual recruitment brochure: A brochure was developed to target the ID/MM audience at large and detail who we are and what we do, categories and benefits of membership, initiatives and partnerships. It is intended to serve as a tool for membership acquisition and will be distributed through membership acquisition packages, program directors, Annual Conference.
- ii. The development of a Grants and Awards brochure, to increase visibility and submission
- iii. Producing a brochure targeting the general public. It will serve as an awareness publication to educate the general public about ID-related topics. (ie what is ID, what is an ID specialist, why do we need an ID specialist)

**c. Website**

The communications committee embarked on an initiative to re-design a bilingual website that caters to the needs of interested visitors, wanting them to come back for more information on medical microbiology, infectious diseases and on our organization. The committee will update the council on development progress.

**d. Media**

- i. Update of media list
- ii. Development of bilingual AMMI Canada backgrounder – to post on website, distribute to media and in new acquisition kits.
- iii. Creating a sub committee to identify ID/MM related topics and write op-eds

**2. Internal communications**

**a. Newsletter:**

The fall issue had undertaken some significant changes and we are currently working on changing the design/layout of the newsletter pages. New sections were introduced such as member spotlight, “Did you know” section, and blurbs of interesting news. Snap shots is a new section that will be added in future issues. It summarizes the new research some ID divisions are working on and will rotate territorially around the country.

- b. List serve announcements are a powerful internal communications tool. It is the intention of the committee to focus on bilingual announcements that will keep members better informed.

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## Education Committee

*Anita Rachlis, MD FRCPC and Gary Victor, MD FRCPC*

- 1 A retreat was held on April 29, 2006 during which new terms of reference were drafted and sent for approval.
- 2 A decision regarding co-sponsorship of Accredited activities needs to be decided upon by Council.
- 3 The Accreditation report was reviewed in detail and points of clarification will be discussed with the pertinent parties.
- 4 Future educational activities include: Travel Symposia and CanMeds Roles.

**CPD Activities accredited:**

- CHICA Canada 2006 National Education Conference, London , Ontario May 6-10, 2006
- IDSA – 44th Annual Conference, Toronto, Ontario October 2006.
- Intra-Abdominal Infections – A Clinical Update (Meducom)
- Managing Intra-abdominal Surgical Infections: From the Current Evidence to the Clinical Setting Core Health Services

## Associate Members Committee

*Julie Carson, MD*

In conjunction with the annual AMMI Canada – CACMID conference in Victoria, the Associate Members' Committee (AMC) organized its third annual trainees' day for residents and fellows in infectious diseases and microbiology. The day was attended by trainees and speakers from across the country and provided opportunities to discuss topics including Career Opportunities, Post training Fellowships and Contract Negotiations. Moreover, the day afforded trainees with a valuable forum to meet future colleagues, build networks, learn about opportunities in various training programs and discuss future directions for microbiology and infectious diseases training in Canada. This year's Trainees' Day had an excellent turnout and received very positive feedback and suggestions for next year's event.

At the AMMI Canada council meeting in March 2006, the question arose of how many Infectious Diseases (ID) and Medical Microbiology (MM) trainees are present in Canada. The AMC conducted a survey in June, by contacting the program directors of all of the ID and MM programs across Canada. In summary, for the July 2006-June 2007 academic year there are 118 trainees, 39 (33%) of which were MM trainees, 31 (26%) pediatric ID, 20 (17%) adult ID, 23 (19.5%) adult ID-MM combined, 2 (2%) pediatric ID-MM combined and 3 (2.5%) pHD-clinical microbiology trainees. With these survey results, our goal is to increase Trainees' Day participation (about 30 Trainees were present for 2006) and have future Trainees' day topics and objectives more reflective of all of the training programs.

We have submitted our suggestions for the AMMI Canada website in regards to a job posting site for employers to post positions and research opportunities and trainees to post their curriculum vitae.

We have also had some changes in the AMC's members over the last 6 months. Sadly, Aaron Lee passed away in May after a two year battle with cancer. Linda Hoang has resigned after finishing her residency program. Don Vinh, and Larissa Matukas and I remain on the committee. In November, we recruited four new members to the committee: Drs. Anton Mak, Jessi Minion, Duncan Webster and Jianhui Xiong .

We would like to thank the AMMI Canada Council and AMMI Canada members for all their support over the past three years. We hope that the AMC continues to grow and develop over the coming years and that it will remain a central and active component of AMMI Canada.

# The Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases

*Raphael Saginur, MD, FRCPC, FIDSA  
President, CFID*

1. **ROAR.** A total of 32 team members, including 31 climbers raised a total of \$207,500 for ROAR, \$197,500 net of expenses. 4 AMMI Canada members and our Director of Development raised a total of about \$90,000 (gross): Krystyna Ostrowska and family raised over \$28,000, Deborah and I over \$22,000, Geoff Taylor about \$11,000 and Ameeta Singh almost \$8000. There were about 1584 donors.  
The money is largely committed to CIHR partnerships;  
There are early discussions about ROAR II- the sequel.  
CFID and AMMI Canada co-hosted a reception to thank the climbers at IDSA, with partial sponsorship by bioLytical Laboratories Inc.
2. **Director of Development.** Catherine Mulvale stepped down after ROAR. We have hired Melissa Coleman as her successor. Melissa has a background in NGOs and fundraising in the not-for-profit sector. She started in late September and is working on a part-time basis. Her work is purely for CFID; there is no conference fundraising.
3. **Administrator.** We hired Marlene Harris as CFID administrator, also on a part-time basis, to support the Director.
4. **Bylaws.** Revised, updated bylaws have been sent to our lawyer and will go to Council thereafter.
5. **Board.** As soon as the revised bylaws are approved at Council, we shall go ahead with reconstituting the CFID Board. We shall have members from outside AMMI Canada.
6. **Disposition of funds.** A major discussion in the near future relates to strategy for spending of funds raised. We are now heavily committed to partnerships with CIHR, including SHOPP (small health organizations partnership), and alternatives to antibiotics. We have developed a good working relationship with CIHR.
7. **ICID.** The International Centre for Infectious Diseases relates to the National Microbiology Laboratory and has embarked on an aggressive programme of marketing and education. They have stated an intention to develop a Foundation. We have initiated dialogue with Adrian Wortley, Director, Corporate and Public Affairs at ICID.

# CANADIAN FOUNDATION FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES

## *Unaudited Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2006*

	2006	2005
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 665,113	\$ 607,565
GST receivable	1,390	1,343
	<b>\$ 666,503</b>	<b>\$ 608,908</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 2,628	\$ 628
Due to AMMI Canada	65,452	37,450
Deferred SFL and antimicrobial resistance revenue	71,460	63,859
	<b>139,540</b>	<b>101,937</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Restricted for endowment purposes	320,377	305,912
Internally restricted	184,615	122,828
Unrestricted	21,971	78,231
	<b>526,963</b>	<b>506,971</b>
	<b>\$ 666,503</b>	<b>\$ 608,908</b>

## *Unaudited Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the Year Ended December 31, 2006*

	2006	2005
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Donations	\$ 214,374	\$ 284,998
Contributions in kind from AMMI Canada	38,373	41,512
Investment income	7,827	6,519
Strategies for Life (SFL) and antimicrobial resistance	37,162	25,588
	<b>297,736</b>	<b>358,617</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Awards	144,083	57,500
Loss on Calian shares	3,592	13,894
Meetings	1,089	2,525
Office administration	14,838	9,878
ROAR promotion and development	10,683	5,006
Salaries and benefits	40,505	35,000
Services in kind from AMMI Canada	38,373	41,512
Strategies for Life (SFL) and antimicrobial resistance	32,685	15,535
	<b>285,848</b>	<b>180,850</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR</b>		
	<b>\$ 11,888</b>	<b>\$ 177,767</b>

## AMMI Canada Representatives – External Committees

- **National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI)**  
Dr. Pamela Orr
- **National Information Program on Antibiotics (NIPA)**  
Dr. Mark Miller
- **Committee to Advise on Tropical Medicine and Travel (CATMAT)**  
Dr. Christina Greenaway
- **Canadian Coalition for Immunization Awareness & Promotion (CCIAP)**  
Dr. Shelley McNeill
- **Canadian Coalition for Public Health in The 21ST Century (CCPH21)**  
Dr. Atreyi Mukherji
- **Canadian Public Health Agency**
  - **Working Group on GAS**  
Dr. Deirdre Church
  - **Pan Canadian Public Health Goals**  
Dr. Ray Saginur
  - **CPHLN Plan Flu Lab Preparedness Network**  
Dr. Guy Boivin
- **Federation of National Specialty Societies of Canada (FNSSC)**  
Dr. Susan Richardson
- **Canadian Medical Association – National Medical Organizations (CNMO)**  
Dr. Susan Richardson
- **Canadian TB**  
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- **ISO/TC 212 Working Group 4 on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing**  
Dr Diane Roscoe
- **CSA TC Z252 Medical Laboratory Quality Systems**  
Dr Diane Roscoe
- **CSA Technical Committee on Transplantation**  
Dr. Deepali Kumar
- **CMA Conjoint Committee for Accreditation & Lab. Technology**  
Dr. Magdalena Kuhn
- **RCPSC Continuing Professional Development**  
Drs. Diane Roscoe and Geoff Taylor
- **RCPSC Working Group in Laboratory Medicine**  
Dr. Diane Roscoe
- **CIHR Canadian Rapid Research Response Team (C3RT)**  
Dr. Susan Richardson
- **SOGC Expert Group for HPV Guidelines**  
Dr. Gerald Evans

# Auditor's Report on 2006 Summarized Financial Statements

## To the Members of the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease (AMMI) Canada

The accompanying summarized statement of financial position and summarized statements of revenue and expenses are derived from the complete financial statements of the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease (AMMI) Canada as at December 31, 2006 and for the year then ended. In our auditor's report on the complete financial statements dated February 6, 2007, we expressed a qualified opinion because we were unable to satisfy ourselves as to the accuracy of the recorded liability for GST. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of management. Our responsibility, in accordance with the applicable Assurance Guideline of The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report on the summarized financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements fairly summarize, in all material respects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with the criteria described in the Guideline referred to above.

These summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes. For more information related to the organization's financial position and results of operations, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.

### **Watson Folkins Corey LLP**

Chartered Accountants

Ottawa, Ontario

February 6, 2007



# Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease (AMMI) Canada

## Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2006

	2006	2005
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 485,390	\$ 756,950
Accounts receivable	16,490	3,467
Due from CFID	65,452	37,450
Prepaid expenses	55,690	-
Capital assets	10,787	-
	<b>\$ 633,809</b>	<b>\$ 797,867</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 17,489	\$ 13,498
Deferred revenue	273,971	284,172
	<b>291,460</b>	<b>297,670</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Internally restricted	161,564	395,122
Invested in capital assets	10,787	-
Unrestricted	169,998	105,075
	<b>342,349</b>	<b>500,197</b>
	<b>\$ 633,809</b>	<b>\$ 797,867</b>

*Statement of Revenue and Expenses  
for the Year Ended December 31, 2006*

	2006	2005
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Membership dues	\$ 97,457	\$ 77,379
Conference	652,081	600,595
Awards	14,125	45,875
Investment income	12,135	12,361
Miscellaneous	4,863	3,251
CJIDMM and advertising	35,870	25,000
ESBL risk assessment and WEBSS projects	103,926	36,946
	<b>920,457</b>	<b>801,407</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Awards	\$ 65,800	\$ 143,859
CJIDMM	25,922	22,545
CFID	38,373	41,512
Conference	509,483	377,927
ESBL risk assessment and WEBSS projects	103,926	36,946
Meetings	22,804	32,514
Office administration	59,068	56,623
Professional fees	21,984	9,762
Rent	21,681	23,446
Salaries and benefits	197,827	188,361
Travel	11,437	13,753
	<b>1,078,305</b>	<b>947,248</b>
<b>EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER REVENUE FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>\$ (157,848)</b>	<b>\$ (145,841)</b>

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