Introduction

The AMMI Canada - CACMID Annual Conference is the premiere national meeting in infectious diseases and diagnostic microbiology. The 2021 AMMI Canada - CACMID Annual Conference will take place virtually April 25 to 30. Using the latest virtual conference technology, we will bring the education and networking to you.
WELCOME

The time has come again for us to invite you to THE Canadian annual meeting in infectious diseases and diagnostic microbiology. Mark your calendars! From April 25 to April 30, 2021, we will be using the latest virtual technology to bring the education and networking to you! With large and small group interactive sessions, plenaries, posters, an exhibit hall and lots of networking opportunities, this will be a great chance to learn and connect in an engaging online experience.

The AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference strives to support the collective interests of professionals, technologists, and students in the areas of diagnostic microbiology, antimicrobial stewardship, infectious diseases, infection prevention and control, and public health.

As usual, the Scientific Planning Committee is working hard to develop a meeting with broad appeal. We strive to bring cutting edge topics and engaging speakers to the meeting to ensure excellent scientific discussion. Topics including Artificial Intelligence, Bacteriophages, COVID-19, Clinical Controversies in Infectious Diseases and Diagnostics Microbiology, Tuberculosis Update, What’s Hot in Adult and Paediatric Infectious Diseases, Infection Control, and Zoonoses are being prepared.

AMMI Canada and CACMID have collaborated in hosting a high-quality annual meeting for their members since 2005. On behalf of the Central and Scientific Planning Committees, we look forward to hosting you virtually for an exceptional educational event with unique opportunities to network and socialize with colleagues.

Sarah Forgie
President, AMMI Canada

Tanis Dingle
President, CACMID

OBJECTIVES

The AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference provides an interactive venue where experts in the fields of diagnostic microbiology, antimicrobial stewardship, infectious diseases, infection prevention and control, and public health meet. The conference attracts attendees from across Canada and internationally. As in previous years, the 2021 conference will provide updates on a variety of topics to a diverse audience of clinicians, microbiologists, laboratory technologists, public health professionals, infection prevention and control practitioners, students and residents. The one difference this year is that the full conference will be virtual given COVID-19.

In addition to the pre-meeting Trainees’ Day, the program will offer plenary sessions, state of the art clinical lectures, integrated symposia, short oral presentations, poster presentations and workshops. The Interactive Clinical Vignettes and the Incubator will be on hiatus in 2021 and will return in 2022. The 2021 meeting will be a chance for attendees to showcase their research as well as get up to speed with the latest in the areas of microbiology, infection control, adult and paediatric infectious diseases and related subjects. Dynamic expert speakers will be invited from across North America to ensure another exciting meeting.

In addition to the scientific component, the meeting will provide ample opportunity for attendees to network, exchange ideas, and reconnect with colleagues all within the comfort of your own home or office!
BIENVENUE

Le moment est revenu de vous inviter à LA rencontre annuelle canadienne sur les maladies infectieuses et la microbiologie diagnostique. Réservez les dates! Du 25 au 30 avril 2021, nous utiliserons la technologie virtuelle la plus moderne pour vous apporter éducation et réseautage! Avec des séances interactives en grands et petits groupes, des plénières, des affiches, une salle d’exposition et beaucoup de possibilités de réseautage, ce sera une magnifique occasion de s’instruire et d’établir des liens au cours d’une expérience en ligne engageante.


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**EXHIBIT HALL**

The virtual Exhibit Hall will be available on demand from April 25 to 30 through the online platform. During this time booths and their materials will be available to you. Once the conference begins, there will be a daily time set aside where booth representatives will be available in the booth chat rooms to speak to attendees in real time.
Trainees’ Day is an afternoon of virtual interactive sessions for trainees in adult and paediatric infectious disease and clinical and medical microbiology, held online prior to the AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference 2021. Presentations will provide a chance for trainees to hear from experts in the field about topics outside of the conventional medical curriculum, with a focus on professional development and employment options. It is also a great opportunity to meet peers and future colleagues from around the country.

As we are meeting virtually this year the cost is included in the conference registration fee. Membership status must be confirmed or in progress (application submitted) at the time of registration. For planning purposes, we ask that you please register only if you are able to attend, and to notify the conference secretariat should your plans change.

We look forward to seeing you online!
Tuesday, April 27
On Demand Poster Viewing
On Demand Exhibit Hall

11:30 – 14:00 Plenary: Tuberculosis (TB) Update
- Morphology, Resistance and Decolonizing TB
  (Kathleen McMullin, Saskatoon, SK)
- Advances in TB Diagnostics
  (Marcel Behr, Montreal, QC)
- Treatment of Latent TB: Recent Advances in New Shorter Regimens and New Recommendations - by the World Health Organization and the Centres for Disease Control
  (Dick Menzies, Montreal, QC)
- Tuberculosis from Birth to Adolescence
  (Ian Kitai, Toronto, ON)

Live Oral Presentations

Wednesday, April 28
On Demand Poster Viewing
On Demand Exhibit Hall

12:00 – 13:00 State of the Art Clinical Lecture: Bacteriophages – Solution to Antimicrobial Resistance
  (Steffanie Strathdee, San Diego, CA)

  (Kamran Khan, Toronto, ON)

Live Oral Presentations

VIRTUAL HOST PLATFORM

The AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference is being hosted on the vFairs platform. Through this platform, attendees can walk through a 3D rendition of a lobby, auditorium, exhibit hall and lounge. vFairs allows for unique networking and gamification elements for attendees. More information including how to login will be shared closer to the event.

ACCREDITED CO-DEVELOPED PRESENTATIONS

The 2021 conference will include co-developed integrated symposia and workshops. Each presentation will take place in a dedicated auditorium with official conference branding and invitations will be sent to delegates from the conference secretariat. Stay tuned for more information as it become available.
PROGRAM AT A GLANCE
(all times indicated in Canadian Eastern time zone)

Thursday, April 29
On Demand Poster Viewing
On Demand Exhibit Hall

11:30 – 14:30 Plenary:
Clinical Controversies in Infectious Diseases and Diagnostic Microbiology
  • Mandatory Childhood Immunization: Should We Debate This Issue or Consider Our Options
    (Monika Naus, Vancouver, BC and Noni MacDonald, Halifax, NS)
    (co-developed with CAIRE: Canadian Association for Immunization)
  • To Screen or Not to Screen: VRE-Evaluating the Data
    (Jennie Johnstone, Toronto, ON and Stephanie Smith, Edmonton, AB)

13:45 – 15:45 Plenary:
What’s Hot in Adult and Paediatric Infectious Diseases, Infection Control and Diagnostic Microbiology
(co-developed with CFID: Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases)
  • What’s Hot in Adult ID
    (Natasha Press, Vancouver, BC)
  • What’s Hot in Paediatric ID
    (Joan Robinson, Edmonton, AB)
  • What’s Hot in Diagnostic Microbiology
    (David Goldfarb, Vancouver, BC)
  • What’s Hot in Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC)
    (Titus Wong, Vancouver, BC)

15:45-16:00 Closing Remarks

Friday, April 30
On Demand Poster Viewing
On Demand Exhibit Hall

12:30 – 13:30 State of the Art Clinical Lecture:
Zoonoses and preparedness in the Anthropocene
(Craig Stephen, Saskatoon, SK)

Live Oral Presentations

Dates and Deadlines
Abstract acceptance communicated by email: on or around February 26, 2021
Abstract presenter registration and presentation submission: March 29, 2021
Early bird registration: April 5, 2021

GENERAL INFORMATION

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All presentations listed as unaccredited presentation sponsored by industry are sanctioned and approved to take place as part of the annual conference. Each presentation will take place in a dedicated auditorium with official conference branding and invitations will be sent to delegates from the conference secretariat.

The 2021 conference will include sponsored unaccredited presentations in the program.
**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Early Bird (on or before April 5, 2021)**
**Full Rate (after April 5, 2021)**

No one-day rates are available
On demand access to all recorded content will be included with registration until May 30, 2021.

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**Notes:** (1) Prices are in Canadian dollars. (2) All taxes will be added to base registration fee based on the location of the registrant.

**Payment Policy**
Conference registration is not considered confirmed until full payment is received. All conference registration fees must be paid prior to commencement of the AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference 2021 (April 25, 2021). This includes payment for all optional events.

**Early Bird** *
In order to benefit from discounted rates, payment of early bird registration fees must be received before the early bird cut-off date of April 5, 2021.

**Student Rates** **
In order to benefit from student rates, a letter of attestation from the teaching institution indicating that the registrant is enrolled in a full-time program must accompany the registration. Please send the letter by email to registration@unconventionalplanning.com.

**Cancellation and Reimbursement Policy**
Cancellation request must be submitted in writing. Those received on or before April 5, 2021 – 100% refund (less $50 administration fee); those received on or before April 19, 2021 – 50% refund (less $50 administration fee); those received after April 19, 2021, cannot be refunded. Registration may be transferred at any time without penalty.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE
INSCRIPTION

Lève-tôt (jusqu’au 5 avril 2021)
Régulière (après le 5 avril 2021)

Aucun tarif d’une journée n’est disponible.
L’accès à la demande à tout le contenu enregistré sera inclus avec
l’inscription jusqu’au 30 mai 2021.

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Politique de paiement
Les inscriptions à la conférence ne sont pas considérées confirmées jusqu’à la réception du paiement intégral. Tous les droits d’inscription à la conférence annuelle de l’AMMI Canada – CACMID 2021 doivent être payés avant le début de la conférence (le 25 avril 2021), y compris le paiement pour les événements facultatifs.

Inscription aux tarifs hâtifs *
Tous les droits d’inscription aux tarifs hâtifs doivent être payés avant la date d’échéance de l’inscription aux tarifs hâtifs (le 5 avril 2021) afin de profiter des taux réduits.

Inscription aux tarifs étudiants **
L’étudiant(e) doit fournir une lettre de l’établissement d’enseignement attestant qu’il (elle) est inscrit(e) à un programme d’études à temps plein. Veuillez envoyer la lettre par courriel à registration@unconventionalplanning.com.

Politique d’annulation et de remboursement
Les demandes d’annulation doivent être soumises par écrit. Celles reçues avant le 5 avril 2021 ou à cette date seront remboursées à 100 % (moins des frais d’administratifs de 50 $); celles reçues avant le 19 avril 2021 ou à cette date seront remboursées à 50 % (moins des frais d’administratifs de 50 $); et celles reçues après le 19 avril 2021 ne seront pas remboursées. Les inscriptions peuvent être transférées en tout temps, sans pénalité.