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Association of Medical Microbiology
and Infectious Disease Canada

Association pour la microbiologie
médicale et l'infectiologie Canada

Who we are

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 provide treatment for those who are affected.

Our core values

- Contribute to the health of people at risk of, or affected by, infectious diseases
- Promote, facilitate and support research and education in infectious diseases and medical microbiology
- Develop guidelines and policies for the prevention, diagnosis and management of infectious diseases
- Communicate with other organizations who have shared interests and facilitate interaction that will advance our mission
- Encourage excellence in the infectious disease and medical microbiology training of health care professionals through collaboration with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and other relevant organizations

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Council and Committees

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President's Report

Michel Laverdière, MD

During the last two years the Association has worked to increase its visibility, to improve the services and communications to the members, and to consolidate the position of AMMI Canada members as Canadian experts in infectious diseases and medical microbiology. I believe that we have managed to make progress towards reaching these goals. It has been a collective effort of the council members, of all the secretarial staff along with our Executive Director, of the Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases (CFID), and to a large extent to all of you, members of AMMI Canada. I have been fortunate to work with highly dedicated collaborators to the diagnosis, the control and the prevention of infectious diseases.

The annual conference in partnership with CACMID has also been an important focus of our activities. Moving towards a conference of high scientific value and quality for the attendees has been another main objective. With the extreme commitment and dedication of the conference scientific committee Co-Chairs, I believe that year after year we are moving in that direction.

As I leave office, there is however a number of challenges ahead. Despite our successes, the financial viability of the Association is of concern. Our revenues are essentially limited to two sources: the profits from the annual conference and the annual dues. There are costs to the goals that I have listed above, and to the services that we would like to provide to our members. If we are to keep pace, a search for new areas of activities to expand and diversify our sources of revenues need to be scrutinized. Organizing conference in large attractive Canadian cities is expensive, and it cuts into the conference's profits and the association's financial lifeline. Decision on holding our future annual conferences beyond 2009 in smaller, less expensive but also less attractive cities may need to be considered.

We all agree on the importance of having a foundation for infectious diseases in this country.

As I reflect on the accomplishment of CFID during the past years, it becomes obvious that the fundraising activities have been difficult, and unfortunately have not allowed to support our investigators, or to achieve the financial independence of the foundation. I believe that it is time to evaluate our past success and failures, and plan for the future. Revised objectives and fundraising for more tangible and understandable goals will have to be considered if we want CFID to survive.

Active participation of the rank and file is fundamental to any association's strength, diversity and energy. As chairs and members of various AMMI Canada committees are periodically completing their terms and stepping down, new replacement must be selected. You may be part of these selections. I trust that your commitment as members of AMMI Canada will be visible in a tangible way.

Finally, I would like to thank members of the council, Richard McCoy and Melissa Coleman, respectively directors of AMMI Canada and CFID, Ray Saginur president of CFID, all the secretarial staff, and every chair and member of the Association's committees for your advice, your continuous efforts and collaboration over the past two years. I am convinced that AMMI Canada has all the potential to continue to move forward in the years to come. It depends on each and every one of us to make it happen.

Au cours des deux dernières années, nous avons concentré nos efforts pour augmenter la visibilité de l'association, pour améliorer les services et la communication aux membres et pour consolider la position de l'AMMI en tant qu'experts canadiens en infectiologie et en microbiologie médicale. Je crois que nous avons progressé vers l'atteinte de ces objectifs. Cette atteinte a été le fruit d'une étroite collaboration entre les membres du conseil, le personnel du secrétariat et du directeur exécutif, la Fondation canadienne de la maladie infectieuse (FCMI), et en grande partie du rôle des membres de l'AMMI Canada. J'ai eu la chance de travailler avec un groupe de collaborateurs dédiés au diagnostic au contrôle et à la prévention des maladies infectieuses.

La conférence annuelle qui se tient en partenariat avec CACMID a également été au centre de nos activités. En effet, organiser une conférence de calibre élevé et d'une haute valeur scientifique pour nos participants a constitué un autre objectif principal. C'est grâce au dévouement et à l'engagement des co-présidents du comité scientifique que la conférence progresse année après année dans cette direction.

Au moment où je termine mon mandat, il reste cependant certains obstacles à surmonter. En dépit de notre succès, la viabilité financière de l'association doit nous préoccuper. Nos revenus sont essentiellement limités à deux sources : les profits de la conférence annuelle et les frais de la cotisation annuelle. Il y a un coût aux objectifs que j'ai énumérés précédemment et aux services que nous voudrions fournir aux membres. Trouver de nouveaux domaines d'activités qui pourraient augmenter et diversifier nos sources de revenus, doivent être sérieusement considérés si nous voulons continuer de progresser. L'organisation de notre conférence annuelle dans de grandes villes canadiennes attrayantes, est dispendieuse, ce qui réduit les bénéfices de la conférence et par conséquent les profits pour l'association. Il est probable qu'après 2009 nos conférences annuelles se tiennent dans des villes moins dispendieuses et du même coup possiblement moins attrayantes et moins accessibles pour nos participants.

Nous convenons tous de l'importance d'avoir une fondation pour les maladies infectieuses au Canada. En revisant les réalisations au cours des dernières années de la FCMI il devient évident que les activités de levée de fonds ont été difficiles, et malheureusement n'ont pas réussi à soutenir nos investigateurs, ni à réaliser l'indépendance financière de la fondation. Je crois qu'il est temps d'évaluer nos succès et échecs passés, et de planifier pour l'avenir. En fait, la survie de la FCMI dépend de nouveaux objectifs et d'une nouvelle stratégie de levée de fonds visant des thèmes plus concrets et plus compréhensibles pour les donateurs.

Une participation active des membres est fondamentale à la diversité et au dynamisme de n'importe quelle association. Au moment où les présidents et les membres de divers comités de l'AMMI Canada finissent périodiquement leurs termes et s'appêtent à céder leurs places, de nouveaux remplaçants doivent être choisis. Vous pourriez être ciblés pour faire partie de ces remplaçants. C'est une occasion pour vous de manifester de façon tangible votre engagement individuel en tant que membres de l'AMMI Canada.

Finalement, je voudrais remercier les membres du conseil, Richard McCoy et Melissa Coleman, respectivement directeur de l'AMMI Canada et de la FCMI; Ray Saginur, président de la FCMI, tout le personnel du secrétariat, et chaque président et membre des comités de l'association pour vos conseils, vos efforts continus et pour votre collaboration au cours des deux dernières années. Je suis convaincu que l'AMMI Canada possède un énorme potentiel qui lui permet de continuer de progresser vers de nouveaux horizons. La réalisation de ce succès dépend de chacun de nous.

Secretary's Report

Joanne Langley, MD FRCPC

At the end of the calendar year 2007, we are delighted to report that AMMI Canada membership is at its largest in the last six years, suggesting that the organization is successfully engaging the diverse Canadian infectious disease and microbiology community (Figure, Membership report). As of 2007 we have 544 members, of which 422 are in the Active Member category, 78 are Associates (trainees) and 11 are Sustaining Members. Two of our colleagues retired in 2007 (Drs Anthony Chow and Anne Fanning). We were saddened to hear of the passing of long-time member Dr. Arthur John (A.J.) Wort. Please see a list of our new members this year in the membership report, and join Council in welcoming them.

Treasurer's Report

Baldwin Toye, MD FRCPC

The financial state of AMMI Canada remains stable over 2007. In response to last year's financial picture, overall expenses for the Annual Conference and the activities of the Secretariat were reduced from previous years and this has improved our financial reserves from 2006. Revenues from membership dues represent approximately 25% of funds needed to operate our organization annually. The Annual Conference remains the major source of funds for AMMI Canada's operations and the 2007 meeting was highly successful, financially. Council has re-affirmed its support and investment in our Foundation (CFID) through part-time salary support of its Director of Development as well as some of their operational activities. During the past year, under the guidance of our accounting consultant, there has been re-organization of our monthly financial statements which has resulted in improved clarity for the Finance Committee.

Membership Report

Riccarda Galioto, Office Manager

New Members

Active (9)

Fulford, Martha, *Hamilton ON*
Lavergne, Valery, *Hamilton ON*
Levett, Paul, *Québec QC*
Liles, Jr., W., Conrad, *Regina SK*

Manickam,
Kanchana, *Toronto ON*
Roger, Michel, *Winnipeg MB*
Rubinstein, Ethan, *Montréal QC*

Tapiero, Bruce, *Winnipeg MB*
Tremblay, Cecile, *Montréal QC*

Associates (23)

Alawi, Maha, *Ancaster ON*
Al-Azri, Saleh, *Halifax NS*
Audent,
Tobey Ann, *Ottawa ON*
Balila, Maida, *Halifax NS*
Belhaj,
Abdelbaset, *Hamilton ON*
Bullard, Jared, *Winnipeg MB*
Costiniuk, Cecilia, *Ottawa ON*

Culligan, Brent, *Halifax NS*
Dyck, Myrna, *Winnipeg MB*
Gubbay, Jonathan, *Toronto ON*
Harrison, Robyn, *Edmonton AB*
Lavallée, Christian, *Montréal QC*
Luong, Me-Linh, *Montréal QC*
Mahdawi, Najia, *London ON*
Meatherall, Bonnie, *Calgary AB*
Morgan, Nancy, *Niagra Falls ON*

Page, Andrea, *Toronto ON*
Papenburg, Jesse, *Montréal QC*
Parkins, Michael, *Calgary AB*
Picton, Avis, *Delta BC*
Salmon, Joanne, *Edmonton AB*
Solomon, Natalia, *Edmonton AB*
Tan, Kennard, *Coquitlam BC*

Deceased Members (1)

Arthur John (A.J.) Wort

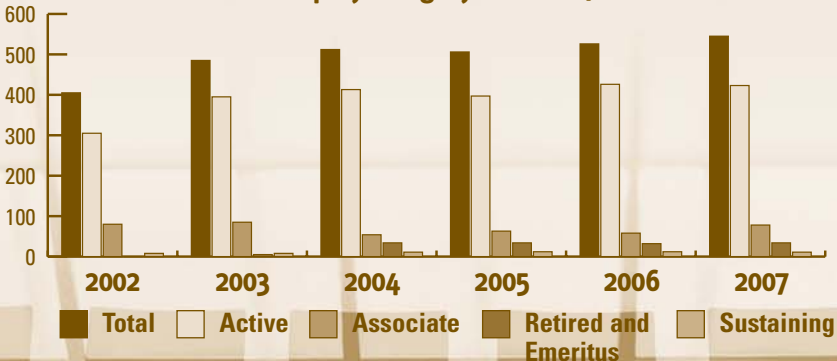
Retired Members (2)

Anne Fanning
Anthony Chow

2004-2007 Membership Details

Year	Active	Associate	Emeritus/ Retired	Deceased	Sustaining	TOTAL
2004	413	54	34	0	11	512
2005	397	63	34	0	12	506
2006	426	58	32	-2	12	526
2007	422	78	34	-1	11	544

AMMI Canada membership by category 2002-2007



Committee Reports

Canadian Hospital Epidemiology Committee (CHEC)

Elizabeth Bryce, MD FRCPC

Andrew Simor, MD FRCPC

The Canadian Hospital Epidemiology Committee (CHEC) has participated in the Canadian Nosocomial Infection Surveillance Program (CNISP), in partnership with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), formerly Health Canada, since 1995. There have been ongoing concerns about inadequate resources ever since this initiative began. However, CNISP is now experiencing a crisis because of severe problems at the PHAC. At this point in time, the Centre for Communicable Diseases and Infection Control (primarily responsible for healthcare-associated infections and infection surveillance) is severely short-staffed. The Director responsible for this area has multiple other responsibilities as well, and is only available part-time. A manager position, four epidemiologist positions, and a clerical position are all vacant, and are likely to remain vacant for the foreseeable future. Therefore, the current PHAC human resources available for CNISP activities include only two junior epidemiologists and a clerk. This has paralyzed CNISP's surveillance projects, and has impeded timely analysis and communication of surveillance results. This emergency situation has arisen because of a lack of leadership and commitment to dealing with healthcare-associated infections at PHAC, and there are many critical problems that will need to be addressed. CHEC members have met with Dr. Frank Plummer (NML) and Dr. David Butler-Jones (Chief Medical Officer of Health). Dr. Butler-Jones indicated that a plan is in place to deal with these issues, and he is working with the federal Minister of Health to enhance funding to this program. However, he acknowledged that this will take time. There will be a CHEC meeting held at the AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference in Vancouver in February 2008 to discuss this further, and to determine appropriate strategies and action.

In the meantime, and in the past year, CHEC/CNISP surveillance has been ongoing for:

- MRSA (including CA-MRSA)
- VRE
- Clostridium difficile-associated diarrhea
- Severe febrile respiratory infections
- Cardiac surgical site infections
- Central venous catheter-associated bloodstream infections (funded, in part, by CPSI)

In the past year, the following manuscripts were published:

Holton D, Paton S, Conly J, et al. *Central venous catheter-associated bloodstream infections occurring in Canadian intensive care units: a six month cohort study.* Can J Infect Dis 2006; 17:169-76.

Boyd DA, Du T, Hizon R, et al. *VanG-type vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus faecalis isolated in Canada.* Antimicrob Agents Chemother 2006; 50:2217-21.

Tracz DM, Boyd D, Hizon R, et al. *ampC gene expression in promoter mutants of cefoxitin-resistant Escherichia coli clinical isolates.* FEMS Microbiol Lett 2007; 265-71.

Gravel D, Matlow A, Ofner-Agostini M, et al. Point-prevalence survey for healthcare-associated infections in pediatric populations in major Canadian acute care hospitals. *Am J Infect Control* 2007; 35:157-62.

Gravel D, Taylor G, Ofner-Agostini M, et al. Point-prevalence survey for healthcare-associated infections within Canadian adult acute-care hospitals. *J Hosp Infect* 2007; 66:243-8.

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* 2007; 35:563-8.

Simor AE, Stuart TL, Louie L, et al. Mupirocin-resistant methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) in Canadian hospitals. *Antimicrob Agents Chemother* 2007; 51:3880-6.

In addition, eight abstracts were presented at national and international scientific meetings.

Grants and Awards Committee

Marcellus Behr, MD FRCPC

In the past few years, the role of the Grants and Awards committee has gradually diminished. First, there was an effort to increase fundraising, such that this committee could offer more awards. The committee repeatedly expressed the belief that such awards should not be directed to any single agent or antibiotic, but rather that the committee would award good science. Despite this view, the only funding that came in was for Strep A research. At the same time, opportunities to partner with CIHR were identified, in which AMMI Canada and/or CFID contributed funds towards e.g. 50% of a CIHR-funded investigator/application. In this scenario, a CIHR peer-reviewed committee was in place to judge applications, so it was determined that the role of the Grants and Awards committee was redundant. As a result, we no longer directly fund any meaningful research awards and we no longer meet regularly to rank applications.

The remaining mandate of the committee is to judge the merit of service awards, such as lifetime achievement awards. Our committee continues to participate in the vetting of the nominations, typically suggested by council.

In 2007, the awards given were:

- 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award, Recipient - Dr. Thomas Marrie
- 2007 Distinguished Service Award, Recipient - Dr. Susan Richardson
- 2007 Dr. Juan Embil Award for Excellence in Infectious Disease Research, Recipient - Dr. Tom Szakacs
- 2007 Canadian Journal of Infectious Disease and Medical Microbiology Trainee Review Article Award, Recipient - Dr. Vincent Ki

The presentations will be given at the AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference 2008.

Guidelines Committee

Gerald Evans, MD FRCPC

The Guidelines Committee has made two recommendations to AMMI Canada council, that:

1. A new chair be designated to commence their term as of March 1, 2008
2. The committee be expanded to eight members plus the chair.

Published guidelines since last report:

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 2006;17 Suppl.C: 4C-24C†

Canadian Consensus Guidelines on Human Papillomavirus J Ob Gyn Canada 2007; 29(8) Suppl. 3:S1-S56*

C Rotstein, GA Evans, A Born et al *Clinical Practice Guidelines for Hospital-Acquired (HAP) Pneumonia and Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia (VAP) in Adults* Can J Infect Dis Med Micro and Can J Resp, in press #

There are a number of guidelines currently in development that will be subject to committee review and the AMMI Canada guidelines process.

- Guidelines for Screening Immigrants and Refugees¹ AMMI Canada Lead: C. Greenaway
- Chronic Rhinosinusitis² Lead: M. Desrosiers
- Revised Canadian CAP Guidelines Lead: L. Mandell
- Candidiasis Guidelines Leads: C. Rotstein, M. Laverdière, E. Bow
- Skin and Soft Tissue Infection Guidelines³ Leads: K. Suh, J. Embil, G. Evans
- Intra-Abdominal Infection Guidelines⁴ Leads: A. Nathans, G. Evans
- Aspergillosis Guidelines Leads: C. Rotstein, M. Laverdière, E. Bow
- Guidelines for infection prophylaxis after HSCT⁵ AMMI Canada Lead: Dr. Jan Storek

Associated groups for guidelines listed above.

- CATMAT
- Canadian Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, Canadian College of Family Physicians
- Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians
- Canadian Association of General Surgeons
- IDSA, CDC

Committee Members:

Lindsay Nicolle, *Winnipeg, MB*

Kathy Suh, *Ottawa, ON*

Corinna Quan, *Windsor, ON*

David Haldane, *Halifax, NS*

Michel Laverdière, *Montréal, QC*

Lee Ford-Jones, *Toronto, ON*

† The CA-MRSA guidelines is a joint effort with CCAR and Canadian Pediatric Society

* The HPV guideline is a joint effort with Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada

The HAP/VAP guideline is a joint effort with the Canadian Thoracic Society

Nominations Committee

Susan Richardson, MD FRCPC

The 2007 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. Kevin Forward, Dr. Anne-Marie Bourgault). 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 six councillors. In addition, a distribution of officers representing different geographical areas of the country, genders, pediatric 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.

The following nominees were ratified by the AMMI Canada general membership and will stand as new board members after voting at the next Annual General Meeting.

Members of Council, one term (2008-2010):

Dr. Lynn Johnston (Halifax, NS), President Elect

Dr. Michael Gardam (Toronto, ON), Secretary

Dr. Michael Libman (Montréal, QC), Councillor

Dr. Todd Hachette (Halifax, NS), Councillor

Dr. Anne Opavsky (Toronto, ON), Councillor

The final slate of officers will take office after the Annual General Meeting, Thursday, February 28, 2008, Vancouver, BC.

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

Fiona Smail, MD FRCPC

The present nucleus committee consists of:

Dr. Fiona Smail (Chair)

Dr. Patrick Doyle

Dr. Marie Louie

Dr. Debbie Yamamura

Dr. Claire Beliveau

Dr. Magdalena Kuhn

Dr. Lynn Johnson (ex officio)

Dr. Diane Roscoe (ex officio)

At the March 2007 meeting of the committee, Dr. Marie Louie was appointed to the new position of vice-chair.

Credential Issues and Accreditation

Two programs were surveyed in 2007 (University of British Columbia and University of Toronto) and both received full approval. There are currently 11 programs with full approval (including the University of Dalhousie which has been reactivated) and one program which received provisional approval with a mandated internal review in 2009.

An important responsibility of the Nucleus Committee is to provide specific input to Committee on Specialties (COS) 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.

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), although some of these documents need to be updated. The Royal College has recommended that updating these documents be done in collaboration with Infectious Diseases.

Examinations and FITER

2008 Medical Microbiology Examination Board:

Dr. Diane Roscoe continues in the role of Chair of the Examination Board for 2007. The 2007 examination was held in Ottawa, with the practical hosted by Dr. Baldwin Toye at the Ottawa General, and similar arrangements will be in place for 2008. The administrative aspects of the examination and the written papers were efficiently managed on site at the Royal College Examination Centre and overall, these new arrangements were considered a success. A workshop of the examination board was again held at the Royal College in November 2007 to develop questions for the 2008 examination and establish a CANMEDS "blueprint" for the examination. There has been no change to the examination format which consists of two three-hour papers with short answer questions, two oral examinations and a practical.

Royal College Core Competency Project and Working Group in Laboratory Medicine

In 2005, the COS had directed the Specialty Committee in Medical Microbiology, given that it did not meet the criteria of a primary specialty, to explore new entry routes to certification and participate in a Working Group in Laboratory Medicine. Submissions from the specialty chairs in Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology, arguing for continued recognition for Medical Microbiology as a primary specialty separate and distinct from Infectious Diseases and other Laboratory Medicine specialties were made to the COS. At the May 2007 meeting the COS agreed that the Specialty of Medical Microbiology should continue at this time as a primary specialty, to be reviewed in due course under the Specialty Review Process. In addition the COS passed a resolution that "...the specialty of Medical Microbiology continues its discussions with Infectious Diseases and collaboration with other Laboratory Medicine disciplines to ensure the viability and relevance of the discipline to societal needs". It is planned to hold a joint meeting of both specialty committees in Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology to work through this issue.

The Core Competency Project aimed to identify, define and analyze factors that contribute to key recurring issues affecting postgraduate medical education and recommend practical options for addressing them. An interim report of the Core Competency Project was published in September 2007 and reviewed information gathered on the principal areas of concern: the quality of education, barriers to switching career paths and premature career decision making and made recommendations on how best to proceed with this project. A commentary paper submitted on behalf of Medical Microbiology was included in the consultation phase of the project.

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

Lynn B. Johnston, MD FRCPC

There have been no changes to the Nucleus Committee since last year's Annual Report. Nucleus Committee members are Drs. Wayne Ghesquiere (Region 1), Kurt Williams (Region 2), Andrew Morris (Region 3), Jane MacDonald (Region 4), and Todd Hatchette (Region 5) in addition to ex-officio members Dr. Fiona Smail (Chair, Specialty Committee in Medical Microbiology) and Dr. Christian Sinave (Chair, Examination Board). Dr. Morris was appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee. The Specialty Committee (11 of 27 (41.9 per cent) members) met during the AMMI Canada - CACMID Annual Conference in Halifax in March 2007.

Credential Issues and Accreditation

Four programs (two each adult and pediatric) were surveyed in 2007. As of December 2007 there were 18 programs on Full Approval (10 Adult and eight Pediatric), with no inactive programs, one program with provisional approval (internal review in two years), and one program with notice of intent to withdraw. In 2006 the average response rate from the Nucleus Committee to the pre-survey questionnaires was 71 per cent for both the Adult and Pediatric Programs.

Updating of our specialty specific documents (Specific Standards of Accreditation for Residency Programs, Objectives of Training, Specialty Training Requirements, and the FITER) has been started but not completed. With the uncertainty regarding the status of the Medical Microbiology Specialty and its relationship to the Infectious Diseases Specialty, it was felt that completion of these documents should await the final decision of the Committee on Specialties.

Examination Board

Drs. Christian Sinave and Nicole Le Saux continued as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, of the Examination Board in Infectious Diseases. Members of the Examination Board in 2007 were Drs. John Embil, Wayne Gold, Andrew Johnson, Christine Lee, Michael Libman, Jane MacDonald, Tim Mailman, Anne McCarthy, Caroline Quach-Thanh, Neil Rau, Joan Robinson, Annie Ruest, Valerie Sales, Bob Slinger, and Satchan Takaya. The examination continues in the format of two three-hour papers of short-answer questions.

Royal College Core Competency Project

While the College continues to pursue this initiative (see previous Annual Reports for details), to date it has focused on information gathering. On behalf of the Specialty Committee and AMMI Canada and with their input, I submitted a commentary paper on the Core Competency Program in March. Related to the Core Competency exploration was the College's interest in finding alternative routes of entry for Medical Microbiology and considering whether it remained a viable specialty program. Dr. Smail and I provided a submission to the Committee on Specialties (COS) outlining why we believe that Medical Microbiology should remain a program separate from Infectious Diseases. Our arguments seem to have struck a chord and the COS resolved that Medical Microbiology

will continue as a primary specialty for now. However, Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases have been mandated to examine how their programs overlap and differ, with a view to rationalizing the need for two separate programs and to identify administrative and educational efficiencies. We will continue to keep AMMI Canada informed of developments through Council.

As always, I want to thank those who volunteer to serve on the Nucleus Committee and Examination Board. I am always ready to consider members who wish to volunteer to serve on either the Examination Board or Nucleus Committee.

Communications and Public Relations Committee

Michel Laverdière, MD

1. External communications

a. Brand Promotion

Using the new branding created in 2006, AMMI Canada and CFID raised their profiles through the exposure of National Infectious Diseases Day. The brands of both organizations were showcased partnering with collaborating organizations in this initiative. Logos were used in all print materials including signage for the day.

A website was created for National Infectious Diseases Day. The site includes links to AMMI Canada and CFID. It was visited hundreds of times in its first week!

b. Government Relations

AMMI Canada, CFID and partners met with 60 parliamentarians as part of National Infectious Diseases Day.

c. Media

Drs Michel Laverdière and Raphael Saginur participated in multiple media interviews over the last few months, mostly with respect to a call for a National Infectious Diseases Strategy. Coverage was received in the National Post, the Globe and Mail, CBC Newsworld, CBC Radio – Ontario Today, Canadian Press and Presse canadienne.

2. Internal communications

- a. A Career Page has been added to the AMMI Canada website in the Member's Section.
- b. Newsletter: A spring newsletter was released following Conference 2007 and a fall newsletter in December 2007.
- c. Bilingual list serve announcements continue to keep members informed.

Program Planning Committee

Mark Joffe, MD FRCPC

The 2007 Annual Meeting of AMMI CANADA and CACMID was held March 14-18, 2007 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. This meeting represented the third combined meeting of AMMI Canada and CACMID and was an unqualified success.

Plenary sessions at the 2007 Annual Meeting included: The “Ins and Outs” of Bacterial Interaction with Host Cells; Information Technology and the World of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases; A Quarter Century of HIV: Where the Rubber Hits the Road... Scientific and Social Challenges for the Next Generation; and, What’s New With Vaccines. The meeting was preceded by three workshops including a well-attended Trainees Day, a CCM workshop devoted to Molecular Diagnostics and a Quality Management Seminar. In addition, there were three industry-sponsored mini-symposia addressing diverse topics including Infections in the ICU Setting, Cervical Cancer, its Infectious Cause and Opportunities for Prevention, Evolving Treatment Strategies for HIV and an Update on MRSA in Canada. There was also an industry-sponsored workshop related to Molecular Diagnosis of HPV and the Role of HPV Testing in Cervical Cancer Prevention. Oral abstracts and poster sessions continue to afford the opportunity for trainees and investigators to showcase their work. Finally, the Clinical Vignettes session continue to be the highlight of the entire meeting and are a testament to the remarkable variety of clinical material seen in our field and across this country.

Highlights of the 2007 meeting included:

- Trainees Day continues to be very well attended and bodes well for the future of our combined societies.
- Registration continues to show slight growth from year to year
- 30 Student Posters were presented and five sponsored awards were presented
- Proceedings of the Information Technology Plenary will be published in the Nov-Dec issue of the Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology
- The Oxoid Special Lecture was delivered by Dr. Ian Cameron and described the politics and personalities involved in the Halifax Harbour Lawlor’s Island Quarantine Station
- A spectacular Gala Evening was hosted at Pier 21. This afforded delegates a unique opportunity to socialize in the venue through which so many of our ancestors immigrated into Canada.
- The weather proved to be a challenge in Halifax. Three of our scheduled speakers were unable to reach Halifax due to inclement weather in Central Canada and the Maritimes. We were able to adjust the schedule to minimize the overall impact on the meeting.

At this time, planning is nearly complete for the 2008 Annual Conference which will be held in Vancouver, B.C. from February 27-March 1, 2008. Plenary sessions will include: Tick-Borne Diseases in Canada; An Update on Tuberculosis; and, a session entitled “What’s New and Hot”, a plenary devoted to a variety of new and emerging topics of interest. The Program Planning Committee is also very active in the planning of the 26th International Congress of Chemotherapy and Infection to be held in Toronto June 18-21, 2009.

Associate Committee

Jessica Minion, MD

In conjunction with the AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual conference in Halifax, the Associate Members' Committee (AMC) organized its fourth 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 International Health and Work Opportunities, Incorporating Research into Your Practice, and the Future of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases. 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. The 2007 Trainees' Day had an excellent turnout and received very positive feedback and suggestions for our upcoming event.

For the 2008 Trainees' Day, topics will include Community Practice of ID/MM (with Dr. Dwight Ferris and Dr. Dale Purych), New Diagnostic Technologies (by Dr. Patrick Tang), and Surveillance of Infectious Diseases (by Dr. Tim Brewer). Objectives for all the speakers include career advice for residents interested in pursuing fields similar to the speakers'.

We are looking forward to the new job posting section of the AMMI Canada website and feel this will be of great interest and benefit for the associate members. We look forward to continuing working together to develop a great site that will be relevant and useful for all members, including residents.

The membership of the AMC has changed over the last year, with Julie Carson stepping down as chairperson after two years of dedicated work. We greatly appreciate the contributions she has made as chair and are grateful for her help this year as she continues to serve as a member of the committee. I, Jessica Minion, have volunteered for the chair position this year and hope to continue to maintain the quality of organization Julie has set. Our other committee members this year include Bonnie Meatherall (UofC), Miguel Imperial (UBC), Kennard Tan (UBC), Anton Mack (McGill), Jianhui Xiong (Laval), and Joanne Salmon (UofA).

We would like to thank the AMMI Canada council and members for all their support over the past 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.

Education Committee

Gary Victor, MD FRCPC

1. Council agreed that AMMI Canada co-sponsors only programs related to the conference (ie. mini-symposia). This is temporary until a further decision is made.
2. Policies and procedures were developed and will be submitted to the Royal College as part of the re-accreditation document.
3. A needs assessment was undertaken with a low response rate. Ways to improve this will be undertaken in the future.
4. CPD Activities accredited:
 - Cervical Cancer – Its Infectious Etiology and Opportunities for Prevention (mini – symposium) 2007 AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference, Halifax, Nova Scotia March 16, 2007.
 - New Insights into Infection Issues in the Canadian ICU Setting – (mini- symposium) 2007 AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference, Halifax, Nova Scotia March 15, 2007.
 - New Developments in the Treatment of HIV and MRSA (mini-symposium) 2007 AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference, Halifax, Nova Scotia, March 17, 2007.
 - The AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference, Halifax, Nova Scotia, March 14-18, 2007

AMMI Canada Representatives – External Committees

- **National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI)** Dr. Pamela Orr
- **Committee to Advise on Tropical Medicine and Travel (CATMAT)** Dr. Christina Greenaway
- **Canadian Coalition for Immunization Awareness & Promotion (CCIAP)** Dr. Shelley McNeill
- **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 Tuberculosis Committee** Dr. Wendy Wobeser
- **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
- **RCPCSC Continuing Prof. Dev.** Dr. Alicia Sarabia
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- **RCPCSC 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

The Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases

Raphael Saginur, MD FRCPC FIDSA

In 2007 the Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases (CFID) began to implement restructuring and new activities approved by its Board and the AMMI Canada Council to build on its successes in the last five years.

The model for CFID is successful charities of other medical specialist organizations such as the Cancer Society and Heart and Stroke Foundation. AMMI Canada continues to support the work of the CFID as it expands its programs to include public education and advocacy on infectious diseases.

Bylaw changes to be approved at the CFID Annual General Meeting in February 2008 will make AMMI Canada Council formally members of the foundation and allow a limited number of external board members with expertise in key areas. These changes reinforce the close relationship between AMMI Canada and its foundation but permit diversifying the board.

A new board in 2008 will strengthen its research program and build on 2007's public education and advocacy initiatives.

CFID's Research Program will establish a Peer Review Committee; foundation funding will support developing terms of reference, recruiting committee members from AMMI Canada, operations and promotion of its research projects in 2008. Funding of research projects is being diversified to sectors with an interest in preventing and treating infectious diseases; for instance, Sun Life Financial is supporting research on phage as a new alternatives to antibiotics.

The foundation also took initiatives this year to make preventing and treating infectious diseases a public priority and to build support among AMMI Canada members, the wider infectious diseases sector and the public.

Marketing of CFID in 2007 to promote a focus on infectious diseases included:

- A first CFID brochure
- Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology page on CFID highlighting programs
- Research Program content added to www.researchid.com
- Fact sheets on programs and projects
- Annual report to be used with potential funders
- Reports in each AMMI Canada newsletter

CFID and AMMI Canada invited other infectious diseases sector organizations to partner in public education and advocacy during the International Infection Control Week.

CHICA-Canada, CACMID, the International Centre for Infectious Diseases and six industry partners organized a first and extremely successful National Infectious Diseases Day on October 18. The Day included visits with 60 parliamentarians, numerous media interviews and release of a joint position paper calling for a National Strategy on Infectious Diseases. **See www.nidd.ca**

Preparations for hearings on infectious diseases by the House of Commons and Senate Committees, work with government departments on a National Strategy and plans for a second National Infectious Diseases Day in 2008 are underway.

Building on these initiatives will be CFID's focus in 2008.

Financial Statements

CANADIAN FOUNDATION FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

<i>AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2007</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 532,409	\$ 665,113
GST receivable	3,769	1,390
	\$ 536,178	\$ 666,503
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 4,420	\$ 2,628
Due to AMMI Canada	65,459	65,452
Deferred SFL and antimicrobial resistance revenue	81,467	71,460
	151,346	139,540
NET ASSETS		
Restricted for endowment purposes	312,411	320,377
Internally restricted	80,797	184,615
Unrestricted	(8,376)	21,971
	384,832	526,963
	\$ 536,178	\$ 666,503

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

<i>FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
REVENUE		
Donations	\$ 47,552	\$ 214,374
Contributions in kind from AMMI Canada	40,000	38,373
Investment income	8,427	7,827
Strategies for Life (SFL) and antimicrobial resistance	55,000	37,162
Other programs	37,070	—
	188,049	297,736
EXPENSES		
<i>Program</i>		
Awards	149,752	144,083
Strategies for Life (SFL) and antimicrobial resistance	55,000	32,685
Other programs	43,665	—
<i>Administration and fundraising</i>		
Loss on Calian shares	—	3,592
Meetings	157	1,089
Office administration	15,336	14,838
ROAR promotion and development	—	10,683
Salaries and benefits	36,357	40,505
Services in kind from AMMI Canada	40,000	38,373
	340,267	285,848
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES (EXPENSES OVER REVENUE) FOR THE YEAR	\$ (152,218)	\$ 11,888

AUDITORS' REPORT

2007 SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Members of the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease Canada (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 Canada (AMMI Canada) as at December 31, 2007 and for the year then ended on which we expressed an opinion without reservation in our report dated January 23, 2008. 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

January 23, 2008

Financial Statements

ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE CANADA (AMMI CANADA)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2007

	2007	2006
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 697,784	\$ 485,390
Accounts receivable	69,966	24,100
Due from CFID	35,459	65,452
Prepaid expenses	93,151	55,690
Capital assets	5,835	10,787
	\$ 902,195	\$ 641,419
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 75,114	\$ 51,536
Deferred revenue	450,337	273,971
	525,451	325,507
NET ASSETS		
Internally restricted	208,409	161,564
Invested in capital assets	5,835	10,787
Unrestricted	162,500	143,561
	376,744	315,912
	\$ 902,195	\$ 641,419

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	2007	2006
REVENUE		
Membership dues	\$ 89,577	\$ 97,457
Conference	648,721	652,081
Awards	—	14,125
Investment income	10,526	12,135
Miscellaneous	1,150	4,863
CJIDMM and advertising	31,138	35,870
ESBL risk assessment and WEBSS projects	34,473	111,536
	815,585	928,067
EXPENSES		
Awards	3,155	65,800
CJIDMM	22,464	25,922
CFID	35,017	38,373
Conference	350,780	509,483
ESBL risk assessment and WEBSS projects	34,473	111,536
Meetings	6,480	22,804
Office administration	71,536	66,092
Professional fees	3,710	21,984
Rent	22,517	21,681
Salaries and benefits	191,449	197,827
Travel	13,172	11,437
	754,753	1,092,939
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES		
(EXPENSES OVER REVENUE) FOR THE YEAR	\$ 60,832	\$ (164,872)

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