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Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease Physicians Recognized at Annual National Awards Ceremony

April 4, 2013 (Québec City) - The Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease (AMMI) Canada is proud to announce the recipients of its 2012 AMMI Canada awards.

Dr. Gilles Delage, of Montréal, Québec, received the AMMI Canada Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his dedicated service to AMMI Canada, medical microbiology and transfusion medicine. Internationally recognized for his research and teaching in hepatitis B and C, HIV, and blood safety, this award recognizes his leadership as a chair and member of many national committees and steering groups devoted to protecting the health of Canadians through immunization, ensuring a safe blood supply, and advancing the knowledge of infectious diseases physicians and medical microbiologists. He served terms as President of the Canadian Infectious Diseases Society and the Canadian Association of Medical Microbiology, AMMI Canada's parent associations.

Dr. Anthony Chow, of Vancouver, British Columbia, received the AMMI Canada Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding and distinguished career as an infectious disease physician who is nationally and internationally acknowledged as an exemplary researcher, teacher, mentor, and leader. A successful researcher who held Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) grants throughout his career, Dr. Chow was instrumental in ensuring future generations of clinician scientists through spearheading the unique CIHR Strategic Training Program for Translational Research in Infectious Disease (TRID) that actively promotes collaborative research from bench to bedside and population. Dr. Chow is Professor Emeritus, University of British Columbia (UBC) and Vancouver Hospital.

The awards were presented on Thursday April 4, 2013 at the Québec City Convention Centre. during the AMMI Canada - CACMID Annual Conference.

"Each year, we are increasingly impressed with the outstanding achievements of the Award recipients" said Dr. Mark Joffe, AMMI Canada President. "I commend Drs. Delage and Chow for their dedication and leadership: their excellence is inspirational" he added.

AMMI Canada (www.ammi.ca) is the national association that represents physicians and researchers specializing in medical and clinical microbiology and infectious diseases. The Association strives to reduce infectious disease deaths by education, research and advocacy.

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