

**Memorandum of Understanding  
between  
ESCMID  
and  
AMMI Canada**

**I. Background**

Representatives of the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) and the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease (AMMI) Canada met in May 2017 in Toronto (Canada) to reaffirm the common interests shared by the two organizations and their commitment to building collaborative relationships to strengthen the practice, education, and advocacy of science. As a result of that meeting the organizations agreed to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a framework under which they could broaden and intensify joint activities.

**II. About the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID)**

The European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) (<https://www.escmid.org/>) is the largest European society active in the field of infection. Together with its 67 ESCMID-affiliated societies, it reaches out to more than 33,000 microbiologists and infectious diseases specialists in Europe and around the world, with an increasing percentage of extra-European representatives.

The society promotes research and education in the prevention, diagnosis and therapy of infections by bringing together persons who are active in all fields of clinical microbiology and infectious diseases. In pursuing its objectives, the society organizes scientific meetings, educational events, exchange visits between specialists; it supports co-operation in research and professional matters, issues guidelines, liaises with professional societies, governments or governmental agencies.

ESCMID actively collaborates with international organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the European Medicines Agency (EMA), and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and all major societies in the field of clinical microbiology and infectious diseases around globe e.g. the American Society for Microbiology (ASM), the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) and the International Society for Infectious Diseases (ISID).

### **III. About the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease (AMMI) Canada**

AMMI Canada is the national specialty association that represents physicians, clinical microbiologists and researchers specializing in the fields of medical microbiology and infectious diseases.

Through promotion of the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of human infectious diseases and by our involvement in education, research, clinical practice and advocacy, AMMI Canada aims to serve and educate the public and also to enhance the career opportunities of its members through professional development and advocacy initiatives.

### **IV. Collaborative activities**

ESCMID and AMMI Canada will start that relationship through opportunities for cross promotion by the following measures:

- Mutual active promotion of meetings and activities through website and newsletters. These ads may also promote membership.
- Priority placement of ESCMID and AMMI Canada exhibit booths at the Societies' annual conferences free of charge.
- Mutual provision of space for regular business meetings at the ECCMID and AMMI Canada venues.
- Reciprocal free registrations for the Societies' annual conferences.
- Reciprocal proposals for scientific and educational session(s) at the Societies' annual conferences.
- Collaboration on other joint proposals and projects.

### **V. Operational mechanism**

Regular meetings between ESCMID and AMMI Canada will be held twice per year at ECCMID and AMMI Canada Congress, respectively. If in any given year this is not feasible, arrangements will be made for a face-to-face meeting at an alternative location, or for a virtual meeting using an appropriate electronic resource. These meetings should be attended by leadership from both societies and are organized by the hosting organization.

## **VI. Funding**

ESCMID and AMMI Canada acknowledge that this MOU is a reflection of the good will and mutual interest that exists between the two societies. It represents the desire to develop and expand collaborative activities. No financial commitment is implied by this MOU.

## **VII. Duration**

This agreement is entered into for a period of three years (October 2017 to October 2020). It can be annulled at either party's request. At the end of the three-year period, each society will evaluate the relationship, and propose modifications to the agreement.

## **VIII. Contacts**

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