

**2018 AMMI Canada
Annual General Meeting and Sections Meeting
AGENDA**

Date and Time: Thursday, May 3, 2018 from 0630 to 0745

Breakfast 0630 – 0645

AGM and Sections Meeting 0645 - 0745

Location and Room: Port McNeil - Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver BC

CHAIR: Caroline Quach, President

The Annual General Meeting commenced at 6:45AM (PCT) on Thursday, May 3, 2018 in the Port McNeil of the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre in Vancouver, BC. Dr. Caroline Quach, AMMI Canada President, chaired the meeting. Dr. Quach announced that quorum had been achieved. An attendees list can be requested from the AMMI Canada secretariat.

READING OF THE OFFICIAL NOTICE OF MEETING

Dr. Quach read aloud the official notice of the meeting, which was sent to all members via email and posted to the AMMI Canada website on April 18th, 2017.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was circulated to membership. No amendments were made.

**Yoko Schreiber (1)
Christian Lavallée (2)
*Carried unanimously***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & SECTIONS
MEETING HELD on May 4, 2017 IN Toronto, ON.**

Motion to Approve

**Andrew Simor (1)
Christian Lavallée (2)
*Carried unanimously***

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No Business arose from the minutes

MAY 2017 – AMMI CANADA COUNCIL MEETING - MOTIONS

MOTION 01: To approve the agenda with no revisions

MOTION 02: To approve the December 10, 2016 council meeting notes with the revision noted by Dr. Simor.

MOTION 03: To approve the Motions from the December 10, 2016 council meeting.

MOTION 04: The AMMI Canada Council is in agreement to change the eligibility of the Supporter category to include any post-secondary students except ID/MM/Clin. Micro. on the AMMI Canada website.

MOTION 05: AMMI Canada Council is in agreement to use the remaining *C. diff* study funds to help offset the cost of recent ASRC face-to-face meeting.

MOTION 06: Approve the ASRC's development of the AMS scorecard.

MOTION 07: To appoint Gerald Evans as the new Editor-in-Chief for JAMMI.

MOTION 08: To send Riccarda Galioto, AMMI Canada Executive Director to attend IDWeek 2017 as an Exhibitor.

MOTION 09: To send Riccarda Galioto, AMMI Canada Executive Director to attend ECCMID 2018 as an Exhibitor

MOTION 10: AMMI Canada Council to approve endorsement of the Update on Management of Chronic HCV: 2017 Consensus Guidelines in collaboration with CASL

MOTION 11: AMMI Canada Council to approve endorsement of Guidelines on HIV PrEP/nPEP

NOVEMBER 2017 – AMMI CANADA COUNCIL MEETING - MOTIONS

MOTION 01: To approve the fall council agenda as presented with no revisions

MOTION 02: To approve the May 3, 2017 council meeting notes as presented.

MOTION 03: To inform CACMID in writing that AMMI Canada wishes to continue to host a joint annual conference, however AMMI Canada does not wish for the existing contract to self-renew, we would like to renegotiate the contract past 2020.

MOTION 04: Caroline Quach and Riccarda Galioto to enter into discussion with CHEC members to discuss the proposed re-organization of the committee structure, whereby CNISP will become an arm of CHEC (IPAC) and ASRC.

MOTION 05: To approve the AMMI Canada 2017 budget as presented, with the understanding that the year will end in deficit.

MOTION 06: To transfer funds (\$50,000 or an amount as required) from the investments to the chequing account to cover any short falls for the year.

MOTION 07: To approve that Riccarda Galioto move forward in discussions with the current bookkeeper about issues and shortfalls and to start looking for a new accountant.

MOTION 08: To approve the AMMI Canada Paediatric Committee's Terms of Reference as presented.

MOTION 09: To approve the AMMI Canada Paediatric Committee's membership as presented

MOTION 10: To ratify Lisa Li as the Vice Chair of the Members-in-Training Committee.

MOTION 11: To provide the allocation of funds and/or resources in order to develop the next Needs Assessment (whether it be in 2018/2019).

MOTION 12: To change the status of the Indigenous Health Working Group to that of a committee: the AMMI Canada Indigenous Health Committee and to ratify the terms of reference as presented.

MOTION 13: To adjourn the AMMI Canada November 11, 2017 council meeting at 4:00.

APPROVAL OF THE AMMI CANADA DECISIONS(MOTIONS) MADE AT THE MAY 2017 AND NOVEMBER 2018 COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Patrick Dolcé (1)
Todd Hatchette (2)
Carried unanimously

AMMI Canada Council Decisions Made Electronically

May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018

AMMI Canada COUNCIL E-Votes all CARRIED

May 31, 2017

Approved the signing of a letter of support, written by the CCMOHs to the Honourable Elizabeth May, expressing AMMI Canada's support for the Federal Framework on Lyme Disease's goal of enhancing surveillance, education and awareness of Lyme disease, and its prevention, diagnosis and treatment in Canada, along with acknowledging the work of the Public Health Agency of Canada in the development of the Federal Framework. We believe the Framework reflects the state of present evidence and recognize that there are gaps in our present knowledge base.

July 8, 2017

Approved Greg German's recommendation to submit a motion to CMA General Council, asking the CMA to call on the federal government to put antimicrobial stewardship and resistance surveillance on the agenda for the 2018 G7 Presidency meeting.

August 20, 2017

Ratified the addition of 4 new members to the Education and Continuing Professional Development Committee: **Vincent Deslande** (Ottawa, ON) Medical Microbiology / Member-in-Training, **Jennifer Tam** (Toronto, ON) Paeds Infectious Disease / Member-in-Training, **Allison Mah** (Houston, TX, USA) Infectious Disease/Member-in-Training and **Kathy Malejczyk** (Regina, SK) Medical Microbiology.

September 01, 2017

Ratified Donald Vinh as the chair of the AMMI Canada Guidelines Committee.

September 14, 2017

Ratified the addition of 4 new members to the Members-in-Training Committee: **Vincent Deslandes** (Ottawa, ON) Medical Microbiology [PGY3], **Clayton MacDonald** (Edmonton, AB) Medical Microbiology [PGY3], **Jennifer Tam** (Toronto, ON) Paeds Infectious Disease and **Alejandra Ugarte Torres** (Calgary, AB) Infectious Disease.

October 04, 2017

Approved and submitted for publication in JAMMI, the AMMI Canada Antimicrobial Stewardship and Resistance Committee (ASRC) position statement on *Asymptomatic bacteriuria*.

October 22, 2017

Approved and submitted for publication to Choosing Wisely, the Paediatric Committee of AMMI Canada's finalized Paediatric Choosing Wisely Recommendations.

October 27, 2017

Motion put forward by the ASRC: AMMI Canada be a supporter of the Antibiotic Wise.ca website and take the pledge and use its social media platforms to promote both.

November 6, 2017

The Canadian PrEP/nPEP guidelines, which AMMI Canada endorsed in May 2017, were submitted to the CMAJ. The guideline underwent a very lengthy peer review process that resulted in a number of requests for revision. Revisions were reviewed, approved and continued endorsement was granted.

December 1, 2017

Approved signing a letter of support being sent by the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (CSACI) expressing concerns surrounding the Canadian Blood Services decision to acquire all SCIG product from a new single source.

February 9, 2018

Ratified the membership of the newly formed (Nov 11, 2017) AMMI Canada Indigenous Health Committee, under the leadership of Yoko Schreiber.

- Alexandra King (Supporter, Vancouver, BC)
- Malcolm King (Supporter, Saskatoon, SK)
- Michelle Mousseau Bailey (Supporter, Ottawa, ON)
- Eli Nix (Supporter) Thunder Bay, ON)
- Pam Orr (Active, ID, Winnipeg, MB)
- Kundle Sanyaolu (Active, MM/ID, Calgary, AB)
- Bohdan Savaryn (MM, Edmonton, AB) Member-in-Training
- Malika Sharma (Active, ID, Toronto, ON)
- Stuart Skinner (Active, ID, Saskatoon, SK)
- Shannon Turvey (Active, ID, Edmonton, AB)
- Marina Ulanova (Supporter, Thunder Bay, ON)
- Wendy Wobeser (Active, ID, Kingston, ON)
- Tom Wong (Active, ID, Ottawa, ON)

February 13, 2018

Ratified the new Terms of Reference for the AMMI Canada, Canadian Hospital Epidemiology Committee (CHEC).

February 22, 2018

Ratified Greg German as the Vice-Chair, for the AMMI Canada Antibiotic Stewardship and Resistance Committee.

March 19, 2018

Approved the Canadian Hospital Epidemiology Committee (CHEC) recommendation that Kevin Katz become the co-chair for both the Canadian Hospital Epidemiology Committee (CHEC) and CNISP sub-committee.

APPROVAL OF THE AMMI CANADA ELECTRONIC DECISIONS(MOTIONS) BETWEEN MAY 2017 AND APRIL 2018.

Daniel Gregson (1)
Deborah Yamamura (2)
Carried unanimously

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Caroline Quach

Over the past year the focus of the association has been on developing, nurturing and building on collaborations.

Consolidation

AMMI Canada has been working with PHAC to consolidate the ongoing relationship. AMMI Canada has mainly worked to get its members' work recognized for the work done on PHAC activities and recognized as experts in the fields of infectious disease and medical microbiology and included and involved in all materials pertaining to prevention, diagnosis and treatment of infectious diseases.

CHEC and CNISP: Over the years, CHEC has mainly focused on CNISP and its activities. Over the course of the past year, Council and the CHEC co-chairs, have been working on clearly defining CHEC as a committee within AMMI Canada, with CNISP as project within CHEC. The intention is to broaden the scope and activities of CHEC to look at, create and develop opportunities for non-CNISP AMMI Canada members to be involved in infection prevention and control. The new terms of reference have been developed and approved to reflect these changes. Now that the terms of reference have been approved, the CHEC members need to be defined. Membership will include the co-chairs, Charles Frenette and Kevin Katz, with a member from each of the ASRC, Paediatric Committee and Indigenous Health Committee as well as an AMMI Canada member interested in IPAC that is not from or involved with CNISP.

Building:

Paediatric Committee: Earl Rubin is the Chair of the Paediatric committee. The committee has revised its terms of reference and we are pleased to announce that PICNIC is now officially the research arm of the Paediatric committee.

Grassroots Initiatives: The Indigenous Health Working Group, started as a grassroots group under the leadership of Yoko Schreiber. The group is now officially an AMMI Canada committee.

Visibility:

Research: A Clinical Research Network has been established, under the leadership of Nick Daneman. More information will be presented on the network during the meeting.

ESCMID: AMMI Canada has strengthened its relationship and visibility with ESCMID. A MOU was signed with ESCMID during the IDWeek.

SHEA: AMMI Canada is working to create a closer relationship and more visibility with SHEA. Jennifer Grant is our liaison member to the SHEA Guidelines. Andrew Morris is the Chair of the SHEA Antibiotic Stewardship Committee.

FAMMI: Council has approved the creation of a new designation for AMMI Canada, that of being a Fellow of AMMI Canada (FAMMI). Full details on how to apply for the designation can be found on the website. This year, in honour of the creation of the designation, all AMMI Canada past-presidents, Lifetime Achievement and Distinguished Service award recipients will be presented with the FAMMI Designation. 2018 recipients are:

- Dr. Daniel Gregson
- Dr. Gerald A. Evans
- Dr. B. Lynn Johnston
- Dr. Susan Richardson
- Dr. Coleman Rotstein
- Dr. Michel Laverdière
- Dr. Anita Rachlis
- Dr. Fred Aoki
- Dr. Diane Roscoe
- Dr. Gilles Delage
- Dr. A. Mark Joffe

Dr Quach's full report can be found on pages 4 and 5 of the 2017 annual report.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Andrew Simor

The 2017 AMMI Canada budget has been finalized and reviewed by our auditor. The year-end budget closed with a deficit of \$93,227, and net assets of \$923,106. Most of the revenues in the past year came from membership dues (\$110,385) and from revenues generated from the annual joint AMMI Canada /CACMID conference (\$477,688).

The major reason for the budgetary deficit in 2017 is attributable to ongoing decreased net income derived from the annual conference held in Toronto (\$121,229 this past year, as compared to \$159,508 in 2016, and \$219,973 in 2015). The primary reason for this shortfall is due to decreased income from corporate sponsorships (only \$195,000 this past year, as compared to \$290,435 in 2016). Some of the loss in revenues from decreased sponsorship was offset by increased revenue from higher registration fees. It is clear that there will be fewer opportunities for generating conference income from sponsorship fees for the foreseeable future, and this will need to be taken into account when planning future conference budgets.

The University of Toronto Press (UTP) has begun to publish our Association's journal, Journal of the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease Canada (JAMMI). However, there were legal costs and start-up and republication expenses in the past year associated with the launch of our journal. It may take a few years before the Association's journal becomes cost-neutral or generates net revenues.

There have recently been changes at the Association's Secretariat that have increased expenses. In recognition of her skills, expertise, and evolving role profile, Riccarda Galimoto has been promoted to the position of Executive Director (with an associated increase in her salary and benefits). In the past year the Secretariat also recruited Melanie Desjardins, as an Executive Assistant and Committee Coordinator.

Although the current deficit will be covered by funds coming from the Association's assets (investments), it is of great concern that this is the second year in a row with an operating deficit. Clearly, we cannot continue to operate each year with an operating deficit, and the Association's Council will have to make important decisions about how best to contain expenses if there is no increase in revenues generated.

Motion to Approve - the Auditor's Report as presented in the 2017 Annual Report

Todd Hachette (1)
Dan Gregson (2)
Carried unanimously

Motion to Approve - Appointment of the Frouin Group, Frouin Group, at 2301 Carling Avenue, Suite 101, Ottawa, ON K2B 7G3 as the Auditor for 2018.

Jennifer Grant (1)
Dwight Ferris (2)
Carried unanimously

Dr Simor's full report can be found on pages 22 of the 2017 annual report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Terry Wuerz

As incoming Secretary for AMMI Canada, it has been an honour to have the opportunity to continue the work of Dr. Deborah Yamamura, and others who came before her, to grow our membership. It has been a pleasure to meet Mr. Paul Glover and Ms. Riccarda Galimoto; they run a tight ship, and I look forward to continuing to work with them and other members of council in coming years.

I am happy to report that over the last year, our membership has grown by 8.2%. At the end of 2017, we had 681 members – an increase of 52 members from 2016. Member categories are as follows: 503 Active members, 71 Members-in-Training, 63 Retired members, 41 Supporters, and 3 Honorary Members. Membership category by specialty consists of 270 in infectious diseases, 124 in medical microbiology, 160 in both infectious diseases and medical microbiology, 73 in paediatric infectious diseases and/or medical microbiology and 54 with other specialties including PharmD, infection control practitioners, and research scientists.

If you know of residents, colleagues, or any other health professionals affiliated with infectious diseases or medical microbiology in Canada who are not members, now is a good time to encourage them to join. Membership benefits include annual conference discounts, reduced publication fees to JAMMI, an opportunity to serve on one of AMMI Canada's several committees and working groups, national mentorship program, and more

Dr Wuerz's full report can be found on pages 5 of the 2017 annual report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Antimicrobial Stewardship and Resistance Committee

Greg German

The ASRC has had another busy year, continuing to develop the two high priority initiatives undertaken in 2016; to create an educational toolkit for an approach to **asymptomatic bacteriuria**, and a **business case** for healthcare leaders seeking funding for an antimicrobial stewardship program.

Asymptomatic bacteriuria

The ASRC undertook to address the inappropriate use of antibiotics in asymptomatic bacteriuria. A working group of committee members was established (Kim Abbass, Greg German, Tim Lau, Caroline Nott, David Patrick, Genevieve Soucy, and Edith Blondel-Hill (chair)). The group requested input from the AMMI Canada membership for an asymptomatic bacteriuria campaign catchphrase and came up with “Symptom-Free Pee - Let It Be”. The working group also developed a bilingual tool kit for long term care facilities and healthcare professionals. The focus of the tool kit materials was a traffic sign theme of Stop/Wait/Go including the following materials:

- PowerPoint presentations in English and French on asymptomatic bacteriuria
- Posters outlining the major messages of the campaign
- Myths and Truths PowerPoint
- Myths and Truths handout
- Form letter to residents and family members
- Rehydration log

All materials are downloadable from the AMMI Canada website and were promoted during Antibiotic Awareness week by AMMI Canada, PHAC and NCCID.

The working group also wrote a Position Statement on Asymptomatic Bacteriuria which will be published in JAMMI in early 2018.

Business Case

The ASRC undertook to author a Business Case document package for Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs. The intent of this initiative was to facilitate healthcare leaders in acquiring the necessary resources from healthcare administrators to launch or improve their own antimicrobial stewardship programs. A working group of committee members was established (John Conly, Bruce Dalton, Nick Daneman, Linda Dresser, Sergio Fanella, Jennifer Grant, Yoav Keynan, Nicole Le Saux, Jamie McDonald, Yvonne Shevchuk, Genevieve Soucy, Daniel Thirion and Andrew Morris (chair)). The toolkit consists of documents in an open source format in both English and French:

- A Business Case Proposal template for ASPs in Microsoft Word format
- A Business Case Financial Analysis for ASPs in Microsoft Excel format
- An accompanying FAQ to help get started

A short survey was created in 2017 to ask for feedback on the tools, so that updates, and revisions can be made to enhance the documents.

Dr Nicole Le Saux, wrote a [Blog for CMAJ](#) – Getting on top of antimicrobial resistance: how to make a business case for inpatient antimicrobial stewardship program.

Dr Andrew Morris participated in an NCCID Webinar: Making the Case for Stewardship – The AMMI Canada Business Case and Essentials for Program Establishment – [Archived Recording](#)

Leadership

Dr. Andrew Morris has completed 3 years as Chair of the AMMI Canada ASRC. He feels fortunate to have served on this committee whose members have achieved much in those 3 years. Because he has been asked to chair the SHEA Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee, it would be seen as a conflict if he continued to represent AMMI Canada as well. Accordingly, he is stepping down from his Chair Position. He will stay on as a member of the ASRC and hopes to forge stronger connections between AMMI Canada's and SHEA's antimicrobial stewardship committees.

As of the annual general meeting in Vancouver, May 3, Dr Edith Blondel-Hill will become Chair of the ASRC and Dr Greg German will become the Vice-Chair.

Dr Morris' full report can be found on pages 13 of the 2017 annual report.

Canadian Hospital Epidemiology Committee (CHEC)

Dr. Charles Frenette and Dr. Kevin Katz

We had a very successful meeting in October 2017, when all CNISP projects were reviewed and renewed. We welcomed quite a few young AMMI Canada - CHEC members succeeding to long-standing collaborators. Salient initiatives undertaken in the last few months include:

- Revision of the terms of reference for CNISP and CHEC membership that have been approved by all stakeholders. We are currently in the process of choosing a new CHEC-CNISP co-chair.
- Revision of the MRSA/VRE surveillance programs to concentrate on blood stream infections, but as well to include MSSA – BSI.
- An initiative to collect yearly antibiogram data in participating hospitals, along with participation in the WHO Global Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance System (GLASS).
- Creation of surveillance working group around an emerging infection, *C. auris*, with a survey of current practices that we hope to send to all AMMI Canada sites.
- The annual report on antimicrobial resistant organisms and hospital acquired infections based on 2012-2016 CNISP data should be released by the end of March by PHAC.
- A national point prevalence study on nosocomial infections was repeated in 2017 and will be presented at the 2018 annual conference. Data will be compared to the previous two surveys and to a new point prevalence survey done in non-CNISP community hospitals.
- Based on strategic planning at annual meeting, planning future, surveillance of nosocomial BSI on targeted units such as Hematology/Oncology, or the Dialysis units.
- The CDI working group is very active and has published the CNISP data correlating the evolution of strain types and rates of infection. A study on community acquired cases is on-going.
- The Carbapenemase Producing Organisms working group has done a survey of Laboratory and Infection Control practices of all Canadian hospitals.
- A survey of the emerging infection *M. chimaera* was completed and accepted for publication.

- The AMU group has finally reviewed AMU for the 2012-16 years and data will also be presented at 2018 annual conference.

Overall, four abstracts will be presented at the 2018 AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference and two manuscripts were accepted for publications. Finally, even though CNISP is a large venture regrouping over 60 Canadian hospitals, we are attempting to expand participation to more AMMI Canada members and site. We would welcome any AMMI Canada members who would like to participate in AMMI Canada-CHEC to contact either Charles Frenette or Kevin Katz. Although some projects require funding, and funding is currently limited, many other projects and more limited versions of current projects are being studied; closer collaboration with IPAC Canada and CPSI has also been accomplished in the last year.

Dr Frenette/Katz's full report can be found on pages 9 of the 2017 annual report.

Education and Continuing Professional Development Committee

Joanne Salmon

The existing membership and regions of Canada representation were reviewed, as well as the need for membership from our Members-in-Training and to balance the members' clinical specialties. Targeted requests were sent to individuals who were felt to be particularly well-suited for the committee. As a result, we now have 4 new enthusiastic members.

Joanne Salmon agreed to take on the role of Education and Continuing Professional Development Committee Vice-Chair (education).

We continue our ongoing training of committee members with respect to accreditation standards and creation of effective education offerings at our meetings. Review of how to accredit programs and an in-service on preparation of effective MCQ evaluations were done this year. Upcoming meetings will continue to include portions dedicated to this training.

Joanne Salmon and Riccarda Galioto attended the RCPSC annual CPD conference. Implementation of the new standards of education accreditation were discussed as was the RCPSC Competence by design initiative.

Committee members have drafted a "National Curriculum Needs Assessment" Survey document that is being finalized and will be sent to the general membership (with focus on those involved in education) within the next 1-2 months.

Committee members have drafted and circulated a "National Mentorship Program" Survey document to membership involved in trainee education. The results will be used to promote discussion during a session at the AMMI Canada-CACMID Conference Trainees' Day 2018 and to start building a useful program.

A committee member has joined the Lyme disease Working Group in order to collaborate in the creation of education offerings initiated by the output of that group.

In collaboration with the Indigenous Health Committee, plans are underway to create a series of educational offerings. As of now, the first one is proposed to be piloted in conjunction with the 2018 AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference.

Plans for AMMI Canada re-accreditation with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada due November 2018 are underway.

CPD Activities Accredited and co-developed by AMMI Canada in 2017:

AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference 2017
May 3-6, 2017 Sheraton Centre Toronto, Toronto, ON

26th Annual Canadian Conference in HIV/AIDS Research – CAHR 2017
April 6-9, 2017 Hôtel Bonaventure, Montréal, QC

Quality Clinical Investigator Practices (QCIP) Training Program (accreditation renewal)

Integrated Symposium (part of the AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference 2017)

- Current CMV treatment Options and Management Strategies (May 4)

Workshops (part of the AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference 2017)

- Changing Landscapes of STI Diagnosis in Canada (May 4)
- Management of MRSA/VRE Endocarditis in the Challenging Patient, a Case-based Discussion (May 5)
- Antimicrobial Stewardship: Rapid Phenotypic Antibiotic Susceptibilities in Management of Patients with Bacteremia (May 5)

Dr Salmon's full report can be found on pages 10 of the 2017 annual report.

Grants and Awards Committee

Caroline Quach on behalf of Donald Vinh

Dr. Quach noted that Dr. Vinh was unable to be present, but directed the membership to his report, found on page 8 of the 2017 Annual report.

Paediatric Committee

Earl Rubin

The committee serve as a national resource for the members of AMMI Canada who are Paediatric Infectious Diseases Specialists and/or Microbiologists for the ongoing optimization of Continuing Medical Education as it pertains to paediatric topics; to follow the Royal College mandates as they pertain to training programs in Paediatric ID; to facilitate communication between Canadian Paediatric Infectious Disease and Microbiology specialists; to help publicize scientific advancement and contributions of our Canadian Paediatric Infectious Disease and Microbiology communities; to ensure adequate representation of the paediatric population on all AMMI Canada committees.

In 2016 the committee undertook to develop AMMI Canada paediatric specific Choosing Wisely Recommendation. After numerous teleconferences, emails and consultations with AMMI Canada membership, including a face to face meeting in Toronto May 6 the final 5 was decided on, approved by council and submitted to CWC. The committee encounter some struggles with one of Choosing Wisely Statements.

The controversy surrounded our statement that insisted on testing for Group A strep prior to starting antibiotics for a pharyngitis. Because this was contrary to practices in the family medicine community (they only use a score) and contrary to the CWC statement by the ER group that indicates not to treat uncomplicated pharyngitis, the CWC decided it was best to drop that statement.

On February 12th, 2018, at 10 am, Choosing Wisely Canada had the official release of the AMMI Canada Pediatric ID/Microbiology statements. In addition, CWC made Tweets/Posts:

En: New #choosingwisely list released! @AMMICanada lists 4 things physicians and patients should question in #pediatric #InfectiousDiseases & Medical Microbiology!

Fr: Nouvelles recommandations #ChoisirAvecSoin de @AMMICanada en Microbiologie médicale et infectiologie #pédiatriques!

As well, CWC has links to the list on their website that went live after 10am on Monday February 12th, with our list appearing at the top of the page:

En: <https://choosingwiselycanada.org/infectious-diseases/>

Fr: <https://choisiravecsoin.org/infectiologie/>

In addition, AMMI Canada sent out a message to the AMMI Canada membership at large as well as tweeted.

The next step would be to discuss publishing the CWC, likely in JAMMI

In terms of our next initiative, 4 proposed areas to explore were discussed and debated, (Approach to congenital CMV, Practical approach to work up and follow up for children receiving Biologic therapy, Approach and work up for myocarditis, and Approach to diagnosis of congenital infection). In the end, it was decided to start with Congenital infections. Soren Gantt volunteered to take the lead on this, and it was decided to make the working group multidisciplinary. To that end, the following people were approached by members of our Paediatric exec and agreed to participate:

Working group of AMMI Canada Paediatric Committee for the work up of Congenital infections:

Soren Gantt - ID

Christian Renaud - ID/Micro

Fatima Kakkar - ID

Isabelle Boucoiran - OB/Gyn

Joseph Ting - Neonatology

Millan Patel - Genetics

In 2017, the committee welcomed a member-in-training, Ana Blanchard to the committee. She is currently in her 3rd year of ID training at Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. She did her Paediatric residency at Hospital Ste. Justine, and her Medical school at McGill.

Dr Rubin's full report can be found on pages 17 of the 2017 annual report.

Guidelines Committee

Caroline Quach on behalf of Donald Vinh

Dr. Quach noted that Dr. Vinh was unable to be present, but directed the membership to his report, found on page 12 of the 2017 Annual report.

Members-in-Training

Lisa Li

This committee is formed by enthusiastic members-in-training who represent residents and trainees in the Association and at the AMMI Canada - CACMID Annual Conference.

Trainees' Day 2017 was held in Toronto, ON with record-breaking attendance. Sessions included: Navigating Relations with the Pharmaceutical Industry, Exploring Job Opportunities, Effective Large Group Presentations, and Academic Writing Skills. Feedback regarding the day was very positive and attendees in particular appreciated sessions with opportunities for interaction.

Due to large attendance numbers, a suggestion was made at Spring 2017 AMMI Canada Council Meeting to introduce a fee for any non-members-in-training wishing to attend Trainees' Day. The Central Planning Committee proposed a fee of \$100 for all non-members-in-training. 2018 is the first year that this fee will come into effect.

Looking forward to 2018 Annual Conference, a call to membership was made and a total of eight (8) Members-in-Training were named on this year's committee. A large teleconference took place on Sept 27, 2017 to brainstorm topics for Trainees' Day 2018 and form working groups. A follow-up teleconference for all working groups occurred on October 26, 2017, confirming the sessions for this year will be: Research Productivity in Residency, Career Advice Break-Out Sessions, and Mentorship is a Two-Way Street. Several working groups had additional teleconferences in October and November 2017 to further discuss details. In November 2017, Lisa Li (Vancouver, BC) was ratified as Vice-Chair of the committee. Currently, all speakers have been confirmed and we are looking forward to an innovative, interactive Trainees' Day 2018.

We are grateful for all AMMI Canada staff and Members-in-Training who have helped plan this year's conference, and to those who have served as speakers at Trainees' Day.

Dr Li's full report can be found on pages 21 of the 2017 annual report.

Program Planning Committee

Caroline Quach on behalf of Isabelle Chiu

Dr. Quach noted that Dr. Chiu was unable to be present, but directed the membership to her report, found on page 15 of the 2017 Annual report.

Indigenous Health Committee

Yoko Schreiber

Over the last year, the Indigenous Health Working group has morphed into a formal AMMI Canada committee with its own Terms of Reference. This opens opportunities for collaboration with other

committees, to ensure that issues specific to Indigenous Peoples are being considered and addressed in AMMI Canada's various activities. To date, members of the IHC have assisted the Scientific Planning Committee with this year's programme, represented AMMI Canada at discussions at the NRC on *Haemophilus influenzae* type a vaccine development, and have actively reached out to the broader community in order to diversify committee membership and ensure inclusion of Indigenous perspectives. One major project undertaken by the IHC in collaboration with the Education Committee is the development of a pilot module on Indigenous Health for the National Curriculum. This module will be presented at the annual conference for member feedback.

Short term goals:

1. Continue to develop a process of consultation and engagement with Indigenous groups and leadership
2. Identify opportunities within AMMI Canada where the IHC can contribute and raise awareness about the unique needs of Indigenous populations, specifically in the areas of antimicrobial stewardship, infectious diseases surveillance, and education.
3. Inclusion of members across Canada, specifically the Territories, Atlantic Provinces and British Columbia, recruitment of Members-in-training, as well as representation of Indigenous Peoples on the committee. Interested members please contact the AMMI Canada secretariat.

Dr Schreiber's full report can be found on pages 16 of the 2017 annual report.

Communications Committee

Daniel Gregson

The committee held two teleconferences in 2017, June 29 and December 7 and have communicated via email. The committee was unable to meet in the first part of 2018.

The committee completed and finalized decisions on the following tasks:

1. The decision was made that recognition of members who receive national awards and in-memorandum notifications will be provided through the President's monthly update rather than other means.
2. A survey of membership indicated interest in returning to the quarterly newsletter as was previously provided by AMMI Canada. The cost for production exceeded those of what would be required for page publications in JAMMI our journal. Once the journal is on stable financial ground, this issue will be brought back to the committee for further discussion and development of an update section in the journal.
3. External committees now have their own page in the member section on the website. Reports will be uploaded to the page, as they become available following meetings, so that membership can be kept informed.
4. The website has been updated with drop down menus. The committee has recommended that info graphics be developed for the public facing pages to provide a more user-friendly interface.

Following actions are in process.

1. A survey is in development to ascertain from members how they use social media and to better understand memberships needs and to determine if Twitter is the best platform for AMMI Canada to be using.
2. Decisions are ongoing regarding policy and process of who to follow and what to “Tweet” or “retweet”. Maintaining a truly active Twitter account may require more resources than the office is currently able to dedicate to this.
3. Internal committees are to have their own secure discussion forums. This should be set up by the time of the annual meeting.
4. Once the secure discussion forums are set up, a system will be developed so that members can be notified (e.g.: text or email) that comments are being made and new discussions have been set up.
5. Discussions regarding which world health days to support, either through media releases or social media are ongoing. Once this is finalized the plan is to have a position statement on each world health topic that can be updated as needed and released to the media or “Tweeted” about on the appropriate day.

Dr. Gregson will finish his term as Chair of the Communications and Public Relations Committee, in May 2018. Dr. Caroline Quach will become the Chair, for a two-year term.

Dr Gregson’s full report can be found on pages 11 of the 2017 annual report.

JAMMI Management Committee

Daniel Gregson

As membership is aware, our Journal is wholly owned by our association. We thank all members who have submitted articles over the last two years for the patience and support during the transition period.

The University of Toronto Press (UT Press) was selected as our new publisher for the next 3 years, and our Journal website can be found at (<https://jammi.utpjournals.press>). We encourage frequent visiting and downloading articles of interest. All submissions are now uploaded through their on-line submission service (ScholarOne Manuscripts™). Full Members have a profile set up with UT Press using their email address on file with AMMI Canada as their login name. For those who have not activated their account this can be done by following the link <https://mc04.manuscriptcentral.com/jammi>, entering the AMMI Canada email address on file as the user ID and then resetting your password.

Revenue to support the Journal for the last year has been through submission fees and page charges, alone. **Full Members of AMMI Canada receive a discounted publishing rate per page.** Non-member page charges are consistent with those charged by other journals. The current fee structure has allowed us to break even over the last year, but the Journal is still in a deficit due to costs associated with our transition from prior publishers.

Four issues were published in 2017. Two of these issues and one supplement were republication of articles published by our prior publisher (at AMMI Canada’s expense) as part of our separation process.

Readership Metrics - Between May and December 2017

- 3,118 Article downloads
- 1,476 Table of Contents views

Based on early 2018 numbers, we project that 2018 metrics will double compared with 2017.

We are currently aiming to publish 4 issues in 2018 plus the annual conference abstracts as a supplement. Articles that are accepted by our editorial team should be in press within 4 months of the required forms and fees being submitted to the publisher. **Accepted articles with incomplete release forms or unpaid charges will be held in que pending receipt of these documents/fees. Authors should strive to complete these requirements as soon as possible after acceptance to ensure the earliest publication date.**

Guidelines for advertising have been developed. The secretary will be actively seeking revenue through this stream to help support the Journal and be able to reduce page charges for members.

Journal indexing will be obtained as soon as we reach the minimum requirements for this.

ANNUAL SECTIONS MEETING

MM Section Chair

Susan Poutanen

Education/Training: Effective July 1, 2018, Tony Mazzulli will be taking over from David Haldane as chair of the Royal College Specialty Committee in Medical Microbiology. The specialty committee is waiting for approval and release of revised Objectives of training in Medical Microbiology, Subspecialty Training Requirements and the Final in-Training Evaluation Report which are in the queue for final approval and implementation July 2018. The Examination Committee led by Debbie Yamamura reported that the separate laboratory practical component of the examination was eliminated in the 2017 exam and there were two unmanned stations. The short answer questions format remained. There were 19 candidates in 2017 and the pass rate was 89.5%; based on performance, the topic of “safety” was identified as an area of weakness. There will be no major changes to the exam format for 2018 but a rest station will be considered, and an answerless reviewer will challenge the exam and provide feedback of relevance to the committee. The implementation of a Competence by Design program for medical microbiology is scheduled to be in Cohort 6 expected to go live in July 2021. In order to prepare, workshops will be organized at the Royal College in 2019 for the Specialty Committee led by a clinician educator with the support of an education writer. Given the overlap in scope and practice between the Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Specialty Committees, consideration for combined Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases workshops or a common clinician educator and educator writer is being considered.

Career/Employment Opportunities: Job opportunities for both Medical and Clinical Microbiologists continue to be posted across the country.

Choosing Wisely: The Paediatric Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology Choosing Wisely Working Group created Choosing Wisely recommendations which were accepted and published online at <http://www.choosingwiselycanada.org> on January 2018.

Canadian Nosocomial Infectious Surveillance Program (CNISP) Antibiogram Working Group: A CNISP working group focused on creating a national antibiogram using existing antibiograms using

existing CNISP participating hospital sites has been created and is headed by Greg German. For all existing CNISP sites, participation in the antibiogram project is encouraged.

The Canadian Leadership Council on Laboratory Medicine (CLCLM) and the Canadian Alliance of Laboratory Medicine (CALM): Andrew don Wauchope, the lead of CLCLM and CALM, was contacted requesting re-initiating sending invitations to AMMI Canada representatives, Tony Mazzulli and Paul van Caeselle, who previously represented AMMI Canada at CLCLM and CALM but have not been invited in recent years. CLCLM was organized by the RCPSC in 2011 to address issues such as quality management, workload, and new technologies and education within laboratory medicine. This is a broad-based group which includes many interested groups beyond just physicians practicing laboratory medicine. CALM was formed at the same time with the mandate to cooperate on issues of mutual interest in laboratory medicine, including but not limited to quality assurance, resources and education; to create working groups to address particular issues; and to advocate for Laboratory Medicine. Both groups meet at the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Pathologists.

Working Group Regarding Biosafety Practices related to Specimens with Query Prions in the Diagnostic Laboratories: The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) has a new process for updating guidance documents. A proposed plan to update their archived guidance related to biosafety practices related to specimens with query prion disease has been discussed with PHAC and a written proposal has been sent to PHAC for consideration. Upon approval, a call-out to interested AMMI Canada members will go out to invite interested members to participate in a prion working group to review documents and provide advice to PHAC.

Online Forum/Email Listserv for Microbiology-related Q&A: An online discussion forum open to all AMMI Canada Members has been discussed and approved at council and is in the process of being developed.

Dr Poutanen's full report can be found on pages 20 of the 2017 annual report.

ID Section Chair

Jennifer Grant

I have now completed two exciting years as the ID representative for AMMI Canada. Twenty seventeen has been a productive year for infectious diseases in Canada and it has been interesting to follow developments in the revision of training requirements and the discussion of the upcoming conversion to Competency by Design training. That change is anticipated in 2019 as it is implemented. As representative to the SHEA guidelines committee I have also had the opportunity to coordinate an endorsement of the SHEA duration of contact precautions document available at <https://www.shea-online.org/index.php/journal-news/website-highlights/560-shea-expert-guidance-duration-of-contact-precautions-for-acute-care-settings>. We have continued work on evaluation infection control in anesthesia and management of penicillin allergy. There are additional developments in stewardship, hospital epidemiology, guidelines and JAMMI, all of which will be discussed by the chair of those committees. I wish everybody the best for a wonderful 2018.

Dr Grants' full report can be found on pages 19 of the 2017 annual report.

Royal College Specialty Nucleus Committees Reports

MM Section Chair

David Haldane

Dr. Quach noted that Dr. Haldane was unable to be present, but directed the membership to his report, found on page 18 of the 2017 Annual report.

ID Section Chair

Cheryl Main

The committee has had another busy year with one face to face meeting and lots of work going on behind the scenes. The updated Objectives of Training (OTR) almost completed and will align with the recently updated Specialty Training Requirements (STR) and Specific Standards of Accreditation (SSA). This updated document suite will be helpful to the specialty as we transition to competency based medical education (CBME). We additionally completed two adult regular survey reviews and one pediatric review in 2017.

The committee has undergone a few membership changes again this year. We would like to thank Marissa Becker for her contributions to the committee over two terms as the representation of Region 2. She stepped down from this role in the fall and Yoav Keynan from the University of Manitoba has moved in to fill the gap. We are also saying goodbye to Sharyon Smith, the Royal College administrator for the specialty committee, who will be retiring May 11, 2018. Sharyon has done an excellent job keeping things organized for us and she will be missed. A new administrator will be in place before she retires.

The Infectious Disease Examination committee has a new acting chair, Louiselle LeBlanc, and vice chair, Nishma Singhal who were appointed in June. They will be directing the 2018 examination and filling these roles until Anu Wadhwa returns from parental leave. There have been no significant changes in exam development methodology for the 2017-2018 or 2018-2019 cycles. The 2017 psychometric review showed that all questions performed well with good discrimination indices.

The coming year poses a number of exciting challenges for the Infectious Diseases Specialty Committee, the most significant of these being the transition to CBME. The initial planning meetings will begin later this year with the official start of 2019. More details will follow in next year's report.

Dr Main's full report can be found on pages 19 of the 2017 annual report.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Daniel Gregson

The following Board Members' terms will expire at the 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM):

Dr. Caroline Quach	President
Dr. Susan Poutanen	Chair, Section of Medical Microbiology
Dr. Jennifer Grant	Chair, Section of Infectious Diseases
Dr. Christian Lavallée	Director
Dr. Daniel Smyth	Director
Dr. Stephen Sanche	Director
Dr. Yoko Schreiber	Director

The Committee recommends the following candidates who have agreed to stand for a second term of office to the AMMI Canada Board of Directors for the term 2018 – 2020

Dr. Susan Poutanen	Chair, Section of Medical Microbiology
Dr. Jennifer Grant	Chair, Section of Infectious Diseases
Dr. Stephen Sanche	Director
Dr. Yoko Schreiber	Director

The Committee recommends the following candidates who have allowed their names to stand for election to the AMMI Canada Board of Directors for the term 2018 – 2020:

Dr. Sarah Forgie	President-Elect
Dr. Karina Top	Director
Dr. Yves Longtin	Director

MOTION: To ratify Sarah Forgie (President Elect), Karina Top (Director), and Yves Longtin (Director) to serve on Council for the period of 2018-2020.

Todd Hatchette (1)
Christian Lavallée (2)
Carried unanimously

Dr. Gregson outlined that AMMI Canada is looking for two members-at-large to participate on the 2018 Nominations committee. Lynora Saxinger (AB) and Greg German (PE) volunteered.

MOTION: To ratify Lynora Saxinger (AB) and Greg German (PEI) to serve on the 2018-2019 Nominations Committee.

Todd Hatchette (1)
Christian Lavallée(2)
Carried unanimously

PRESENTATIONS TO OUTGOING MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Caroline Quach

CFID Update

Susan Richardson

The CFID is Canada's only charitable organization supporting research and education into the prevention. Dr. Susan Richardson encouraged members to participate in the 4th Annual CFID Bug Run, which will take place on the morning of Saturday, May 5, from 07:00-08:30.

NEW BUSINESS

Caroline Quach

AMMI Canada Clinical Research Network

Nick Daneman

Why should we go through the effort of building an AMMI Canada research network?

- ▶ so many fundamental questions remain unanswered in the field of infectious diseases
- ▶ infectious diseases clinical guidelines are eminence-based, rather than evidence-based¹
- ▶ we treat some rare conditions, so have even greater need for multi-centre collaborations than some other specialties

Crucial Features of CCCTG to Retain

- ▶ Open
- ▶ Collaborative
- ▶ Investigator-initiated
- ▶ Non-hierarchical
- ▶ Supporting research programs

Meeting taking place today (May 3) 12:30-2:30pm Constellation Room, 34th floor of South Tower

AMMI Canada Environmental/Microbiology/ Infectious Diseases Interest Group

Anna Majury and Natalie Prystajeky

AMMI Canada EM Interest Group: Examples

- Molecular detection of *Legionella pneumophila* from water, biofilms and other environmental specimens
- Examine the environment as a reservoir for antimicrobial resistance organisms and genes
- Validation of culture-based methods to determine the water quality of floatation tanks (hypersaline water)
- Detection of non-O157 STEC in flour or other previously unrecognized sources during a national outbreak

Sample set-up and confirmation of *Vibrio cholerae* from food, water and environmental samples

AMMI Canada EM Interest Group: Objectives

1. Providing a constructive and shared opportunity for Public Health, Environmental, Clinical and Medical Microbiologists, Scientists and others to convene;
2. Allowing opportunities to exchange knowledge, science and methodology, as well as opinions regarding current and future directions for environmental microbiology, including testing, response and discovery
3. Create and document a network of Environmental Microbiology expertise in Canada, to ensure preparedness for evolving, emerging, or challenging environmental microbiology related risks, such as water or foodborne outbreaks, bioterrorism risk associated with environmental matrices and microbiological consequences of climate change.

AMMI Canada EM Interest Group: Benefits

1. Such an interest group has not previously been developed in Canada.
2. This group would allow for national linkages and collaborations to develop and advance environmental microbiology in support of individual and public health
3. A national group of Environmental Microbiologists could share knowledge and expertise as well as address current and future environmental microbiology related public health and acute care concerns.
4. Increase awareness regarding the role of the Environmental Microbiologist by the public as well as by our colleagues in public health, clinical and medical microbiology.

Door Prize

The door prize was randomly selected from all who enter the draw and where present at the meeting. The recipient was Kevin Katz.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the 2018 AMMI Canada Annual General Meeting and Sections Meeting.

Daniel B. Gregson (1)

Christian Lavallée (2)

Carried unanimously