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MICROBIOLOGIE MÉDICALE ET INFECTIOLOGIE



Sheraton Centre Toronto

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
DEMANDE D'ABRÉGÉS

Submission Deadline: January 16, 2017

Date limite pour vos soumissions: 16 janvier 2017

Welcome • Bienvenue



The time has come again for us to invite you to THE Canadian annual meeting in infectious diseases and microbiology. Mark your calendars! From May 3rd to May 6th, 2017, Toronto, ON, will host the AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference. Canada's largest city, Toronto is a bustling, charismatic metropolis situated on the northwestern shore of Lake Ontario and home to some of the tallest skyscrapers in North America. Toronto is also the world's most ethnically diverse city and has something to offer all attendees. We hope that you will join us in Toronto for another excellent conference.

The AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference strives to support the collective interests of students, technologists, and professionals in the areas of diagnostic microbiology, antimicrobial stewardship, infectious diseases, infection prevention and control, and public health. To ensure another successful conference, we are inviting you to share your research/educational interventions results with your colleagues and submit an abstract to the 2017 AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference. Please follow [this link to submit your abstract](#). The deadline this year is January 16, 2017.

As usual, the Scientific Planning Committee is working hard and topics in resurgent infectious diseases, antimicrobial testing and therapy in the era of increasing resistance, hot topics in microbiology and both

adult and paediatric infectious diseases, novel technologies in microbiology, and an update on the hepatitis C virus are being prepared.

AMMI Canada and CACMID have collaborated in hosting a high quality annual meeting for their members for over ten years. On behalf of the Central and Scientific Planning Committees, we look forward to seeing you in Toronto and providing you with not only an educational event, but also opportunities for you to network and socialize with your colleagues. ●

Le moment est à nouveau venu de vous inviter à LA conférence annuelle canadienne en infectiologie et microbiologie. Inscrivez les dates à votre calendrier. Du 3 au 6 mai 2017, Toronto (Ontario) sera l'hôte de la conférence annuelle d'AMMI Canada – CACMID. La plus grande ville du Canada, située sur la côte nord-ouest du Lac Ontario, Toronto est une métropole animée et charismatique où se trouvent certains des plus hauts gratte-ciels en Amérique du Nord. À l'échelle mondiale, Toronto est aussi la ville ayant la plus grande diversité ethnique, un aspect dont pourront profiter tous les participants. Nous espérons que vous vous joindrez à nous à Toronto pour une autre excellente conférence.

La conférence annuelle d'AMMI Canada - CACMID vise à soutenir les intérêts communs des étudiants, technologues et professionnels des domaines de la microbiologie diagnostique, de la gestion de l'utilisation des antimicrobiens, de l'infectiologie, de la prévention

et du contrôle des infections et de la santé publique. Une fois de plus, pour assurer le succès de la conférence, nous vous invitons à partager les résultats de vos recherches et de vos interventions éducatives avec vos collègues et à soumettre un abrégé pour la conférence annuelle d'AMMI Canada – CACMID de 2017 en [suivant le lien](#). Cette année, la date limite de soumission est le 16 janvier 2017.

Comme d'habitude, le Comité de planification scientifique travaille fort et la préparation va bon train. Les thèmes comme les maladies infectieuses qui connaissent un nouvel essor, les épreuves de sensibilité aux antimicrobiens et le traitement à l'ère d'une résistance croissante, les sujets de l'heure en microbiologie et en infectiologie adulte et pédiatrique, les technologies novatrices en microbiologie et une mise à jour sur le virus de l'hépatite C sont au programme.

AMMI Canada et CACMID collaborent depuis plus de dix ans pour offrir à leurs membres une conférence annuelle de haute qualité. Au nom des comités de planification générale et scientifique, nous vous attendons à Toronto pour vous offrir non seulement un événement éducatif, mais de nombreuses possibilités de réseautage et de socialisation avec vos collègues. ●

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Objectives

The AMMI Canada - CACMID Annual Conference provides an interactive venue where experts in the fields of diagnostic microbiology, antimicrobial stewardship, infectious diseases, infection prevention and control, and public health meet. The conference attracts attendees from across Canada and internationally. As in previous years, the 2017 conference will provide updates on a variety of topics to a diverse audience of clinicians, microbiologists, laboratory technologists, public health professionals, infection prevention and control practitioners, students and residents.

In addition to the pre-meeting workshops, the program will offer plenary sessions, *state of the art* clinical lectures, a special lecture, integrated symposia, short oral presentations, poster presentations, work-

shops and interactive clinical vignettes. Following last year's success of the Incubator (formerly the Innovation Academy), this session will again offer a forum where you can showcase your novel approaches to common challenges. We look forward to your submissions and your pitch. The 2017 meeting will be a chance for attendees to showcase their research as well as get up to speed with the latest in the areas of microbiology, adult and paediatric infectious diseases and related subjects. Dynamic expert speakers will be invited from across Canada and internationally to ensure another exciting meeting.

In addition to the scientific component, the meeting will provide ample opportunity for attendees to network, exchange ideas, and reconnect with colleagues. ●

The 2017 meeting will address topics including:

- Resurgent Infectious Diseases
- Antimicrobial Testing and Therapy in the Era of Increasing Resistance
- What's Hot in Adult and Paediatric Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology
- Novel Technologies in Microbiology
- Hepatitis C Virus Update

And a whole lot more!

MERIT AND ASSOCIATION AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Thursday, May 4

AMMI Canada

- Distinguished Service Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Honorary Membership Award
- AMMI Canada – bioMérieux Post Residency Fellowship in Microbial Diagnostics

CACMID

- John G. FitzGerald – CACMID Outstanding Microbiologist Award

CCM

- Canadian College of Microbiologists (CCM) Distinguished Service Award

CFID

- Canadian Foundation of Infectious Diseases (CFID) Dr. Juan A. Embil Award for Excellence in Infectious Diseases Research
- Canadian Foundation of Infectious Diseases (CFID) Dr. John M. Embil Mentorship Award in Infectious Diseases

JAMMI

- Dr. Lindsay E. Nicolle Editorial Award for original research published in the Journal of the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease Canada (JAMMI)

AMMI CANADA - CACMID SPECIAL LECTURE



Thursday, May 4

Dr. Sabra L. Klein (Baltimore, MD) will present the AMMI Canada – CACMID Special Lecture on the topic of Sex and Infections - Is it Better to be a Woman? The Special Lecture will be held following Thursday's award presentations and full details will be provided in the Preliminary Program.

Dr. Klein is a leading expert on sex differences in the outcome of infection and vaccination. She currently has over 95 peer-reviewed publications, authored several book chapters, and edited two books on the broad topics of sex differences in response to infection and treatments for infectious diseases. ●

Collaborating Societies



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Microbiologists



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Microbiologistes



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for Infectious Diseases
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des maladies infectieuses



WELCOME RECEPTION AND STAND UP DINNER

Date: Thursday, May 4
Time: 18:30 - 20:30
Location: Exhibit Hall

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
THE 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
WELCOME RECEPTION AND
STAND UP DINNER.**

Whether you would like to share your experiences of the conference so far, discuss the day's biggest debates or simply enjoy a drink and dinner, the welcome reception and dinner is the perfect place to make new acquaintances and catch up with old friends.

Join the conference planning committees, speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, and fellow delegates in a relaxed and informal atmosphere, while enjoying culinary delights in a stand up style dinner. ●

CCM Workshop



*Canadian College of
Microbiologists*



*Collège Canadien des
Microbiologistes*

Date: Wednesday, May 3
Time: 8:30 - 12:00
Location: Sheraton Centre
Toronto Hotel
Cost: \$80 plus 13% tax

Full details of the program, including specific objectives, will be provided in the Preliminary Program.

Information on the requirements for membership in the Canadian College of Microbiologists is available at www.ccm.ca. ●

The CCM Workshop and Trainees' Day are the perfect complements to the AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference. Both are optional and open to everyone interested - even if they are not attending the conference.

To register for these activities please visit the annual conference sections of either the AMMI Canada (www.ammi.ca) or CACMID (www.cacmid.ca) websites and follow the instructions to register online.

TRAINEES' DAY

Date: Wednesday, May 3
Time: 12:30 - 17:00
Lunch Provided
Location: Sheraton Centre
Toronto Hotel
Cost: No Fee Required

Trainees' Day is an afternoon of interactive sessions for trainees in adult and paediatric infectious disease and clinical and medical microbiology, held at the AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference 2017. Sessions provide a chance to hear from experts in the field about topics outside of the conventional

medical curriculum, with a focus on professional development and employment options. It's also a great opportunity to meet peers and future colleagues from around the country. Attendance is free of charge for all trainees, but for planning purposes we ask that you please register only if you are able to attend, and to notify the conference secretariat should your plans change for food and beverage planning purposes. ●

Topics to expect in 2017:

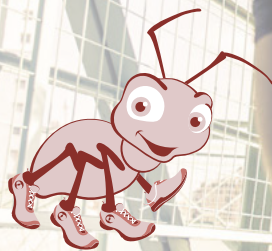
- How to Give a Fun, Outstanding ID Presentation
- Exploring Job Opportunities (Panel Discussion)
- Navigating Relations with Pharma
- Academic Writing Skills

We look forward to seeing you in Toronto, ON!

TRAINEES' DAY RECEPTION

Mingle with fellow trainees, speakers, and the boards of AMMI Canada and CACMID over light snacks and beverages.

 **CFID**
Bug Run



3rd ANNUAL CFID BUG RUN

Saturday, May 6

Join your colleagues, friends, competitors or just challenge yourself to a 5K Bug Run/Walk sponsored by the Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases.

For more information visit the CFID website at www.researchid.com

The Incubator

(formerly The Innovation Academy)

Submission Deadline: Monday, January 16, 2017

N.B. Please submit using the [Abstract Submission Site](#). There is a section whereby you can identify you are submitting for "The Incubator"

We are seeking novel and creative strategies that have the potential to stimulate significant change in any area related to Clinical Infectious Diseases, Laboratory Medicine (in the area of Infectious Diseases), Infection Prevention and Control, Antimicrobial Stewardship or Public Health.

These include new and creative approaches to problems encountered in the lab, in the clinical setting or in the classroom. They may include (but are not limited to) inventions, new product design, new diagnostic assays, transformative quality or process improvements, or novel educational initiatives.

The new and creative approaches will first be presented in poster format on Thursday, May 4th for initial review and judging. You must be at your poster at a time to be specified, as anonymous judging will take place at this time. After judging, selected poster submissions will be chosen for an oral "pitch" on Saturday, May 6th. Your "pitch" should convey the nature of your project in an informative

and energetic manner. You will have 3 minutes to state your case. You may prepare a maximum of 5 PowerPoint Slides (includes title slide) to be shown during your presentation but you do not have to use slides. Following your "pitch", there will be a 3-minute question and answer period followed by an audience vote.

Presentations will be adjudicated based on originality, creativity, applicability, ease of duplication, sustainability and overall significance.

A \$1,500 cash prize will be awarded to the winning submission.

Projects submitted for consideration to **The Incubator** are to be submitted by Monday, January 16, 2017 through the abstract submission site. Please ensure you check off the appropriate check box. All accepted projects will be acknowledged on or around March 7, 2017. The presenting author must be registered for the conference by Monday, March 13, 2017. If registration is not complete by this date, the submission will be removed and will not be published. ●

Previous Winners

Automated Texting and Email

Victor Leung presented the innovation at the 2016 annual conference

The Automated Antimicrobial Prescription Surveillance System (APPS)

Vincent Nault presented the innovation at the 2013 annual conference.

MRSAid Photodisinfection Project

Titus Wong presented the innovation at the 2012 annual conference.

EXHIBIT HALL

Interested in joining the show?

The 2016 show drew nearly 600 delegates. Exhibiting your products and services gives you a showcase at Canada's largest gathering of technologists, microbiologists, and infectious disease specialists.

For more information about becoming an exhibitor please visit the annual conference sections of both the AMMI Canada (www.ammi.ca) and CACMID (www.cacmid.ca) websites or by contacting Dianne Comeau at Unconventional Planning at dianne@unconventionalplanning.com.

CALL FOR CLINICAL VIGNETTES APPEL DE VIGNETTES CLINIQUES

Submission Deadline:
Sunday, December 4, 2016

Do you have an interesting case to share?

We are looking for challenging and head-scratching cases, with a clear teaching point or two, for presentation during this interactive session. The audience along with the discussants will work through the case, trying to solve it. An audience response system will be used. Please submit your most interesting clinical and laboratory cases for consideration by sending a brief outline of the case (including clinical presentation, investigations, diagnosis and treatment) and a short discussion on the instructive value of the case (about 200 words). Please clearly identify the take-home message that you would like your case to illustrate. Please include two or three multiple-choice questions that would be suitable for the "clicker" audience response system. We like a variety of cases; they can be lengthy and complicated or quick and short – you decide what you think might be of interest and of educational value for the audience. Our audience consists of clinicians and laboratorians, as such the ideal cases provide a basis for discussion of clinical and laboratory diagnosis, clinical management, infection control and other relevant aspects.

If your case is selected, we will work with you to prepare both your slide presentation for the meeting and an abstract of the case (that does not give away the answer) that is suitable for publication in the conference online-only supplement of the Journal of the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease Canada (JAMMI). Your final slide presentation of the case to be presented at the meeting will include the clinical presentation, investigations and management, as well as the interactive audience questions.

You will be notified on or around December 23, 2016 whether your case has been selected. You can expect to be involved in presenting and discussing the case during the Clinical Vignettes session, Saturday, May 6, 2017.

Those cases not selected for presentation as a clinical vignette will be considered for poster presentation as a case report. The deadline for submission of clinical cases is December 4, 2016.

Cases must be submitted by email to both Dr. Michael Libman, michael.libman@mcgill.ca and Dr. Jennifer Grant, jennifer.grant@vch.ca.

DO NOT submit the cases through the regular abstract submission process.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Michael Libman – michael.libman@mcgill.ca

Or

Jennifer Grant – jennifer.grant@vch.ca

Date limite pour vos soumissions :
dimanche 4 décembre 2016

Avez-vous un cas intéressant à partager?

Nous sommes à la recherche de cas complexes et intéressants pour une session de présentations interactives qui engendreront une discussion animée et permettront à l'auditoire d'en tirer un ou deux éléments d'enseignement. L'auditoire et les participants à la discussion tenteront de résoudre le cas. Nous utiliserons un système de réponses de l'auditoire. Soumettez vos cas cliniques et de laboratoire les plus intéressants en envoyant un bref aperçu du cas (incluant les investigations, le diagnostic et le traitement) et une courte discussion sur sa valeur éducative (environ 200 mots). Veuillez clairement indiquer le « message à retenir » de votre cas. Veuillez également inclure deux ou trois questions à choix multiples qui pourront servir au système de réponses par clic de l'auditoire. Nous souhaitons recevoir une vaste gamme de cas, alors que votre cas soit long et compliqué ou court – à vous de décider ce qui pourrait avoir une valeur éducative. Comme l'auditoire est composé de cliniciens et de spécialistes de laboratoire, les cas idéaux mèneront à une discussion à la fois sur le diagnostic clinique et de laboratoire, le traitement clinique, la prévention des infections ou d'autres aspects pertinents.

Si votre cas est sélectionné, nous vous appuierons dans la préparation du diaporama pour la présentation et de l'abrégé du cas (qui ne donnera pas la réponse) et qui sera publié dans le supplément en ligne de la conférence du Journal officiel de l'Association pour la microbiologie médicale et l'infectiologie Canada (JAMMI). Votre diaporama présenté lors de la conférence devra comprendre la présentation clinique, les investigations et la gestion, de même que les questions interactives pour l'auditoire.

Si votre cas est retenu aux fins de présentation, nous vous en informerons au plus tard le 23 décembre 2016. Vous pourrez alors vous attendre à participer à la présentation et à la discussion du cas lors de la séance des vignettes cliniques, le samedi 6 mai 2017. Les cas qui ne seront pas choisis pour la présentation de vignettes cliniques pourraient être acceptés pour une présentation par affiche en tant que rapport de cas. La date limite de soumission pour les cas cliniques est le 4 décembre 2016.

Les cas doivent être envoyés par courriel au Dr Michael Libman (michael.libman@mcgill.ca) et à la Dre Jennifer Grant (jennifer.grant@vch.ca).

NE PAS soumettre les cas au moyen du processus régulier de soumission des abrégés.

Si vous avez des questions, veuillez communiquer avec :

Michael Libman – michael.libman@mcgill.ca

ou

Jennifer Grant – jennifer.grant@vch.ca

Educational Grants

AMMI CANADA

For Members-in-Training only

Eligibility

The applicant must be an AMMI Canada Member-in-Training in good standing. To be eligible, the applicant must register for the AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference 2017 and pay the full student conference registration fee. One-day registrants are not eligible.

Application

An education grant application form will be available at the registration desk during the conference or can be downloaded from the AMMI Canada website – annual conference section (www.ammica.ca). This form can be completed during the conference and handed in at the registration desk, or be completed after the conference and sent to membership@ammica.ca or faxed to 613-260-3525. All forms must be received by the AMMI Canada secretariat no later than Monday, May 29, 2017.

- \$250 for Members-in-Training attending from Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and USA (Michigan, Ohio, New York, and Pennsylvania)
- \$500 for Members-in-Training attending from PEI, Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Nunavut
- \$750 for Members-in-Training attending from British Columbia, NWT, Yukon, USA (all other states), and International

N.B: Members-in-Training attending from the city of Toronto are ineligible for grants.

CACMID

For Technical Staff and Clinical Microbiology Fellows

Eligibility

Applicants must be microbiology laboratory technologists or technicians, or clinical microbiology fellows registered in a Canadian training program, and all must be active members of CACMID. Each applicant is eligible for only one grant.

Application

An education grant application form will be available at the registration desk during the conference or can be downloaded from the Toronto 2017 web page on the CACMID website (www.cacmid.ca). This form can be completed during the conference and handed in at the registration desk, or be completed after the conference and mailed to the CACMID Secretary Treasurer (www.cacmid.ca/contact-us/) no later than Monday, May 29, 2017.

- \$250 for Technical staff attending from Ontario
- \$500 for Technical staff attending from Manitoba and Québec
- \$750 for Technical staff attending from Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, PEI, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland
- \$1,000 for Technical staff attending from NWT, Yukon, and Nunavut

N.B: Clinical microbiology fellows (all must be Canadian residents) may submit itemized expenses with receipts to a maximum of \$1,000.

POSTER AND RESEARCH AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Saturday, May 6

POSTER AND ORAL

(Student / Technologist / Trainee Awards)

- Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease (AMMI) Canada Poster Award
- Canadian Association for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (CACMID) Poster Award
- Canadian Association for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (CACMID) Student Oral Presentation Award
- Canadian Association for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (CACMID) Technologist Poster Award
- Canadian College of Microbiologists (CCM) Poster Award
- Canadian College of Microbiologists (CCM) Dr. Kenneth Rozee Memorial Poster Award
- Dr. Susan King Paediatric Abstract Award

CFID

- AMMI Canada Medical Student Research Awards
- Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases (CFID) Undergraduate Student Summer Research Awards
- Safe Drinking Water Pilot Grant

AMMI Canada

- Journal of the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease Canada (JAMMI) Trainee Review Article Award
- Trainee Research Award
- Young Investigator Award

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION AND PRESENTATION

Submission Deadline: Monday, January 16, 2017

You are invited to submit abstracts related to all aspects of clinical microbiology and infectious disease including epidemiological, diagnostic, environmental, medical and basic sciences. Abstracts related to education in microbiology and infectious diseases are also welcome.

To be considered, an abstract must comply with the rules of submission set out by the Abstract Committee. Before submitting an abstract, it is strongly recommended that the entire "Guidelines for submission of abstracts" section be thoroughly reviewed. Submitted abstracts that do not conform to the prescribed format will be rejected.

Abstracts will be judged on scientific content, interest, and relevance to infectious diseases and microbiology.

The annual conference accommodates a fixed number of oral presentations and a variable and flexible number of posters. Submitters are requested to indicate their preference of presentation format.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE ABSTRACT COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SELECT THE FINAL PRESENTATION FORMAT IN ORDER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CONFERENCE PLANNING.

1. The Abstract Committee will schedule all presentations. In the event of a scheduling conflict, the presentation can be made by a co-author.

2. Abstracts will not be printed for distribution at the conference. They will be made available online through the conference websites at www.ammi.ca or www.cacmid.ca. Abstracts will also be available through the *Journal of the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease Canada* (JAMMI).

Structure of abstracts

Please read the following and refer to the Sample Abstract on page 11.

1. Abstracts must fit within the space provided on the abstract submission form (250 - 300 words).

2. Text must be in Arial Font, size 10.

Title: Use a concise title that clearly indicates the content of the abstract. Capitalize the first letter of each word except prepositions, articles and species names.

Presenting author: Place an asterisk after the name of the presenting author outside any comma or period.

The Secretariat and Abstract Review Committee will only correspond with the submitting author (whomever registers and submits the abstract in the abstract system is the submitting author). The system cannot change the contact information after submission.

If the submitting author relocates before abstract acceptances are emailed out, he/she must contact the AMMI Canada - CACMID Conference Secretariat with new contact details.

Authors: Type all authors' names in CAPITAL letters. Type initials and follow each with a period and with a space e.g. R. GALIOTO.

Affiliations: List each author's institution, city and province. Use standard abbreviations for the province e.g. ON, AB, BC.

Abstract Text: The style of the abstract must follow the sample format with sections titled: Objective(s), Methods, Results, and Conclusion(s). Abstracts not written in the format illustrated in the Sample Abstract will be rejected.

3. Tables and figures may be inserted in the abstracts.
4. Authors should indicate a presentation preference:
 - Poster only
 - Oral or poster presentation

Acknowledgement

1. Upon successful electronic submission of your abstract, you will receive a confirmation by email with your personal address code and password (please make sure to state the correct email address).
2. Should you wish to make corrections to an abstract already submitted or if you wish to submit other abstracts later, you may use your personal access code. Corrections to abstracts can only be made until the deadline for abstract submission January 16, 2017.

3. Abstracts will be subject to peer review by at least 2 members of the Abstract Review Committee. Presenting Authors will be notified of abstract acceptance/rejection, date, time and format of presentation on or around March 7, 2017
4. The presenting author must be registered for the conference by Monday, March 13, 2017. If the registration is not complete by this date, the abstract will be removed and will not be published.
5. If an abstract is to be withdrawn, the AMMI Canada - CACMID Conference Secretariat must be advised in writing by Thursday, February 23, 2017.
6. If an abstract is accepted, an author must attend the conference and present the work in person. If a presenting author withdraws an abstract after Thursday, February 23, 2017, or does not attend the session for which he/she has been scheduled, the author will be prohibited from presenting papers at the AMMI Canada - CACMID conference for a period of 3 years. Those subject to this penalty will be informed in writing.
7. If you have difficulties submitting your abstract or if you require any additional information, please contact the Conference Secretariat (meetings@ammi.ca).

SUBMIT NOW

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION AND PRESENTATION

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SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT NOW

TOPIC CATEGORIES

- Basic / experimental science
- Antimicrobials
- Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Diagnostic laboratory methods, studies, and surveillance
- HIV and AIDS
- Virology
- Bacteriology
- Mycology
- Parasitology
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Infection prevention and control / Health care epidemiology
- Travel medicine and tropical diseases
- Public health
- Clinical infectious diseases
- Education
- Environmental / Food microbiology
- Paediatrics
- Other

SAMPLE ABSTRACT:

Antimicrobial susceptibility profile of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* isolates in the province of Québec: 2010 - 2012

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Background: Monitoring antimicrobial resistance of *N. gonorrhoeae* is necessary to detect trends in antimicrobial resistance, increases in minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) and to assist in the development of treatment guidelines. The emergence of antibiotic resistance, especially cephalosporins is a major public health challenge. **Methods:** *N. gonorrhoeae* strains isolated in clinical laboratories throughout the province were submitted to the Laboratoire de santé publique du Québec where their susceptibility profile to azithromycin, cefixime, ceftriaxone, ciprofloxacin and spectinomycin was determined by the agar dilution method as recommended by CLSI. **Results:** A total of 2212 strains (902 in 2010, 797 in 2011 and 513 in 2012 [partial data]) were analyzed (women 632 [28.5%], men 1572 [71.1%], unknown 8 [0.4%]). All strains were susceptible to cefixime, ceftriaxone and spectinomycin, 816 (36.9%) strains were resistant to ciprofloxacin and 26 (1.2%) resistant to azithromycin (MIC $\geq$ 2 mg/L). Distribution of azithromycin MICs were 2 mg/L (n=3), 4 mg/L (n=2), 8 mg/L (n=6) and 16 mg/L (n=15). Among the strains resistant to azithromycin, 5 were also resistant to ciprofloxacin. Reduced susceptibility (RS) to cefixime (MIC 0.125 mg/L or 0.25 mg/L) was identified in 63 strains (7.0%) in 2010 (MIC=0.125 mg/L [n=61] and 0.25 mg/L [n=2]), 78 (9.8%) in 2011 (MIC=0.125 mg/L [n=72] and 0.25 mg/L [n=6]) and 24 (4.7%) in 2012 (MIC=0.125 mg/L [n=20] and 0.25 mg/L [n=4]). These strains were sensitive to azithromycin, spectinomycin and ceftriaxone, but resistant (97.6%) to ciprofloxacin. Five strains with RS to ceftriaxone (also RS to cefixime) were identified (MIC=0.125 mg/L); one in 2010, one in 2011 and three in 2012. The proportion of RS to cefixime strains is not higher among men (7.1%) than women (8.4%). For 2012, more complete data will be presented including MICs for tigecycline, ertapenem and gentamicin. **Conclusions:** Reduced susceptibility to cefixime has emerged in Québec although it remains at very low level. Furthermore, resistance to another treatment option, azithromycin, is also emerging. This highlights the need to continue our resistance-monitoring program to support public health interventions.

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Wednesday, May 3

CCM Workshop
AMMI Canada Council Meeting
Trainees' Day
Trainees' Day Reception
CCM Board Meeting
CACMID Board Meeting

Thursday, May 4

Registration
Workshop
AMMI Canada AGM / Sections Meetings
Plenary: **Resurgent Infectious Diseases**
Exhibit Hall Open / Lunch in Exhibit Hall
Poster Presentations
The Incubator Poster Presentations
Integrated Symposium
CCM AGM
Internet Café
State of the Art Clinical Lecture:
Novel Technologies in Microbiology
Oral Presentations
Merit and Association Awards
Special Lecture: **Sex and Infections -
Is it Better to be a Woman?**
Welcome Reception and Dinner

Friday, May 5

Registration
Workshop
CACMID AGM
Plenary: **Antimicrobial Testing & Therapy
in the Era of Increasing Resistance**
Exhibit Hall Open / Lunch in Exhibit Hall
Poster Presentations
Integrated Symposium
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State of the Art Clinical Lecture:
Hepatitis C Virus Update
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Oral Presentations

Saturday, May 6

CFID Bug Run
Registration
Workshop
Plenary: **What's Hot in Adult and
Paediatric Infectious Diseases
and Medical Microbiology?**
Oral Presentations
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The Incubator: **"The Pitch"**
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Clinical Vignettes

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Clinical Vignette submissions: December 4, 2016
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Abstract submissions: January 16, 2017
Preliminary program available: January 2017
**Abstract Acceptance
communicated by email:** on or around March 7, 2017
Early bird registration: March 13, 2017
Room rate expiration: March 13, 2017