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Submission Deadline:
January 12, 2026

Date limite de soumission:
12 janvier 2026



AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference 2026 Conférence annuelle

Call for Abstracts and Case Reports Appel à résumés et rapports de cas



"Where Canada's experts in clinical microbiology and infectious diseases meet"
"Point de rencontre des experts Canadiens en microbiologie médicale et infectiologie"

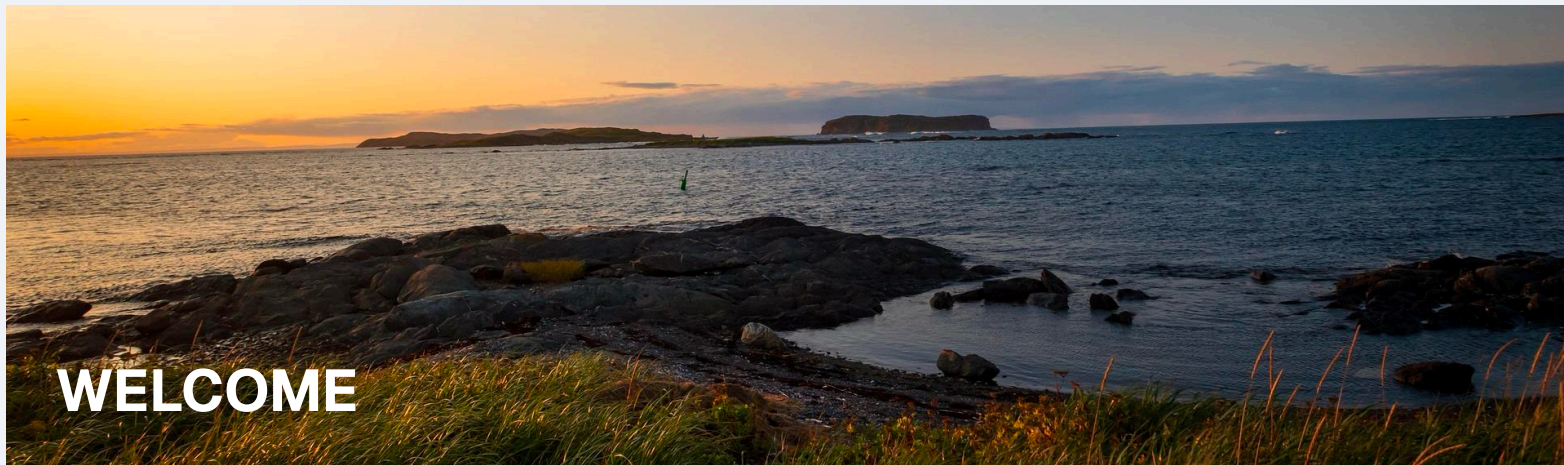


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WELCOME

The AMMI Canada - CACMID Annual Conference on infectious diseases and diagnostic microbiology is just around the corner! Mark your calendars and join us **April 28 – May 1, 2026**, in **St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador**.

This fully in-person meeting will be an outstanding opportunity to discover new developments, exchange ideas, and reconnect with colleagues and friends from across the country and beyond.

The annual conference supports the collective interests of physicians, laboratory professionals, students, medical laboratory technologists, and other health care professionals in the areas of diagnostic microbiology, antimicrobial stewardship, infectious diseases, infection prevention and control, and public health.

We invite you to contribute to the 2026 program by submitting **an abstract of your research, case report, or interesting clinical case** to share with colleagues. For students and trainees, the conference offers an excellent opportunity to develop presentation skills, with several awards available to recognize outstanding work by students and residents.

Posters will be presented in person. The submission deadline is January 12, 2026.

The Scientific Planning Committee is working hard to develop a program with broad-based appeal. Our goal is to feature cutting edge topics and engaging, high-level speakers to foster dynamic scientific exchange.

Topics will include emerging pathogens, diagnostic microbiology, advances in infectious diseases, antimicrobial resistance, infection prevention and control, and stewardship.

Since 2005, AMMI Canada and CACMID have collaborated to deliver a high-quality annual meeting for their members. On behalf of the Central and Scientific Planning Committees, we look forward to hosting you in St. John's for an outstanding educational experience, offering unique opportunities to learn, network and connect with colleagues.

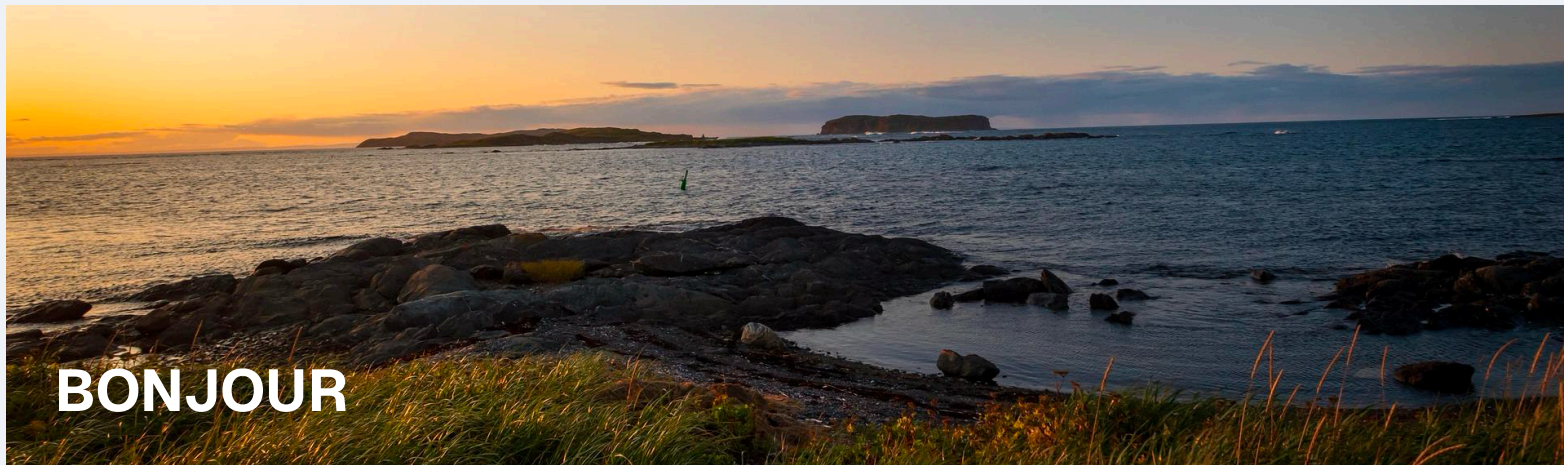
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BONJOUR

La conférence annuelle de l'AMMI Canada-CACMID sur les maladies infectieuses et la microbiologie diagnostique arrive à grands pas. Réservez les dates et joignez-vous à nous du **28 avril au 1er mai 2026 à St. John's (Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador)**.

Cette conférence entièrement en présentiel sera une magnifique occasion de découvrir les nouveaux développements, de partager des idées et de renouer des liens avec des collègues et des amis de tout le pays et d'ailleurs.

La conférence annuelle sert les intérêts communs des médecins, des professionnels des laboratoires, des étudiants, des technologues de laboratoires médicaux et des autres professionnels de la santé dans les domaines de la microbiologie diagnostique, de la gestion des antimicrobiens, des maladies infectieuses, de la prévention et du contrôle des infections, et de la santé publique.

Nous vous invitons à apporter une contribution au programme de 2026 en présentant **un résumé de votre recherche**, d'un **rapport de cas** ou d'un **cas clinique intéressant** à partager avec vos collègues. Pour les étudiants et les stagiaires, la conférence est une excellente occasion de parfaire leurs compétences en présentation. En outre, plusieurs prix récompenseront le travail hors pair d'étudiants et de résidents.

Les affiches seront présentées en personne. L'échéance pour présenter les propositions est le 12 janvier 2026.

Le Comité scientifique s'affaire à concevoir une rencontre très attrayante pour un vaste éventail de gens. Son but est de mettre en vedette des sujets de pointe et de retenir des conférenciers de haut niveau pour offrir une excellente discussion scientifique.

Les thèmes de cette année sont les pathogènes en émergence, la microbiologie diagnostique, les avancées dans les maladies infectieuses, la résistance aux antimicrobiens, la prévention, le contrôle et la gestion des infections.

L'AMMI Canada et la CACMID collaborent pour organiser une rencontre annuelle de haute qualité pour leurs membres depuis 2005. Au nom du Comité central et du Comité scientifique, nous nous réjouissons de vous recevoir à St. John's pour un événement éducatif exceptionnel au cours duquel vous aurez des occasions uniques de réseauter et de socialiser avec vos collègues.

Yves Longtin
président, AMMI Canada

Prameet M. Sheth
président, CACMID



About the Conference

The **AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference** is a premier forum that brings together leaders in diagnostic microbiology, antimicrobial stewardship, infectious diseases, infection prevention and control, and public health. Each year, the meeting attracts participants from across Canada and around the world. Building on its long-standing tradition, the 2026 program will deliver the latest updates across a wide spectrum of topics to a multidisciplinary audience, including clinicians, microbiologists, laboratory technologists, public health professionals, infection prevention and control specialists, students, and residents.

The learning journey begins with **Trainees' Day**, a pre-conference activity designed to set the stage for the days ahead and encourage participants to arrive early. The scientific program then features:

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| 📌 Plenary sessions | 📌 Short oral and rapid-fire presentations |
| 📌 State-of-the-art clinical lectures | 📌 Case report symposium |
| 📌 Accredited co-developed learning activities | 📌 Lightning Learning sessions – concise, focused presentations on niche topics |
| 📌 Masterclasses | |

Dedicated program time will also highlight **poster viewing and presentations**, providing opportunities for scholarly exchange and in-depth discussion.

A **vibrant exhibit hall** will showcase the latest innovations in diagnostics, therapeutics, and technology. Dedicated time over lunch will be reserved for participants to interact with exhibitors. The exhibit hall is an integral part of the conference, offering unique opportunities to discover new solutions and foster collaboration. Attendees are encouraged to connect with industry partners, who devote significant resources to be present and to engage directly with leaders in the field.

The **AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference** remains an essential opportunity to share research, explore innovations in microbiology and infectious diseases (adult and paediatric), and stay up to date on best practices in infection prevention and control. Beyond the rich scientific program, the event emphasizes **collaboration, knowledge exchange, and meaningful connections** among colleagues.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM - AVAILABLE JANUARY 2026

The Preliminary Program will be released in January and will provide an overview of sessions, speakers, and events. This year's program is designed to balance diverse topics and formats while creating more time for networking and engagement.

CONFERENCE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After attending the AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference, participants will be able to:

- Summarize the latest updates in the fields of diagnostic microbiology, antimicrobial stewardship, infectious diseases, infection prevention and control, and public health
- Create support systems and engage with a network of experts in the fields of diagnostic microbiology



Trainees' Day



DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026

About Trainees' Day

Are you looking for a unique opportunity to connect with peers and learn directly from experts from across the country?

Trainees' Day is designed just for you.

This pre-conference afternoon brings together trainees in adult and paediatric infectious diseases as well clinical and medical microbiology for collaborative, interactive sessions. The program explores topics not typically covered in the medical curriculum in a relaxed, engaging environment.

It is also a chance to build your professional network, meet future colleagues and share perspectives with others who share your passion for the field.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please register for Trainees' Day only if you plan to attend and notify the conference secretariat promptly if your plans change.

There is no fee for Trainees' Day when included with full conference registration. Attendance is free for AMMI Canada Members-in-Training and CACMID student members enrolled in a clinical microbiology program*. A \$50 plus HST fee applies for non-members.

*Membership status must be confirmed or in progress (application submitted) at the time of registration.

Conference registration, including Trainees' Day, is now **open!**

TRAINEES' DAY RECEPTION

Following Trainees' Day, participants are invited to a relaxed reception with light snacks and beverages. The reception provides an excellent opportunity to continue conversations with fellow trainees, connect with speakers, and meet members of the AMMI Canada and CACMID Boards.





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Collaborating Societies

All collaborating society members receive a discount on the non-member registration fee. During the registration process, simply select your society from the drop-down menu for the discount to apply at checkout - see registration details for more information.



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General Information: St. John's, Hotel and Registration

ABOUT ST. JOHN'S, NL

St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador is a city like no other. Perched on the eastern edge of North America, it is the first place the sun rises on the continent. Known for its colorful “jellybean row” houses, steep streets, and dramatic coastline, St. John's blends old-world charm with modern vibrancy.

Discover the city's unique spirit: from the lively pubs and folk music of George Street to the sweeping ocean views atop Signal Hill, where the first transatlantic wireless signal was received. Embrace local tradition with a “screech-in” ceremony or explore the rugged East Coast Trail just minutes from the city.

With its warm hospitality, breathtaking scenery, and rich cultural heritage, St. John's is an unforgettable coastal gem and the perfect host city for your conference experience.

ST. JOHN'S CONVENTION CENTRE & DELTA ST. JOHN'S

The AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference will take place across two vibrant venues in the heart of downtown: the modern St. John's Convention Centre and the connected Delta St. John's Hotel. With seamless indoor access between the two, delegates will enjoy the best of both worlds, state-of-the-art meeting spaces, stylish accommodations, and all the energy of downtown just steps away.

NOTICE: AMMI Canada, CACMID, and Unconventional Planning are the only official partners for conference **registration** and **hotel bookings**. No other company or travel agent is authorized to handle registration or place hotel reservations on behalf of the AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference.

To avoid fraudulent offers, please complete your registration and make hotel reservations only through the official conference channels. If you are uncertain about any communication or booking, please contact the conference secretariat at meetings@ammi.ca.



SAVE \$100 ON YOUR FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Simply fill in your Delta St. John's reservation number on the conference registration and save \$100.

By reserving a room at the Delta St. John's Hotel, AMMI Canada and CACMID are able to keep the conference costs low; savings that we pass on to you as a member.

Offer applies to full conference registration only! One rebate per hotel room.



General Information: St. John's, Hotel and Registration

ACCOMMODATION

Delta St. John's

Delta Room: \$194 per night ++

Premier Room: \$214 per night ++

Hotel Address:

120 New Gower Street,

St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada, A1C 6K4

TOLL FREE: +1-888-793-3582

The Room Rate Expiration:

March 20, 2026

All rates are in Canadian dollars and do not include applicable provincial and local taxes. Taxes and fees are subject to change. Rates are available 3 days prior and 3 days after the annual conference, subject to availability at time of reservation. Be sure to use the conference link to ensure you receive the AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference rates. If you are making a telephone reservation, please call and identify yourself as an AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference attendee.

HOTEL RESERVATION

Don't miss out - Book your room early to ensure you are able to reserve a room. There is no penalty to cancel your reservation if your plans change and you are not able to attend, provided the cancellation takes place before the room cut off of March 20, 2026.

RATES	EARLY BIRD (MARCH 20, 2026)*		FULL RATES	
	Full Week	Daily	Full Week	Daily
Member	\$575	\$425	\$675	\$475
Non-Member	\$825	\$575	\$925	\$625
Student**	\$200	\$125	\$250	\$150

* Payment must be received before the early bird fee cut-off date of March 20, 2026.

** A letter of attestation from the teaching institution indicating the registrant is enrolled in a full-time program must accompany the registration.

REGISTER NOW

GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference Secretariat

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Abstract and Case Report Submission and Presentation Instructions

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MONDAY JANUARY 12, 2026 11:59PM PST

We invite you to submit **ABSTRACTS** showcasing research and insights across all areas of clinical microbiology and infectious diseases, including epidemiological, diagnostic, environmental and medical microbiology, and basic sciences. Submissions related to education in microbiology and infectious diseases are also encouraged.

In addition, we welcome **CASE REPORTS** that highlight issues of interest and relevance to the infectious disease and microbiology community. Beyond traditional clinical stories, we strongly encourage case reports focused on microbiology, stewardship, and infection control.

*One submission site is available for both abstract and case report submissions.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS AND CASE REPORTS

To be considered, an abstract/case report must comply with the rules of submission set out by the Abstract/Case Report Committee. Before submitting, it is recommended that you thoroughly review the instructions. Submitted abstracts/case reports that do not follow the required format will be rejected.

01 Abstracts/case reports cannot exceed 300 words as identified in the submission system. Submissions exceeding 300 words will not be permitted or accepted. It is recommended that you prepare your abstract/case report's text prior to submission and save a copy on your computer. The text can later be copied and pasted into the online submission form. Please note that the submission site word counting mechanism may differ slightly from other word processors (i.e., MS Word).

Tables and Figures: The inclusion of tables and figures in abstracts or case report submissions is strongly discouraged. If deemed essential, only one (1) table or figure will be permitted. **Authors are encouraged to incorporate tables, figures, and illustrations into their poster or oral presentation rather than in the submitted abstract or case report.**

- **Tables:**

- Cannot contain more than four (4) columns
- Must be submitted in a high resolution, editable format (i.e., as a Word or Excel table).
- Screen shots and PDFs are not permitted.

- **Figures:**

- Must not exceed 3.5' in width
- Must be submitted as high-resolution jpeg or png files
- Must be a minimum of 750px x 750px at a minimum of 150dpi

If image does not follow the above specifications the image will not be included in the publication



Abstract and Case Report Submission and Presentation Instructions

No identifying features such as names of authors or their affiliations, names of hospitals, medical schools, clinics, cities, or provinces may be listed in the title or body of the abstract/case report. The names of the authors and their affiliations (institutions) are entered separately when you submit the abstract/case report online.

Abstract and Case Report Title: Your title cannot exceed 50 words. The title should be concise and clearly reflect the content of the abstract. Capitalize only the first letter of the first word of the title and the first letter of the word of a subtitle (if included). Note that proper nouns and genus names should retain their normal capitalization and italicizing. There should be no period at the end of the title.

Abstract and Case Report Text:

- **Abstract Text:** Abstracts should state briefly and clearly the objectives, methods, results, and conclusions of the work
 - **Objective(s):** Clearly state the purpose of the work presented.
 - **Method(s):** Describe your selection of observations or experimental subjects clearly and concisely.
 - **Result(s):** Present your results in a logical sequence in text. Illustrations, tables, and figures should be avoided.
 - **Conclusion(s):** Emphasize new and important aspects of the study and conclusions that are drawn from them.
- **Case Report Text:** Case Reports should state briefly and clearly the objective(s), case summary and discussion related to the case.
 - **Objective(s):** Clearly state the purpose of the case being presented.
 - **Case Summary:** Succinctly describe the case in a logical sequence. Illustrations, tables, and figures should be avoided.
 - **Discussion:** Emphasize unique aspects from the case and take-home messages drawn from it

Abstracts and Case Reports not submitted in the required format will be rejected.

Authors: List the first and last names of ALL authors. Middle initials are optional. Email addresses will be required for all authors (for correspondence purposes only).

Affiliations: List each author's institution, city, and province. Use standard abbreviations for the province (**e.g., ON, QC, AB etc.**)

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CRITERIA FOR SUBMISSIONS

During the submission process, authors will be given the option to specify their preferred presentation format; however, this does not guarantee their choice. The review committee will determine the final presentation format.

Presentation Formats

• Oral Presentation

A 15-minute oral presentation provides the presenter an opportunity to cover their topic comprehensively while engaging with the audience in a meaningful way. The presenter has 10-12 minutes to present and 3-5 minutes to engage in a question-and-answer period. The 15-minute time frame allows for a balanced presentation that is both informative and concise, giving the audience a thorough understanding of the research while leaving room for further discussion.



Abstract and Case Report Submission and Presentation Instructions

- **Poster Presentation**

Poster presentation is a visual and interactive way to showcase research. The poster should summarize key aspects of the research, including the introduction, methods, results, and conclusions, using visuals like charts, graphs, and images to convey information effectively. This format allows for direct interaction, fostering in-depth discussions, feedback, and networking opportunities within the research community.

- **Rapid-Fire Abstract Presentation**

A rapid-fire abstract presentation is a brief and fast-paced format designed to highlight research within a limited time frame. Each presenter has 5 minutes to deliver their key findings, methodologies, and conclusions, including a question-and-answer segment. Additionally, all rapid-fire presenters are required to prepare and present a poster.

 The Abstract/Case Report Committee will assign all oral abstract presentations, rapid-fire sessions, and poster presentations. In the case of a scheduling conflict, a co-author may deliver the presentation.

- **Awards Eligibility**

- Only **students/trainees** are eligible to submit for the awards competition.
- In the case of a scheduling conflict, if the presenting author is replaced by a non-student presenter and the abstract is under consideration for an award, it will no longer be eligible for the student award competition.
- **Only abstracts** will be considered for the awards competition (case reports are not eligible).

Authors may submit multiple abstracts and/or case reports using the same email address and password. However, for the student award competition, **only abstracts are eligible** (case reports will not be accepted). Each presenter may enter **one abstract only** for award consideration; if multiple abstracts are submitted, the presenter must indicate which abstract should be judged for the competition.

 The In-Person Student/Trainee Awards Competition is Back!

Judges will review all abstracts submitted for award consideration in advance of the conference and select the **top abstracts** for in-person poster presentation judging. Final judging will take place during the conference.

 All Abstracts and Case Reports must submit an e-poster through the Oxford Online Platform by **April 20, 2026**. The e-posters will be used for identification purposes within the app and for potential publication in the JAMMI supplement.

 Accepted abstracts and case reports will be published in the Journal of the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Canada (JAMMI) after the conference and will be accessible online via the conference website.



Abstract and Case Report Submission and Presentation Instructions

⦿ Ensure that you have approval from all authors to submit your abstract/case report before submitting.

⦿ **Abstract and case reports NOT eligible for submission include:**

- Abstracts/Case Reports which have already been published in a peer-reviewed journal at the time of the abstract submission deadline, Monday, January 12, 2026. (Note: abstracts will still be considered if the abstract/ manuscript is in the submission stage but not yet accepted at the time of the abstract/case report deadline).
- Abstract/case reports which have been presented at an international conference previously without any updated or additional data.

The annual conference accommodates a fixed number of oral, rapid fire and poster presentations

THE ABSTRACT/CASE REPORT COMMITTEE WILL DETERMINE THE FINAL PRESENTATION FORMAT AND SCHEDULE.

SUBMISSION AND AMENDING PROCESS

⦿ All abstracts and case reports must be submitted using the online submission site. Amendments to previous submissions may be made online, up to the submission deadline of Monday, January 12, 2026 11:59 PST.

- **NEW USERS:** Please select “Register a New Account” to create your sign in credentials. This is required to make abstract/case report submissions and amendments.
- **RETURNING USERS:** Please sign in using your email and password to manage new or existing abstract/case report submissions.

⦿ Log into the submission system when your abstract/case report's text is prepared. Log in by entering the email address and the password you chose when you registered with the system.

⦿ When you click the “Log In” button you will be taken to a screen to create a new abstract/case report submission. **Please read the instructions on the screen carefully.** If you have already submitted an abstract/case report and you would like to make changes you can click “Amend A Previous Submission”. **Corrections to abstracts/case reports can only be made up to the submission deadline of Monday, January 12, 2026 11:59 PST.**

⦿ Follow the instructions listed to complete all necessary fields. Some questions are marked with an asterisk (*), which indicates that a field is mandatory. We cannot accept your abstract/case report until these questions have been answered. Once you have completed all required fields, click the “SUBMIT” button, which will save your current abstract/ case report submission. The page that follows will display the status of your submission as **Complete or Incomplete.**

N.B.: ONLY COMPLETE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED AND PEER REVIEWED.

⦿ Upon successful electronic submission of your abstract/case report, you will receive a confirmation by email from the Oxford Abstracts submission site with your abstract/case report's reference code and a PDF preview of your submission. **Please check your junk folder and ensure you grant access to Oxford Abstracts.**



Student/Trainee Abstract Submission and Awards Criteria

REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE

- ⦿ All abstracts and case reports will be subject to peer review by at least two (2) members of the Review Committee.
- ⦿ Abstracts will be graded on scientific content, interest and relevance to infectious diseases and microbiology.
- ⦿ **Submitting authors** will be notified of the abstract/case report acceptance/rejection, presentation date and time and format of presentation **the week of March 09, 2026**. Please check your junk folders for communications and ensure you grant access to Oxford Abstracts.
- ⦿ If an abstract/case report is accepted, the **presenting author** must be registered for the conference no later than **Friday, March 20, 2026**.
- ⦿ If a presenting author withdraws an abstract/case report after the registration deadline or does not attend the session for which they have been scheduled, the author will be prohibited from presenting abstract/case reports at the AMMI Canada-CACMID Annual Conference for a period of three (3) years. Those subject to this penalty will be informed in writing.

[SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT/CASE REPORT](#)

STUDENT/TRAINEE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION AND AWARDS CRITERIA

- ⦿ While students/trainees may submit multiple abstracts, only one (1) can be considered for the award. **The submitter must designate which abstract they wish to enter into the competition at the time of submission.**
- ⦿ To be eligible for award consideration, you must be a current student, in training, or have completed your training within nine (9) months prior to the annual conference.
- ⦿ The abstract must be submitted under the student category at the time of submission to qualify for the award competition.
- ⦿ Please carefully review all questions related to the awards competition criteria during the submission process.
- ⦿ Only one (1) abstract per student/trainee may be submitted for award consideration.

Student/ Technologist/ Trainee Awards Competition

Awards presentation will take place Friday, May 01, 2026



Student/Trainee Abstract Submission and Awards Criteria

GENERAL CRITERIA FOR ALL STUDENT'S COMPETING IN THE AWARDS COMPETITION

(please see below for additional criteria pertaining to each specific award)

- Case Report submissions are NOT eligible for award consideration.
- Individual students, residents and fellows are eligible for student awards.
- Student/trainees must be in training or have completed their training within nine (9) months prior to the annual conference.
- The student/trainee must be the first author of the abstract.
- The student/trainee is required to have significantly contributed to the investigation.
- The student/trainee must register by Friday, March 20, 2026 and attend the conference.
- The student/trainee MUST present the work at the conference.
- Only one abstract per student/trainee may be submitted for award competition. (Submitter is permitted to indicate interest in competing for multiple awards with the one abstract).

All student/ trainee abstract presenters who wish to compete for any of the student/ trainee awards, must fill in the Student/ Technologist/ Trainee Awards Competition Form and return it to the attention of the Conference Secretariat by email to meetings@ammi.ca, by **Friday, March 20 2026**.

STUDENT / TRAINEE ABSTRACT AWARDS

Dr. Susan King Paediatric Abstract Award

(Student/Trainees, paediatric topics only)

Award consists of \$500 and an engraved plaque

Eligibility Criteria:

- Only work relevant to all aspects of paediatric microbiology and infectious diseases will be considered for this award.
- Candidate MUST indicate their desire to compete for this award during the abstract submission process.
- Award is determined based on the abstract submitted, not on presentation.

Canadian Association for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (CACMID) Student Oral Presentation Award

An award will be presented to the best student oral abstract presentation. Judging will take place during the student oral presentation session at the conference.

Award Consists of \$475 and an engraved plaque

- Candidates MUST indicate their desire to compete for this award during the abstract submission process.
- Award is determined based on the oral presentation at the conference.



Student/Trainee Abstract Submission and Awards Criteria

THE IN-PERSON STUDENT/TRAINEE AWARDS COMPETITION IS BACK!

Awards will be presented to the five (5) best student abstract posters presentations. **NEW:** Judges will review all abstracts submitted for award consideration in advance of the conference and select the top abstracts for in-person poster presentation judging. Final judging will take place during the conference, Wednesday, April 29 and Thursday, April 30. Those chosen for in-person judging will be notified the week of March 09.

Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease (AMMI) Canada Student Poster Award

Canadian College of Microbiologists (CCM) Student Poster Award

Canadian College of Microbiologists (CCM) Dr. Kenneth Rozee Memorial Student Poster Award

Awards consist of \$800 and an engraved plaque

Eligibility Criteria:

- The student/trainee **MUST** present their work as a poster at the conference.
- Candidates **MUST** indicate their desire to compete for these awards during the abstract submission process.
- Work relevant to all aspects of microbiology and infectious diseases will be considered for these awards.

Canadian Association for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (CACMID) President's Student Poster Award

Awards consist of \$475 and an engraved plaque

Eligibility Criteria:

- The student/trainee **MUST** present their work as a poster at the conference.
- Candidates **MUST** indicate their desire to compete for these awards during the abstract submission process.
- Work relevant to all aspects of microbiology and infectious diseases will be considered for these awards.

Technologist/Clinical Research Scientist Abstract Submission and Award Criteria

Canadian Association for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (CACMID) Technologist/Clinical Research Scientist Poster Award

Award consists of \$475 and an engraved plaque

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicant must be an author on the presented poster but does not need to be the presenting author.
- Applicant must attend the meeting in-person.
- Applicant or presenting author **MUST** indicate their desire to compete for this awards during the abstract submission process.
- Applicant must be a current CACMID member.
- Work relevant to all aspects of microbiology and infectious diseases will be considered for this awards.
- Judging will take place during the in-person poster presentations.



Important Dates

Call for Abstracts and Case Reports submission site opens:

Wednesday, October 28, 2025

Registration Opens:

Wednesday, October 28, 2025

Abstract/Case Report Submission Deadline:

Monday, January 12, 2026 11:59pm PST

Abstract/Case Report Acceptance Communication:

The week of March 09, 2026

Early Bird / Presenting Author Registration Deadline:

Friday, March 20, 2026

FINAL presentations and Poster PDF Upload Deadline:

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On or before Monday April 20, 2026

