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Early Bird Registration Deadline:
March 20, 2026

Date limite d'inscription hâtive :
20 mars 2026



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AMMI Canada - CACMID
Annual Conference 2026 Conférence annuelle

Preliminary Program Programme préliminaire



"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.

The Scientific Planning Committee has thoughtfully developed a preliminary program that reflects a broad-based approach. It features cutting-edge topics and engaging, high-level speakers, with the goal of fostering meaningful and dynamic scientific exchange.

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.

Yves Longtin
President, AMMI Canada

Prameet M. Sheth
President, CACMID





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.

Le Comité de planification scientifique a soigneusement élaboré un programme préliminaire qui reflète une approche large et inclusive. Celui-ci met en valeur des sujets de pointe et des conférenciers de haut niveau, dans le but de favoriser des échanges scientifiques riches et dynamiques.

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 conference attracts participants from across Canada and around the world.

The preliminary program offers a broad, multidisciplinary learning experience. It will deliver timely updates across a wide spectrum of topics for 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.

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

ABSTRACTS AND CASE REPORTS

The submission deadline of abstracts and case reports closed January 12. All submissions are currently under review. Notifications of outcomes will be sent to submitters during the week of March 9.

Late Breakers will not be accepted.





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?

Join us Tuesday, April 28 for **AMMI Canada's Trainees' Day**, a dynamic pre-conference half-day workshop designed specifically for medical microbiology, infectious disease, and clinical microbiology trainees in all stages of training. This focused program features practical sessions on **Job Prospects, Transition to Practice and Exam Preparation**, offering valuable insights to support your next career steps. The day concludes with a **fun, interactive afternoon activity**, providing a relaxed setting to connect with peers and mentors. Don't miss this engaging opportunity to learn, network, and prepare for the future!

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.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

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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12TH ANNUAL BUG RUN

Friday, May 1, 2026

Join your colleagues, friends, competitors or just challenge yourself to a 5K Bug Run/Walk supported by the Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases. As information becomes available it will be posted on the CFID website at www.researchid.com.



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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for Infectious Diseases
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des maladies infectieuses



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Scientific Program at a Glance

(subject to change)

Monday, April 27

12:30 – 17:00 **AMMI Canada Council Meeting**

Tuesday, April 28

08:30 – 12:30 **AMMI Canada Council Meeting**

12:00 – 17:00 **AMMI Canada Clinical Research Network (CRN) Meeting**

12:30 – 17:00 **Trainees' Day**

16:00 - 19:00 **CACMID Board Meeting**

17:00 – 18:00 **Trainees' Day Reception**

All attendees on site on Tuesday, April 28 are warmly invited to join trainees, students, members of the AMMI Canada and CACMID Boards, and AMMI Canada Clinical Research Network (CRN) participants for an informal welcome reception. This event offers a valuable opportunity to connect with trainees and students in an informal setting and engage with colleagues at the start of the conference.



Wednesday, April 29

07:00 – 08:30 **AMMI Canada AGM and Sections Meeting**

08:45 - 10:15 **Welcome, Opening Ceremonies and Awards**

Evidence, Trust and Misinformation: A Panel Discussion

Leaders from Canada and the United States come together to examine the current state of evidence-based medicine amid growing scientific misinformation. This plenary will explore the impact on clinical practice, public trust, and policy, and highlight strategies for strengthening scientific integrity across borders.

Speakers: To be confirmed

10:15 – 10:45 **Break**

10:45 – 11:45 **State of the Art (START) Lecture**

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza at the Human-Animal Interface: What's New, What's Certain, What's Next?

Speaker: Valerie Le Sage (US)

11:45 – 13:45 **Exhibition Hall Open, Lunch and Poster Viewing**

14:00 – 15:00 **Accredited, Co-developed Presentation**

Adult Vaccination for Disease Prevention and Antimicrobial Stewardship

(Co-developed with Merck Canada)

15:00 – 15:30 **Transition Break**

15:30 – 16:30 **Concurrent Sessions**

MasterClass

CLSI M100 & M64 in Action - Adapting to New Taxonomy, Drugs, and Breakpoints

Speaker: Tanis Dingle (AB)

MasterClass

Maternal and Congenital Infections: Hidden Pitfalls and Emerging Lessons

Speakers: Jason Brophy (ON)
Jessica Dunn (AB)



Scientific Program at a Glance

(subject to change)

15:30 – 16:00

Lightning Learning

Infectious Disease Pharmacist Talk

Speaker: Jackson Stewart (AB)

16:00 – 16:05

Transition Break

16:05 – 16:35

Lightning Learning

Canadian Antibiotic Treatment Guidance

Speaker: Deborah Yamamura (ON)

16:30 – 16:45

Break

16:45 - 18:15

Concurrent Sessions

Oral Presentations:	Session A (Student Competition)
Oral Presentations:	Session B
Rapid Fire Presentations:	Session 1
Rapid Fire Presentations:	Session 2

18:15 - 18:30

Transition Break

18:30 – 20:00

Welcome and Recognition Reception



You are warmly invited to the Welcome and Recognition Reception, an opportunity to connect with colleagues and friends, celebrate achievements, and officially kick off the conference. Join members of the planning committees, speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, and fellow delegates in a relaxed and informal setting. Enjoy light refreshments while spending time in the exhibit hall and engaging with colleagues. Take time to reconnect, make new connections, and capture the moment at the photo booth, available for official award recipient photos, group shots, and casual photo fun throughout the evening. Let's celebrate the start of a memorable conference experience together.



Thursday, April 30

07:00 – 08:30 **CACMID AGM**

08:45 - 10:15 **Welcome, Awards and Plenary**

Once Eliminated, Now Spreading: Measles Viewed from the Front Lines

Speakers: Catalina Friesen (ON)
Carly Simpson (ON)

10:15 – 10:45 **Break**

10:45 – 11:45 **Accredited, Co-developed Presentation**

Efficacy, Implementation and Uptake: Review of the latest Evidence to Support Public Health Programs for Seasonal Respiratory Virus

(Co-developed with Sanofi)

11:45 – 13:45 **Exhibition Hall Open, Lunch and Poster Viewing**

12:45 – 13:45 **Poster Presentations**

13:45 – 14:15 **Transition Break**

14:15 – 15:45 **Concurrent Sessions**

Oral Presentations:	Session C (Student Competition)
Oral Presentations:	Session D
Rapid Fire Presentations:	Session 3
Rapid Fire Presentations:	Session 4

15:45 – 16:00 **Break**



16:00 – 17:00

Concurrent Sessions

Redefining Care in Chronic Hepatitis B: Guideline Updates and the Path Forward

(Co-developed with GSK Canada)

Speaker: To be confirmed

Diagnostic Challenges of Viral Respiratory Illness: Implications for Antibiotic Resistance

(Co-developed with Pfizer Canada)

Speaker: To be confirmed

Importance of Sexual Health Testing Access for All in Canada: Self-collection for Cervical Cancer Screening in Quebec and the Rise of STIs and the Importance of Testing

(Co-developed with Roche Diagnostics)

Speaker: To be confirmed

17:00 – 17:15

Break

17:15 – 18:15

Concurrent Sessions

MasterClass

Evidence-based Medicine Practice - It's Time for Laboratory Medicine to Come Onboard

Speaker: Marek Smieja (ON)

MasterClass

Staphylococcus aureus Bloodstream Infections

Speaker: Todd Lee (QC)

17:15 – 17:45

Lightning Learning

Candidozyma auris in Canada – It's Here!

Speaker: Marthe Charles (BC)

17:45 – 17:50

Transition Break

17:50-18:20

Lightning Learning

Novel Therapeutic Antimicrobials and Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing

Speaker: Cédric Yansouni (QC)



Scientific Program at a Glance

(subject to change)

Friday, May 1

06:30 – 08:00 **CFID Bug Run**

07:00 – 08:30 **CCM AGM**

08:45 - 10:00 **Welcome and Student Awards**

Case Report Symposium

10:00 – 10:15 **Break**

10:15 – 11:15 **Concurrent Sessions**

State of the Art (START) Debate

Metagenomics in Clinical Microbiology - Revolution or Evolution?

Speakers: Patrick Tang (BC)
Rubayet Hasan (ON)

Workshop

Hands-on Primer in Wound Care

Speakers: David Croitoru (ON)
Najmeh Soltaninejad (ON)

11:15 – 12:45 **Lunch and Poster Presentations**

12:45 – 15:00 **Plenary and Closing Remarks**

What's Hot in Infectious Diseases, Antibiotic Stewardship/ Infection Prevention and Control, and Paediatrics

Speakers: Peter Daley (NL)
Samuel Bourassa-Blanchette (NL)
Jeannette Comeau (NS)



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 oldworld 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

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HOTEL RESERVATION

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.

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

REGISTER NOW

* 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.



GENERAL INFORMATION

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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:

(no changes will be accepted after the deadline)

On or before Monday April 20, 2026



Accredited Co-Developed Learning Activities

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Registration is not required, all are welcome

Adult Vaccination for the Disease Prevention and Antimicrobial Stewardship

(Co-developed with Merck Canada)

 **Date:** Wednesday, April 29

 **Time:** 14:00 – 15:00

Efficacy, Implementation and Uptake: Review of the Latest Evidence to Support Public Health Programs for Seasonal Respiratory Virus

(Co-developed with Sanofi)

 **Date:** Thursday, April 30

 **Time:** 10:45 – 11:45

CONCURRENT Accredited Co-developed Learning Activities

Registration is not required. Seating is limited and subject to room capacity.

Redefining Care in Chronic Hepatitis B: Guideline Updates and the Path Forward

(Co-developed with GSK Canada)

 **Date:** Thursday, April 30

 **Time:** 16:00 – 17:00

Diagnostic Challenges of Viral Respiratory Illness: Implications for Antibiotic Resistance

(Co-developed with Pfizer Canada)

 **Date:** Thursday, April 30

 **Time:** 16:00 – 17:00

Importance of Sexual Health Testing Access for All in Canada: Self-collection for Cervical Cancer Screening in Quebec and The the Rise of STIs and the Importance of Testing

(Co-developed with Roche Diagnostics)

 **Date:** Thursday, April 30

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Dr. Bugs Escape Room

Outbreak in Ward 7!

Dr. Bugs has been consulting on a cluster of unexplained infections in the hospital's surgical ward. Just as he's about to identify the culprit, he collapses... infected himself!

The ward is now in lockdown. The microbiology lab is offline. The infection control officer is missing.

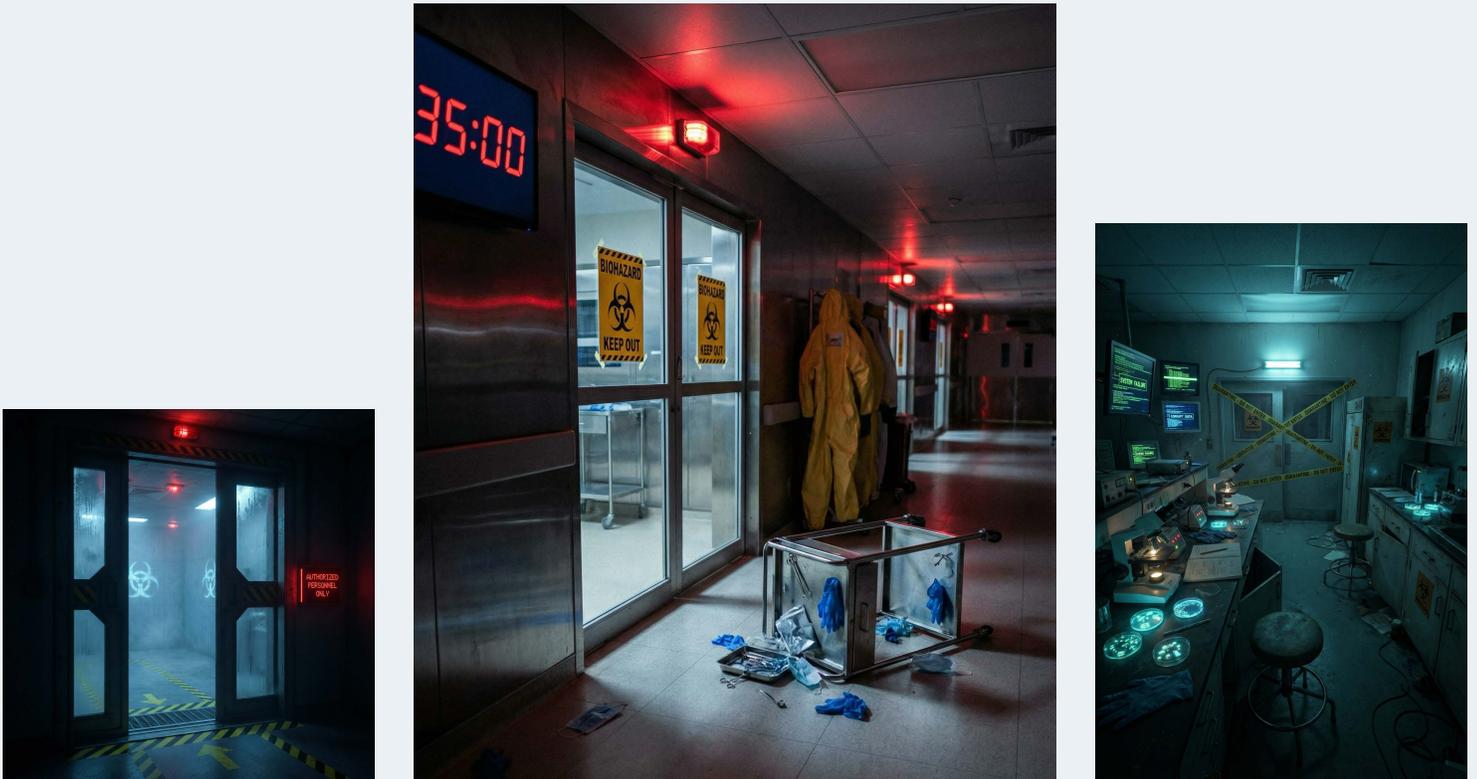
With only **35 minutes on the clock**, your team must enter the isolation area, trace the source of the outbreak, and implement the correct containment measures — before the entire hospital is forced to shut down



THE PRESSURE IS ON. DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

Form a team of 4–6 participants, choose a team name, and sign up at the registration desk on site.

Flying solo? No problem! Individual participants are welcome, just head to the registration desk and we will match you with a team.



Unaccredited Activities

Innovation Lounges are back!

Located in the Exhibit Hall, the Innovation Lounges will be open during exhibit hours on **Wednesday, April 29 and Thursday, April 30**, and offer a dynamic space for focused educational content and discussion. A detailed schedule of sessions will be shared once confirmed.

<p>INNOVATION LOUNGE 1</p> 	<p>INNOVATION LOUNGE 2</p> 	<p>INNOVATION LOUNGE 3</p> 	<p>INNOVATION LOUNGE 4</p> 
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Unaccredited Learning Activities

Thursday, April 30

Keep the learning going after hours! Join us on the evening of **Thursday, April 30**, for one of two exciting **unaccredited learning activities** at the Annual Conference. Hosted by **Bruker** and **Copan**, these evening sessions offer an engaging opportunity to explore timely topics, connect with peers, and continue the conversation beyond the scientific program.

Registration information and full event details will be shared by email and posted on the conference website as they are confirmed. Stay tuned and don't miss out!



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Unaccredited
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AMMI Canada and CACMID are grateful for the tremendous support of our sponsors. Their partnership plays an integral role in the success of the 2026 Annual Conference.

