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The epic challenge of email pollution and the To Do Kluge



It looks to be a modern communication themed newsletter, with apps for this and that, and our President reflecting on his online privacy (or lack thereof.) Well, we ARE pretty wired into the modern world.

AMMI Canada members are busy people, who wear many hats. How many of us work in several domains, with many levels of administration, with colleagues from infection control, pharmacy, nursing, various professional groups, and students? ...Pretty much all of us, right? ID-MM folk, perhaps more than otherwise comparable specialties, are seriously linked in to the way the health system runs. And...how precisely DOES the health system run?

Well, I posit that it runs on email: a self-renewing and replicating resource, which may be the newest scourge of humankind. Apparently (!) back in the day, if you cc'd someone, a sandwich of paper and carbon paper was placed into a TYPEWRITER and delivered by a person. A lot of work! Now it's a quick and breezy click and yet another person is woven into the web of maybe responsibility. "Am I responsible for this? Why was I cc'd? Do I have to read it? Am I supposed to DO SOMETHING?"

Rather than increasing productivity through better communication, the inbox becomes at worst a place to get snared, stressed, and overwhelmed, and at best a 'busy time' shell game without any deep productivity. Sadly, though, other communication tools that seem better suited to project work tend not to fly in our field (we've tried some wikis, google groups and the like in stewardship and resistance circles) – maybe because everyone is still mired in their email?

We are not alone in in this massive email tangle. In business settings, some companies have tried a "No email" day a week, and coworkers have to actually call each other, or (gasp!!) walk down the hall. How many back and forth emails can you replace with one two minute conversation? As it turns out, rather a lot. I tried it, and I will try it again. Discussing something with a colleague also feels more collegial, and is a quality of life advance. (Especially if you like the people you work with.) But regardless, many of us are still perched atop a mountainous inbox. Why? You leave things there that need to be done, that you want to think about later and do not want to lose, or perhaps are waiting for someone else's reply. All of these unclosed loops and "nowhere better to put it" make the inbox, as a storage and "to do" solution, worthy of the "kluge" descriptor in the title. As per the Urban Dictionary, a kluge refers to a (usually computer based) clunky, unpolished, quickly thrown together "solution" that accomplishes the required task, but is the equivalent of a Band-Aid or a "temporary support brace".

Productivity gurus suggest that if we occupy our brain in sifting – for our "to do" list by riffing repeatedly through the inbox, bits of paper, and so on – the stress and background noise stifles productivity, and we may never get above the level of finishing urgent tasks. Hmm. Yes. Further, I believe that stewing and mixing your tasks instead of sorting and displaying them can also lead to overcommitment – with various collaborative parties steamed about missed deadlines, with no idea what could be taking you so long... because they don't know the totality and acuity of what you are currently involved in. Because maybe you don't either!

I know that my inbox accumulates– and I've talked with some of you too, I'm not alone! It is ridiculous, and, if translated into a proper "to do" list with due dates would make me flee the country in terror and shame. Previous attempts at folders lie abandoned and useless. But, I can pretend it's all undeleted ProMed postings and agree to yet another committee because I think someone should do that work.

So if you are nodding in even partial recognition, my editorial points are as follows: We CAN try not to contribute to the problem - pause before "cc" and "reply all". Beyond that, the recommended way to conquer the inbox, is pick a sensible system, apply it prospectively, and work backwards to clear the old stuff (horrors). Likely there are many ways to tackle the inbox beast, and I'd welcome e-replies on the website if you think you have it licked. My current attempt is a tagging system called "the Secret Weapon", in a cloud based free app, Evernote. Inbox message are sifted into an Evernote task list and tagged by when, with who, and where something needs to be done, or answered and archived. It has a great name, but it seems like a bit of a cult. I shall let you know.

So, colleagues, here's to Inbox Zero and the dawn of a new mindfulness about controlling our tools, lest they start to control us! And relatedly, we at AMMI Canada will be looking for input on better ways to link our groups and committees. And if it must be by email, rest assured we will use it with decent etiquette. ■

Lynora M. Saxinger MD, FRCPC, CTropMed



President's Message

A Disturbing Walk in the Electronic Garden

I had a troubling encounter recently that has made me pause and reflect on my electronic life. This began with a voice message and an email from a lawyer with the University of Alberta, my primary employer. I was asked about an email I had sent. I don't like hearing from lawyers. It triggers an instant autonomic response. There's just something about lawyers. They think differently than I do. They usually take simple things and make them more complicated. But, hearing from a University Lawyer asking questions about an email I had sent was rather disconcerting. I wracked my brain and wondered what this could be about? The hair stood up on the back of my neck. My palms got sweaty. (Kind of reminded me of a Royal College exam, and I began having flashbacks!) Who could possibly be interested in anything I have to say (or write)? Several emails, some telephone tag and encrypted correspondence later, I was part way to the answers. It turns out that someone was interested in an email I wrote nearly two years ago. I'm still not sure whose interest was piqued, but I was told that a Provincial Health Authority (other than my own) had received an "...access request for information which includes several emails I wrote and received in 2012..." Now I was intrigued. What had I written? And who could possibly care? I asked to see the emails so that I would have some idea what this was all about. After some difficulty opening password-protected and encrypted correspondence, I was marginally closer to understanding what this was all about. Nearly two years ago, I had written in an email that a Member of Parliament delving into a particular area of infectious disease public health policy was wading into a "minefield" and that we, as experts in the diagnosis and management of infectious diseases, should be providing advice to help steer our unwitting politician away from the "landmines". A figure of speech, and a rather eloquent email, I thought.

I've been thinking a lot about this. Who wanted access to my email? Why? What could possibly have flagged the interest in

this particular email exchange? Of course, the equally troubling part of this is that I usually think of my email correspondence as somewhat private. It is not, of course, and this is a slap-in-the-face reminder. When I asked what emails were of concern, I was immediately provided with exact copies from the lawyer representing the University that houses the server that coordinates my email traffic. Is someone reading all those emails flowing hither and yonder? (Could I get that job?) What was it about my email that generated interest? When the copy was provided to me, the words "minefield" and "landmines" were highlighted. It seems those words might have triggered alarm. Really? I'm still not sure who found my correspondence to be so stimulating but I have suspicions. We've heard lots lately about Edward Snowden and his leak of sensitive U.S. materials related to the National

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Security Agency (NSA) – he's been variably called a whistleblower or a traitor, depending on your perspective. Could my email message have been flagged by Canada's NSA-equivalent, the Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSEC), who are reputed to be conducting mass electronic surveillance?

I don't know who found interest in my email but what concerns me is that they found it at all. Someone flagged it. Someone contacted my University about it. My University had a copy of an 18 month old email and produced it upon request. All this happened before I even knew about it. So what was the lawyer's involvement in all this? That's the easy part.

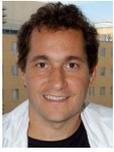
She works for the University. She simply wanted to know in which of my various capacities I had sent the email. Which hat had I been wearing at the time I penned that message? Was it in the guise of my University position (in which case she would help), in my provincial health authority role? (in which case she would turf it to someone else), OR, in my capacity as President of AMMI Canada, in which case I was pretty much on my own? (It was the latter, in fact, but I explained that this role is inextricably linked with my University position.)

So, as I mentioned from the outset, I've been reflecting a lot on my electronic life lately. The fact that someone has been monitoring my emails, has dredged one up from 18 months ago and is able to produce a copy makes me shudder and should make me think about every word I put into an email message. It also reminded me of an eerie occurrence several years ago while preparing a lecture for family physicians on Fever. I had done several literature searches on the topic and reviewed a number of scientific manuscripts related to fever, its definition, diagnosis, investigation and management. The day of the lecture, I received an email from Amazon inviting me to purchase a movie that they thought I would find of interest.....Fever Pitch! Coincidence? Not likely. I thought then, and have thought a lot more recently, about the electronic footprints I must be leaving in cyberspace. Everything is monitored and nothing is secret or secure. I'm not sure how we could function without email but I've certainly been reminded that anything I write is monitored and tracked and can be retrieved. Writer beware!

My term as President of AMMI Canada is coming to an end. I would like to express my appreciation to Riccarda and the Secretariat for all their hard work day-to-day and wish every success to Dr. Dan Gregson, your incoming President.

Now, if you'll excuse me – I have some on-line shopping and banking to attend to. ■

A. Mark Joffe MD, FRCPC
PRESIDENT, AMMI CANADA



Bulletin du président

Inquiétant passage dans le monde de l'électronique

J'ai récemment vécu une expérience troublante qui m'a fait réfléchir à ma vie électronique. Le tout a commencé par la réception d'un message vocal et d'un courriel provenant d'une avocate de l'Université de l'Alberta, mon principal employeur. Elle me questionnait sur un courriel que j'avais envoyé. Je me tiens loin des avocats. Ils suscitent chez moi une réaction immédiate. Ils ont une façon d'agir bien à eux et ne pensent pas comme moi. Ils transforment habituellement les choses simples pour les rendre plus compliquées. Ainsi, le fait qu'une avocate de l'Université me pose des questions sur un de mes courriels m'a déconcerté. Je me suis creusé les méninges en me demandant de quoi il pouvait bien s'agir. Les cheveux m'ont redressé sur la tête et mes mains sont devenues moites. (Ça m'a rappelé un examen du Collège royal et un retour en arrière s'est enclenché!) Qui donc pourrait bien s'intéresser à ce que je dis (ou écris)? Après quelques courriels, chassés-croisés téléphoniques et correspondances cryptées, j'avais en partie ma réponse. En fait, quelqu'un s'intéressait à un de mes courriels qui datait de presque deux ans. J'ignore toujours à qui ce courriel a piqué la curiosité, mais on m'a dit qu'une autorité sanitaire provinciale (autre que la mienne) avait reçu une « demande d'accès à l'information concernant plusieurs courriels que j'avais écrits et reçus en 2012... ». J'étais maintenant intrigué. Qu'avais-je écrit? Et, qui pouvait bien s'en soucier? J'ai alors demandé de voir les courriels en question pour savoir de quoi il s'agissait. Après avoir éprouvé bien des difficultés à ouvrir de la correspondance cryptée et protégée par des mots de passe, j'ai commencé à vaguement comprendre ce qui se passait. Il y a presque deux ans, j'ai écrit un courriel dans lequel je disais qu'un député qui fouillait dans un aspect particulier de la politique de santé publique en matière d'infectiologie se lançait dans un « champ de mines » et que nous, les experts du diagnostic et de la gestion des maladies infectieuses, devrions fournir des conseils à nos inconscients politiciens pour les éloigner des « mines terrestres ». Ce n'était évidemment qu'une

façon de parler et le courriel était, selon moi, plutôt éloquent.

J'ai beaucoup réfléchi à tout ça. Qui voulait avoir accès à mon courriel? Pourquoi? Qu'est-ce qui pouvait bien avoir attiré l'attention sur cet échange de courriels en particulier? Bien sûr, j'étais aussi très troublé, car je considère habituellement ma correspondance courriel comme étant privée. Il est clair qu'elle ne l'est pas et disons que le rappel a été plutôt brutal. Quand j'ai demandé quels courriels posaient problème, l'avocate représentant l'Université – qui héberge le serveur qui coordonne la circulation de mes courriels – m'a immédiatement fourni des copies. Y a-t-il vraiment quelqu'un qui lit tous les courriels qui se promènent ici et là? (Puis-je avoir ce poste?) En quoi mon courriel pouvait-il donc attirer l'attention? Dans la copie m'a été remise, les mots « champ de mines » et « mines terrestres » étaient surlignés. Il semblerait que l'alarme ait été déclenchée par ces mots. Vraiment? Je ne sais pas encore qui trouvait ma correspondance si intéressante, mais j'ai mes doutes. Dernièrement, nous avons beaucoup entendu parler d'Edward Snowden, aux États-Unis, et des fuites de renseignements sensibles liés à la National Security Agency (NSA) dont il est l'auteur. On l'a traité de dénonciateur ou de traître, selon la perspective. Mon courriel aurait-il pu être repéré par l'équivalent de la NSA au Canada, le Centre de la sécurité des télécommunications Canada (CSTC), qui a la réputation de faire une surveillance électronique de masse?

Je ne sais pas qui s'est intéressé à mon message, mais je m'inquiète avant tout du fait qu'une personne ait trouvé ce courriel. Quelqu'un l'a signalé. Quelqu'un a communiqué avec mon université à ce sujet et celle-ci a fourni, sur demande, une copie d'un courriel datant de 18 mois qu'elle avait en main. Tout cela s'est produit avant même que je ne sois informé. Alors, quel était le rôle de l'avocate dans tout ça? La réponse est facile. Elle travaille pour l'Université. Comme j'assume de nombreuses fonctions, elle voulait simplement savoir à quel titre j'avais envoyé ce courriel. En d'autres termes, quel chapeau je portais au moment de rédiger ce

message? Était-ce dans le cadre de mon poste à l'Université (en quel cas, elle fournirait son aide), dans le cadre de mon rôle au sein de l'autorité sanitaire provinciale (en quel cas, elle transférerait le dossier à quelqu'un d'autre) OU, à titre de président de l'AMMI Canada (en quel cas, j'étais plus au moins laissé à moi-même)? (C'était en fait à titre de président de l'AMMI Canada, mais j'ai expliqué que ce rôle était inextricablement lié à mon poste à l'Université.)

Alors, comme je l'ai dit dès le début, j'ai beaucoup réfléchi à ma vie électronique ces derniers temps. Je frémis à l'idée que quelqu'un surveillait mes courriels, qu'on en ait déterré un qui remontait à plus de 18 mois et qu'il ait été possible d'en faire une copie. J'en conclus que je dois m'arrêter à chaque mot que j'écris dans mes courriels. Cela me rappelle aussi une autre situation qui donne le frisson... Il y a quelques années, alors que je préparais un exposé sur la fièvre pour les médecins de famille, j'avais fait plusieurs recherches sur le sujet et j'avais examiné un certain nombre d'ouvrages scientifiques portant sur la fièvre, sa définition, son diagnostic, son investigation et sa gestion. Le jour de l'exposé, j'ai reçu un courriel d'Amazon qui m'invitait à acheter un film qui pourrait selon eux m'intéresser « Fever Pitch »! Coïncidence? Peu probable. Je me souviens d'avoir alors pensé, et j'y ai encore plus pensé récemment, à mes empreintes électroniques dans le cyberspace. Tout est surveillé et rien n'est secret ou sécurisé. Je ne sais pas trop comment nous pourrions fonctionner sans courriels, mais cette histoire m'a sans contredit rappelé que tout ce que j'écris est surveillé, suivi et facilement récupérable. Prenez garde!

Mon mandat à titre de président de l'AMMI Canada tire à sa fin. Je souhaite exprimer ma reconnaissance à Riccarda et à l'équipe du Secrétariat pour le bon travail qu'elles font au quotidien. Je souhaite aussi beaucoup de succès au Dr Dan Gregson, votre nouveau président.

Maintenant, si vous voulez bien m'excuser, j'ai quelques emplettes et activités bancaires à faire en ligne. ■

A. Mark Joffe MD, FRCPC
PRÉSIDENT D'AMMI CANADA

AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference • Conférence annuelle

April 2 – 5 avril, Victoria Conference Centre and The Fairmont Empress



The AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference 2014 will be held in Victoria, BC, from April 3 - 5, one of Canada's oldest and most historic cities.

The program is complete and delegates can expect a multidisciplinary line-up of excellent speakers and interactive sessions. The Plenary and State Of The Art sessions will include updates on antimicrobial stewardship, on MERS, NERVS, and other emergent infections, a debate on screening for antibiotic resistant organisms, managing human microbiomes, and an overview of other notable highlights of the last year. There will be two integrated symposia, three diagnostic theatres, and three workshops available for you, to enhance the quality and interaction of the meeting, and then you can challenge your knowledge at the ever-popular and entertaining Clinical Vignettes. This year's Special Lecture will provide insight into the impact of climate

and environmental changes on infectious diseases. There will be over 100 poster and 60 oral presentations delivered by our trainees and peers. The exhibit hall will host a full complement of our industry partners and collaborating societies, a fully catered Welcome Reception, and the opportunity to relax and connect with colleagues.

We are very excited to offer an interactive Event App this year that will include full meeting schedules, changes, and links to social media.

The closing dinner will be held at the Modern History Gallery where you can learn about the rich art and culture of the First Nations peoples of British Columbia.

Set in lovely Victoria, BC, during off conference hours there are plenty of landmark sites and activities to enjoy. Victoria's British ancestry is noted by the

formal flower gardens, tearooms, and double-decker buses. The city also boasts a cosmopolitan scene of entertainment and cuisine, and abundant natural beauty. It's been a long, cold winter for many of us, so book your ticket and come join us on the warmer side of the country for Canada's keystone meeting of microbiology and infectious diseases. ■



Isabelle Chiu MD, FRCPC
SPC Co-CHAIR, AMMI CANADA



Jeff Fuller PhD, FCCM
SPC Co-CHAIR, CACMID

AMMI Canada Annual General Meeting

The AMMI Canada Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Sections Meeting will be held at the AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference 2014 in Victoria, BC. All AMMI Canada members are encouraged to attend.

Time: 07:00-08:45
Date: Thursday, April 3, 2014
Location: Ivy Ballroom,
Fairmont Empress

All resources can be found in the members' section of the website.

Needs Assessment – What Do We Need and Want from CME?

Hear about the full results of the 2012 Needs Assessment Survey at the Annual General Meeting!



Shelley Ross is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Alberta, where she works as a Medical Education researcher and Education Strategic Planning Team Lead. Her doctorate, from the Department of Educational Psychology & Leadership Studies at the University of Victoria, examined the effects of varying levels of motivation on academic achievement. An expert in physician's assessment and training, her main research agenda is in the area of competency-based education and assessment.

In 2012, AMMI Canada contracted with Dr. Ross to develop, administer, and analyze a needs assessment for continuing medical education. The survey ran from May to October of 2012, and 145 AMMI Canada members responded (approximately 25%). Demographic analysis suggest a representative sampling of AMMI Canada members participated in the survey, and the results have allowed AMMI Canada to determine the main areas of interest of our members to plan continuing medical education activities, including sessions at our AMMI Canada annual conference. The full results of the survey will be presented at the AMMI Canada Annual General Meeting in Victoria. ■

Shelley Ross, PhD



Program at a Glance

Final program can be found on the AMMI Canada website in the conference section.

Wednesday April 2

CCM Workshop

Quality Management Seminar

Trainee's Day

Curriculum Vitae (CV) Development

International Opportunities

Career Opportunities in Infectious Disease and Microbiology

Physician-Industry Interactions During Training and Beyond

Networking Reception

Thursday April 3

AMMI Canada AGM and Sections Meeting

Workshop: Debate on the Role of Combination Therapy for Invasive Aspergillosis

Plenary: Antimicrobial Stewardship Program

Exhibit Hall open

Poster Viewing (Student Poster Judging)

Integrated Symposium: Management of Drug Resistant Gram+ and Gram- Infections: Current and Future Approaches

State of the Art Clinical Lecture: MERS-CoV Close-Up

Oral Presentations A, B, C, D

Awards Presentation

AMMI Canada – CACMID Special Lecture: The Impact of Climate and Environment Changes on Infectious Diseases

Welcome Reception and Dinner

Friday April 4

Workshop: Outpatient Parenteral Antibiotic Therapy (OPAT): An East – West Divide of Feasibility

Plenary: Emerging Infections

Exhibit Hall open

Poster viewing

Integrated Symposium: The Complexities of CAP Caused by *S. pneumoniae*: Taking a Closer Look at Community- Acquired Pneumonia in Adults

State of the Art Clinical Lecture: To Screen or Not to Screen: the Role of Hospital-Based Infection Control Programs in Controlling Antibiotic-Resistant Organisms

Oral Presentations E, F, G, H

Saturday April 5

Workshop: The Need for MIC and Resistance Testing

Plenary: What's Hot in Adult and Paediatric Infectious Diseases, Infection Control and Diagnostic Microbiology

Oral Presentations I, J, K, L

State of the Art Clinical Lecture: Microbe-Managing: Manipulating the Human Gut Microbial Ecosystem

Poster Awards Presentations

Clinical Vignettes

Closing Dinner



SAVE THE DATE

Dates: April 16 – 18 avril

Location: Delta Prince Edward and Prince Edward Island Convention Centre



There's an App for That!

Event Mobi

You can have the conference program at your fingertips! New to the AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference 2014 is the event app: Event Mobi! With the most up-to-date information, you can be certain that you won't miss out!



It's easy to use on any smartphone. Go to eventmobi.com/victoria2014 on your mobile browser, or scan the QR code to instantly access your mobile event guide! Your Internet browser loads the event app automatically and makes it instantly available for offline use. ■



For easier access in the future make sure to simply add the bookmark to your phone's home screen.

Antibiograms

An app to put local microbiology data in the pocket of prescribers!

'Antibiograms' is a free app, developed and generously shared by an AMMI Canada member, available for download on iPhone, iPad, and Android (4.0+) devices. Microbiology laboratories and stewardship programs, take note!

Microbiologists can create antibiogram data files that their users can easily query with this simple but powerful app. The process to use the app involves two steps: first, download the Antibiograms app onto your mobile device. Second, from your email or website open an antibiogram database (.db) file containing local antibiogram information. These files can be created directly from Excel spreadsheets with standardized formatting, or customized file creation support is available.

This app is essentially a reader which allows users to easily view antibiogram susceptibility patterns on their mobile device.



Users simply select a bacterium, select a patient group, and are given the proportion of susceptible organisms for each antibiotic reported by the local laboratory. Microbiology laboratories can contribute to local antimicrobial

stewardship initiatives and encourage appropriate antibiotic use by enabling access at the point of care, while avoiding yearly printing and distribution costs.

Customizable fields are available for each drug and each organism which can be populated with treatment recommendations, drug dosing and costing information, clinical or epidemiologic alerts specific for your hospital or health region. Users can download multiple databases and switch between them to compare resistance rates quickly and easily. Databases are easy to update either by emailing new files to users or by posting them on a website. The Antibiotic Stewardship and Resistance Committee will be looking at options for hosting antibiogram database files centrally, with appropriate privacy considerations. Stay tuned – but in the meantime, local users can start using the app immediately. ■

Download the Antibiograms app today!

If you need more information about how to create a database file from your existing antibiogram, contact Dr. Jessica Minion at jessica.minion@rqhealth.ca or 306-766-4482.

Jessica Minion, MD

AMMI Flu

Your evidence based influenza app, FREE on the App Store!

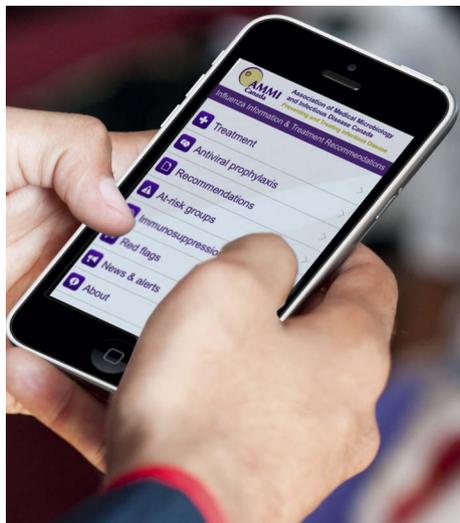
AMMI Flu is AMMI Canada's app for iPhone and iPad, still available for free download at the App Store. Updates will be issued with guideline changes- get ready for next year!

Quickly access clinical red flags and easily review information about at-risk groups for influenza.

Based on AMMI Canada's current influenza treatment guidelines, AMMI Flu is an easy-to-use interactive application that guides you through a decision model to decide on evidence based influenza antiviral use for prophylaxis and treatment of adults, children, and pregnant women.

The app is available for FREE download and is compatible with iOS 5 or greater on iPhone and iPad. ■

Gerald Evans, MD, FRCPC
GUIDELINES COMMITTEE CHAIR



CFID/AMMI Canada

Partnering for Novel Solutions in Infectious Diseases



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The Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases (CFID) is Canada's only charitable organization supporting research and education into the prevention, diagnosis, control and treatment of infectious diseases (www.researchid.com). To fulfill this mandate, CFID and AMMI Canada have worked together to create a new fundraising initiative, "Partnering for Novel Solutions in Infectious Diseases".

- Your donation will be matched up to 3:1 by corporate sponsors.
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- An income tax receipt will be sent to you automatically once your donation has been received and processed.

Thank you for your support!

For more information on CFID please visit www.researchid.com or contact Dr Susan Richardson, CFID President: cfid@researchid.com. ■

Susan Richardson MD, FRCPC
PRESIDENT, CANADIAN FOUNDATION FOR
INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Fundraising Initiatives	Emerging ID	Therapeutic initiatives	Diagnostic microbiology	Ambulatory infections* STIs, blood borne, other infections
Summer Research Studentships	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fellowships	✓	✓	✓	✓
Innovation and Education Awards**	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pilot Grants	✓	✓	✓	✓

*Including tropical and geographic medicine

** The Innovation and Education Awards category is designed to serve the continuing educational needs of AMMI Canada members and their trainees, by offering opportunities for short-term awards that can be applied to focused areas of study. Fellows and trainees will benefit from opportunities for advanced fellowship training, e.g., education or professional development training, antimicrobial stewardship, clinical or laboratory skill acquisition. Members in practice will benefit from the opportunity to obtain support for their own continuing education. Awards could include travel to obtain specific skills (clinical, laboratory or research) or the opportunity to learn new, innovative approaches/ techniques that could be incorporated into the member's practice.

CANADIAN JOURNAL OF
INFECTIOUS DISEASES &
MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY
JOURNAL CANADIEN DES MALADIES INFECTIEUSES
ET DE LA MICROBIOLOGIE MEDICALE

Did you know that for AMMI Canada members, the submission fee to the Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology (CJID&MM) is waived?

Please note that per-page submission fees have increased from \$200 to \$300. This continues to compare favourably with the majority of open access peer-review journals and unlike other open access journals, CJID&MM will continue to be available in print as well since most authors and readers continue to demand the printed version. As a world-class Journal and with the solid support of the Editor-in-Chief, Editorial Board and AMMI Canada, 2014 will also bring the expansion of CJID&MM to the electronic world of apps.

Submit online today!

Committee Updates

New Associate Committee Chair

Congratulations and a warm welcome to Diana Whellams, who is replacing Michael Payne after a year of fine service as the Associate Committee Chair. We would like to thank Michael Payne for his commitment and dedication as we look forward to many more accomplishments from this committee! ■

Membership Community Bulletin Board

AMMI Canada is introducing a new feature in the newsletter intended to showcase upcoming events and information that may be of interest to AMMI Canada members. Please note that advertising in the Community Bulletin Board is considered a benefit of membership.

- May 5-9, 2014** Tropical and Geographic Medicine Intensive Short Course in Vancouver, British Columbia
- May 24-27, 2014** Tropical and Parasitic Diseases – A Review of Clinical and Laboratory Approaches to Tropical Diseases in Montréal, Québec
- May 25-29, 2014** National Education Conference on Infection Prevention and Control in Halifax, Nova Scotia
- June 18-20, 2014** Canadian Consensus Development Conference on Surveillance and Screening for AROs (Antimicrobial-Resistant Organisms) in Calgary, Alberta
- July 1-10, 2014** Asian Clinical Tropical Medicine Course in Bangkok, Thailand,
- July 11-13, 2014** Asian Clinical Tropical Medicine Course in Siem Reap, Cambodia ■

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