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## 26<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Chemotherapy and Infection

26<sup>th</sup> ICC  
2009  
Toronto!

*As President of the 26<sup>th</sup> ICC, I wish to extend a personal invitation to this event as Canada hosts the world of infectious disease physicians, scientists and healthcare professionals in June 2009. AMMI Canada and CACMID are teaming up with the International Society of Chemotherapy (ISC) for what promises to be an outstanding meeting. Be there!*

We expect well over 2,000 attendees from around the world to join ISC, AMMI Canada and CACMID for this cutting edge summit about microbiology, epidemiology, diagnosis and therapy of infectious diseases as well as antimicrobial chemotherapy. This International Congress will be a great opportunity to showcase excellent Canadian research on an institutional stage. Trainees and senior scientists alike can present their work to an audience of colleagues from around the globe.

The theme of the Congress is "The Changing Climate of Infectious Disease". Mark Joffe and his Programme Committee, co-chaired by Jean-Claude Péchère of Switzerland and David Hooper of the United States, have created a provocative and highly informative programme. The keynote address will be given by Kirsty Duncan, a medical geographer from Toronto, who will give a broad overview of the impact of climate change on infectious diseases. Other plenary lectures on the climate change theme will be given by David Fisman (bacterial infection),

Amy Greer (waterborne diseases) and Craig Stephen (zoonotic diseases).

The Congress features the level of excellence you have come to expect from the AMMI Canada and CACMID conferences, but on a tremendously larger scale. The Programme Committee canvassed infectious diseases and microbiology associations from around the world for proposals for symposia. The Committee carefully selected subjects that are current and important to the infectious

disease community. With multiple concurrent sessions, there is a wide array of symposia addressing current issues in all kinds of infection; viral, bacterial, fungal and parasitic. Prevention, diagnosis and therapy will all be addressed by excellent speakers from around the world, including a number of our Canadian colleagues. We shall not want for interesting things to do.

It is impossible to pick highlights from such a packed agenda, so be on the look-out for the Programme Outline, now available at [www.icc-09.com](http://www.icc-09.com). There will be a number of sessions regarding chronic viral infections, HIV and hepatitis, including diagnostics, prevention and therapy. Antimicrobial resistance issues will permeate the Congress and will be discussed in terms of antibacterials,  
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### Abstract submission is now open!

**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. Deadline for submission: January 15, 2009**

**The guidelines for submission are available at <http://www.icc-09.com/call-for-abstracts/>**

antivirals and antifungals. There will be a number of sessions with an international spin on public health, infection control, diagnostics and a number of particular conditions. The focus is on current information and how our efforts now, will predict and impact future outcomes. There is a great deal to be shared regarding new diagnostics and therapies. There is one session which shall perhaps stand out, regarding selected historical topics: the history of penicillin (Alasdair Geddes, UK), and the 100th anniversary of salvarsan as treatment for syphilis (Helmut Schoefer, Germany).

Detailed information about the 26<sup>th</sup> International Congress is available at the official website, [www.icc-09.com](http://www.icc-09.com) and will be updated as new information becomes available. For your convenience, you can register on-line. All abstracts are required to be submitted via the on-line process. Abstract

submission is currently open, the final deadline for submissions is January 15, 2009.

This scientific conference will feature a variety of sessions geared at those interested in the basic science, diagnosis and clinical management of microbial diseases including physicians, nurses, pharmacists and public

health officials. Mark your calendars! We look forward to welcoming you to Toronto in June 2009! ■

*Dr. Raphaël Saginur and  
Dr. Mark Joffe*

## ICC-09 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

	Until 16th March 2009	17th March to 31st April 2009	1st May 2009 onwards / on-site
Society members*	\$400.00 CAD	\$500.00 CAD	\$600.00 CAD
Non-members	\$500.00 CAD	\$600.00 CAD	\$700.00 CAD
Students / Trainees (< 35 years)**	\$175.00 CAD	\$225.00 CAD	\$275.00 CAD
Accompanying person	\$50.00 CAD	\$50.00 CAD	\$50.00 CAD
Daily registration***	\$200.00 CAD	\$200.00 CAD	\$200.00 CAD