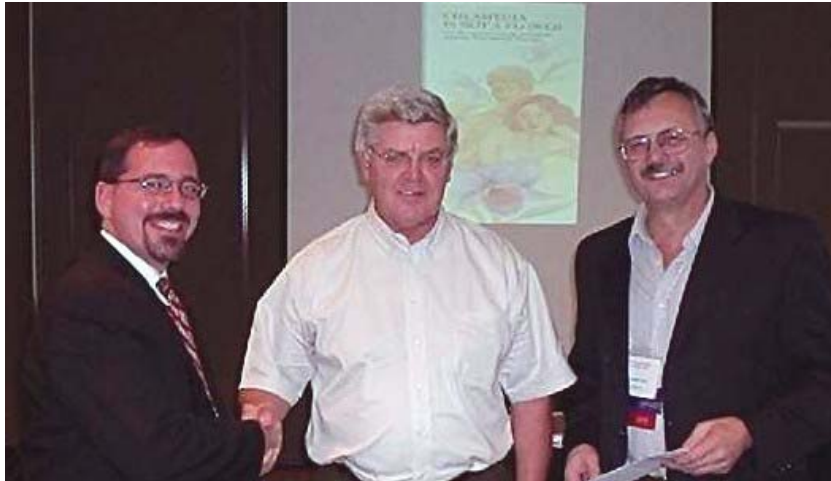


Congratulations to
DR. MAX CHERNESKY
Recipient of the
CCM Distinguished Service Award 2003



Dr. Max Chernesky (center) is shown receiving his award from bioMérieux representative Francois Turgeon, Product Manager for Infectious Diseases (left) and Martin Petric, Vice-president of CCM (right) during the CCM AGM in Montréal, November 2003.

Dr. Chernesky received his B.Sc. from the University of Guelph in 1965, his M.Sc. from the University of Toronto in 1967 and his Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia in Microbiology in 1969. He currently is Professor Emeritus at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. He belongs to numerous professional organizations, in Canada and worldwide and has sat on numerous editorial boards for a number of journals as well as served as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Clinical & Diagnostic Virology. He has held a number of executive positions in Canada and international groups such as the Pan-American Health Organization. His latest award was the Diagnostic Virology Award from the Pan-American Society for Clinical Virology in 1996.

Dr. Chernesky has been a teacher of numerous courses to undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate and other students throughout his academic career. He has supervised numerous people in research positions for graduate degrees, as well as post-doctoral students. Dr. Chernesky continues to be productive in research with the latest funding award being for \$2.5 million as part of the Ontario SARS Working Group. He has been extremely prolific in publishing, having published numerous book chapters, and 138 papers in peer reviewed Journals, as well as countless abstracts. He has been an invited speaker worldwide, speaking on numerous topic areas of virology and STD's. In addition to all of these academic achievements, Dr. Chernesky has also been actively involved in the Canadian College of Microbiologists since its inception including serving as President of the CCM in 1989 to 1991.