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From the Registrar's desk to yours

Dear colleagues,

A few months have past since my last letter to you and as usual at this time of the year I am bringing to your attention some noteworthy events.

First let me present to you our new President of the CCM, Dr. **Linda CHUI** Ph.D.,ARMCCM who was handed the presidential gavel by our new Past President Dr. **Martin Petric** Ph.D.,FCCM. who guided our College for the past three years.



Linda



Martin

The new Board of Directors was installed on June 17th at the Annual Conference of CACMID-AMMI-Canada which took place in Toronto.

Paul Levett Ph.D.,FCCM from Regina is our new Vice President. **Mohammad Morshed** Ph.D.,SCCM (from B.C.) and **James A. Karlowsky** Ph.D., D(ABMM),FCCM (from Manitoba) are the two new elected members. While **Kathy Bernard** Ph.D.ARMCCM and Past President **Greg Tyrrell** Ph.D.,FCCM completed their respective mandates as members of the Board they have both graciously accepted to continue working for the Board at the request of Linda, Kathy as the College representative for Microbiologists in Public Health and Greg as Chair of the **CCM 2010 Workshop** which will take place in Edmonton at the

CACMID -AMMI-Canada Annual Conference May 6 - 8, 2010

In early June I attended the Annual Conference of the Canadian Society of Microbiologists (CSM-SCM)..The **CCM Workshop on Listeria** took place on the first morning of the conference.

In the morning the participants were treated to enlightening presentations from Dr. **Steven Theriault** Ph.D.,(Public Health Agency Winnipeg) from Dr. **Franco Pagotto** Ph.D. (Health Canada, Ottawa) and from Dr. **Khalid Ijaz** Ph.D.,SCCM (Reckitt-Benckiser, New Jersey, U.S.). This year was the first CCM-AMQ (Association des Microbiologistes du Québec) joint workshop.



Our distinguished speakers

In the afternoon Dr. Pascale Cossart of the Pasteur Institute of Paris, world renowned specialist on Listeria was the keynote speaker.

.On the picture below, you can see Prof. **Michael Hynes** Ph.D.,ARMCCM , President of the CSM -SCM on the left of Dr. **Pascale Cossart** of the Pasteur Institute of Paris On the right some of you may recognize your Registrar. On the next picture **Prof. Vincent Martin** of Concordia University,Chairperson of the organizing committee and **Prof Dr. Julian Davies** (UBC)



HONOUR ROLLS

2009 DISTINGUISHED MICROBIOLOGIST AWARD

David Groves Ph.D.,FCCM



Presented by our President Linda Chui Ph.D.,ARMCCM
(Photo courtesy AMMI-Canada-CACMID)

The 2009 CCM Distinguished Microbiologist Award is presented to Dr. David Groves in recognition of his outstanding professional contributions to the field of microbiology in Canada in the areas of research, teaching and involvement in the Canadian College of Microbiologists and other professional societies. An active member of the Canadian College of Microbiologists, Dr. Groves has served as a Board member in several capacities and as President from 1993 to 1996.

Dr. Groves is committed to the professional development of Clinical Microbiologists. He was involved with the initial discussions which led to the reciprocal recognition of both the American Board of Medical Microbiology and Fellow of the Canadian College of Microbiologists certifications in Clinical Microbiology. Dr. Groves has also been active with the Canadian Association for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (CACMID), serving as President from 2000 - 2002

New ACADEMIC and RESEARCH MICROBIOLOGISTS **ARMCCM**

At its recent meeting, the Board of Directors , on the recommendation of the ARMCCM (Academic and Research Microbiologist) Committee, has granted the designation of ARMCCM to the following members.

Lorne Babiuk (U. Alberta)
Colette Breuil (U.B.C.)
Eric Carstens (Queen's U.)
George Khatchaturians (U. Saskatchewan)
Peter Krell (U. Western Ontario)
Jean Robin (U. Sherbrooke)
Lynne Sigler (U. Alberta)

The ARMCCM (Academic and Research Microbiologist) is a designation granted by their Peers to members of the College in recognition of their career achievements ,and for having shown leadership as educators and scientists in the field of microbiology.

In order to apply for the **ARMCCM** designation, qualified candidates must be sponsored by members of the Board of Directors, Fellows of the College or colleagues who are ARMCCM. Forms are available on the CCM website. The Chairperson of the ARMCCM committee is Dr. David E. Mahoney Ph.D.,ARMCC. The Registrar will be happy to respond to your inquiries and assist you in the preparation of the application.

New FELLOWS of the CANADIAN COLLEGE of MICROBIOLOGISTS **FCCM**

The Board of Directors of the CCM has agreed to extend the designation of Fellow of the Canadian College of Microbiologists (FCCM) to the following members who have met the College requirements for the FCCM designation and successfully passed the FCCM examination in Clinical Microbiology or the Diplomate examination of the American Board of Medical Microbiology. (D(ABMM)). Dr. Daryl Hoban Ph.D.,FCCM is the Chairman of the FCCM Examination Committee.

Heather J. Adam Ph.D.,D(ABMM), FCCM
Iqbal M. Ahmed MBBS,SCCM(MLS),D(ABMM), FCCM
Mohammed O. Qutub Ph.D.,SM(NRCM),SM(ASCP),D(ABMM), FCCM
Sean X. Zhang M.D.,Ph.D.,D(ABMM), FCCM

Best wishes for continued success in your careers.

OUR 2009 AWARD WINNERS
at the Annual CSM-SCM Conference



Christine Ritlop
was the winner of the CCM Poster AWARD
She works in the Lab. of Prof. **Benoit Cousineau** at McGill University
(*Photo from: McGill University web site*)



Gheyath Nasrallah
was the winner of the CCM Symposium Award.
He works in the laboratory of Prof, **Rafael A Garduño** at Dalhousie University.
(*Photo from Dalhousie University web site.*)
Congratulations from all of us to these meritorious young scientists and to their respective
mentors.

IMPORTANT DATES for 2010
Annual Conferences

AMMI-Canada-CACMID **May 6 - 8 ,2010** **Edmonton, Alberta (CCM Workshop)**
CSM-SCM June 14-17, 2010 **McMaster University** **Hamilton, Ontario**

Reminder for 2009

CANADIAN MEAT COUNCIL **2009 TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM:**
Advanced *Listeria monocytogenes*
Control Measures in RTE Meats and Poultry Products
October 1-2, 2009
Sheraton Gateway Hotel, Toronto Airport
<http://www.cmc-cvc.com>