2012 Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases Award Recipients Announced*

Presentation at AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference Awards Ceremony

May 5, 2012, Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver BC

**Dr. Juan A. Embil Award for Excellence in Infectious Diseases Research:** This award is given to an Infectious Diseases trainee in recognition of excellence in infectious disease research as demonstrated through a published manuscript


2012 **recipient:** Dr Cecilia Costiniuk, University of Ottawa; “Costiniuk CT, Hibbert BM, Filion LG, Kovacs CM, Benko E, O’Brien ER et al. Circulating endothelial progenitor cell levels are not reduced in HIV-infected men. J Infect Dis 2012; 205:713-717”.

**Dr. John M. Embil Mentorship Award in Infectious Diseases:** This award celebrates the commitment of a member of the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease (AMMI) Canada to inspiring interest and excitement in the field of infectious diseases. The Award recognizes clinical specialists in infectious diseases who have performed extraordinary service as role models and mentors to junior clinicians, faculty, fellows, and students involved in the field of infectious diseases.

2010 **recipient:** Dr. Allan Ronald, University of Manitoba

2011 **recipient:** Dr John Conly, University of Calgary

2012 **recipient:** Dr Jonathan Angel, University of Ottawa

**CFID Safe Drinking Water Pilot Project Grant:** This pilot project grant was established in 2012 as seed funding for the promotion of studies investigating one of Canada’s most valuable resources, water.

2012 **Recipient:** Dr Bonita Lee, University of Alberta

Title of proposal: Association of enteric viruses in source water for drinking (surface and ground water) and sporadic viral gastroenteritis and outbreaks in Alberta

**CFID Summer Student Research Awards:** These awards were established in 2012 to attract bright young minds with outstanding academic records to the field of infectious diseases, microbiology, and infection control; and to fulfill the CFID mission of supporting research in infectious diseases.

2012 **Recipients:**

1) Parmvir Parmar, University of Ottawa
   Supervisor: Dr Jonathan Angel
   Project: Deficits in cell mediated immune recovery among HIV+ individuals on effective antiretroviral therapy

2) Alyssa Golden, University of Manitoba
   Supervisor: Dr George Zhanel
   Project: Invasive Streptococcus pneumoniae in Canada 2012: Serotyping, antimicrobial susceptibility and virulence assessment

3) Kitty Wu, University of Toronto
   Supervisor: Dr Valerie Waters
   Project: Biofilm Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing of Stenotrophomonas maltophilia Isolates from Patients with Cystic Fibrosis

* These competitive awards were adjudicated by the CFID Awards Committee