

# **2<sup>nd</sup> UofA Infectious Diseases Conference**

# **Research, Training, and Career Opportunities**

**November 13 & 14, 2019**

**11104 87 Ave - Telus International Centre, Edmonton**

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## **Program (tentative)**

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### **November 13 (12:00 – 18:00)**

Collect your conference materials (12:00 - 13:00 – coffee will be offered in the atrium)

Session 1: Emerging Pathogens – Global Threats

coffee break

Session 2: Antimicrobial Resistance

coffee break

Public lecture: Alberta Antimicrobial Resistance One Health Consortium

Reception

### **November 14 (9:00 – 18:00)**

Session 3: Prevention, Immunity & Treatment

coffee break

Session 4: Prions and Neurodegenerative Diseases

Lunch (Speed Networking event for trainees)

Session 5: Microbiome

coffee break

Session 6: Diagnostics, Genomics & Surveillance

Poster Session and Reception

## Message from the Chair

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It is my pleasure to announce the 2<sup>nd</sup> UofA Conference on Infectious Diseases (ID). While our 1<sup>st</sup> ID conference in May 2016 focused primarily on engagement and networking, this time we plan to place emphasis on “Research, Training, and Career Opportunities”. The conference will again assemble scientists, clinicians, and trainees at the University of Alberta to facilitate collaborations and to provide future perspectives in a rapidly changing field.

Prevention and treatment of infectious diseases continues to represent a high priority worldwide. Chronic viral infections, outbreaks of emerging pathogens, and resistance to antimicrobial agents are prominent examples in this regard. Several independent research units at the University of Alberta have established strong research programs to develop effective diagnostic tools, therapies, and preventative measures. This conference is part of the university-wide “ID Initiative” that helps to establish links between these groups to maximize the potential for transdisciplinary research and training. Our contributions to the Alberta One Health Consortium on Antimicrobial Resistance is a concrete outcome of these efforts. The UofC-led consortium was recently established and is supported by a Major Innovation Fund from the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism.

The ID conference will cover a broad range of disciplines including virology, bacteriology, immunology, drug discovery, treatment and prevention, prions and the microbiome as well as public health to support the exchange of ideas across Departments and Faculties. We are excited about the opportunity to build bridges and look forward to welcoming everyone at this conference.

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Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry  
University of Alberta

## Registration

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### Registration is now open

**Step 1:** Please save this PDF to your drive before filling out the Attendee Information section on the next page. Trainees should also indicate if they wish to participate in our Speed Networking event.

**Email the completed PDF to [bhazes@ualberta.ca](mailto:bhazes@ualberta.ca) to start your registration.**

**Step 2:** If you wish to be considered for an oral or poster presentation, please submit an abstract to [bhazes@ualberta.ca](mailto:bhazes@ualberta.ca) (see guidelines below). Abstracts can be submitted any time after registration and before the Oct 23 5pm deadline.

**Step 3:** There is a \$10 non-refundable registration fee to partially cover costs for lunch and coffee breaks. After you submit your registration we will send you a link to *eventbrite* where you can purchase the ticket for the event.

## Speed Networking

During the lunch break on Nov 14, trainees (students at graduate/undergraduate level and post doctoral fellows) can participate in a 'speed networking' event, i.e. informal meetings with mentors to discuss career opportunities.

## Abstract Submission Guidelines

Please submit your abstract in PDF format

Use Arial font size 11

Please include a title in bold at the top of the abstract, this should be followed by authors and their affiliations

All text should flush to the right side of the page

We recommend a length of 200 words

Please indicate your preference for oral or poster presentation

**Abstract Deadline: October 23, 2019 @ 5 pm**

## Attendee Information (fillable PDF).

**Note:** Please save the PDF to your computer first, before filling out the fields

**Name:**

**Position:**

**Affiliation:**

**Email:**

**For trainees only:**

I would like to participate in the Speed Networking event