The 2009 winner of the Dr Lindsay E Nicolle Award was announced by Robert Kalina, Publisher of The Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases & Medical Microbiology, at the recent International Congress of Chemotherapy and Infection, incorporating the AMMI Canada–CACMID annual conference, in Toronto, Ontario. The winner was Dr Abba Gumel for his paper “Mathematical assessment of Canada’s pandemic influenza preparedness plan” (Can J Inf Dis Med Microbiol 2008;19[2]:185-192).

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Robert Kalina also presented a cheque to Richard McCoy, Executive Director of AMMI Canada. The Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases & Medical Microbiology is the official journal of AMMI Canada, and each year, Pulsus Group contributes a percentage of revenues derived from the Journal to the Society for use in future research.