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Summer has arrived to everyone's great pleasure I am sure. The spring season was a particularly busy with many activities such as National Med Lab Week and the 2007 CSMLS Leadership Forum.

I was quite privileged to be able to attend the 2007 CSMLS Forum where many interesting education sessions took place. I also had the honor of witnessing one of our own, Anne Robinson, Medical Laboratory Technologist at The Moncton Hospital; receive the A.R. Shearer Pride of the Profession Award. This was a true bonus for me and I returned from the Forum with lots of inspiration. In this profession, we truly have something to be proud of in New Brunswick. Again, congratulations Anne!

As President of the NBSMLT, I attended meetings of the National Advocacy Council and the National Regulatory Council. Discussion during these two meetings focused primarily on patient safety and the role of the medical laboratory with particular attention where phlebotomy is concerned.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer. Take advantage of the nice weather to relax and replenish your energy while spending many happy moments with your loved ones.

Monique Collette, president

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So You Say You're a Professional.....

After 36 years as a lab technologist, I'm hanging up my lab coat for the last time and donning some new attire. I'm not sure what clothes will make up my wardrobe; there will be some new golf duds for sure, some comfy things for travel, maybe some sweats for the gym (groan) and I'll need a dressy outfit (for weddings and funerals). My point being....I'll dress appropriately for the occasion.

We all do that...right? We would never wear jeans and t-shirt to a wedding. People would stare and we would feel uncomfortable. Maybe not physically uncomfortable but definitely "out of place". That being said, why don't we feel "out of place" wearing the jeans, t-shirts, sweats, hoodies, dirty sneakers and multi-colored crocs to work. After all, we're not construction workers, or plumbers...or day care providers. We are medical laboratory technologists!!! The title certainly sounds impressive and we claim to be professionals, especially when its time to negotiate our contract.

We tell the negotiating team and the government officials how important we are, how we make a difference on the health care team and how the health system would simply not function if we were to replace our lab coats with picket signs.

I don't dispute that! Our jobs are important! People's lives depend on our performance! That can't be said about construction workers, or plumbers...or day care workers. But we have been preaching this message for many years and we still never get the financial increases we think we deserve.

I wonder if it would make a difference if we dressed professionally???? Now, I know what you're thinking....the other hospital workers don't do that. You often can't distinguish a nurse from a housekeeping employee. I agree and I don't like it. If I was lying in a hospital bed, it would be comforting to know who administers pain relief and who empties my garbage.

So now you're saying, "but we don't work with the public.... much." Again, you're right!! Generally, the public has no idea people like us exist, much less what we do. We've never been good at promoting ourselves or our profession. Oh sure, we've made a few feeble attempts. We've played those 10 sec commercials over Christmas...you know the ones...the fuzzy, cute kittens playing with the ball of yarn and the voice in the background telling the viewing audience that the lab techs everywhere wish you happy holidays. Or perhaps you have worked many hours setting up mall displays and offering free cholesterols. The public looked around curiously, sat for the free test and left, thinking Shoppers Drug Mart moved their testing to a new location. Ok, so maybe I'm being a little cynical, but you have to admit we have not had much success.

So again, I ask, "what if we dressed like professionals?" I'm not saying we have to dig out the hats with the red bands (do new grads even get these anymore?). But let's take off the jeans and t-shirts, the hoodies and sweats and at least clean those sneakers. Save the crocs for the park. This is a good start and who knows where it could lead. Remember the days when we wore white uniforms and white shoes. Sorry, let me reword that. Does anyone remember the days when we wore white uniforms and white shoes? Was it really such a bad thing? You must admit, we looked professional. And I also remember it was around this same time, when lab techs made more money than nurses. Honest! It's true! One thing for sure, amidst the colorful sea of crocs, neon uniforms, and less than casual attire, you would stand out. You would be favorably noticed by the other health care workers and the public. In a profession where very few are aware of our existence, it might just be the PR boost you need. What do you have to lose? And it just might make a difference the next time you (not me...remember I'm done) sit down to negotiate.

Submitted by
Dale Tozer, RT, MLT

Awards and Accomplishments

Certificate of Professional Studies

Congratulations to Deborah Hale who has recently obtained a CPS (management) certificate from the CSMLS! Deborah has demonstrated significant commitment to professional development. She exemplifies professionalism and belief in continuing education and has proved this by being an active participant in the NBSMLT Professional Development Program since it's inception.

CSMLS A.R. Shearer Award recipient

The CSMLS A.R. Shearer award recognizes technologists who demonstrate professional pride through leadership and commitment to excellence in the practice of Medical Laboratory Science. We are very proud to announce that Anne Robinson MLT, ART has been awarded this prestigious honour at the CSMLS Leadership Forum held in Hamilton in May.

Anne has been a technologist for more than 30 years and has exemplified professionalism and commitment to patient care in every day of her professional career.

Patient care is, and has always been, Anne's primary concern. The patient's well being and comfort are her first consideration. Anne has always been pro-active in the transfusion medicine lab, so much so, that one oncologist has been heard to say to the nurses "Just check with blood bank, they will take care of that". Anne makes it a point to encourage newly hired nurses to tour the blood bank and to be made aware that any time they have questions to be sure to call and we will do our best to get them the answers they require. In doing so, she fosters a team approach to patient care which serves our patients well.

Whenever new technologists are trained in Transfusion Medicine one of the touchstones is that they can phone Anne at any time, day or night, with questions or calls for help. Anne will frequently arrive sometime during a new technologists' first "off shift" to encourage and let them know that they can always depend on her for assistance as required. During one technologist's first night rotation she experienced a multiple trauma with several patients involved and called Anne to check on procedure, and, though her questions were answered, the technologist was relieved to see Anne arrive less than 15 minutes after the call. Anne just thought that another pair of hands might help ease the stress of that first trauma.

Anne is a font of knowledge; she is a charter member of CSTM and has contributed to its website. She is held in very high esteem by her peers because she is willing to share her expertise and she actively encourages participation in continuing education, she will work extra time herself to allow junior technologists the opportunity to take advantage of educational events. Though many senior



CSMLS President Robin Power (left) presents A.R. Shearer Award to Anne Robinson (right)

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technologists in management roles work a 9-5 schedule, Anne still works weekends and the occasional evening shift as required. She thoroughly enjoys the challenges of Transfusion Medicine and serves on the CBS advisory committee in NB as well as the provincial Quality Assurance group for Blood Bank.

Anne is a College of American Pathologists inspector for Transfusion Medicine and recently has audited AABB inspector training workshops to help her achieve her goal of being a CCHSA inspector for Blood Banks. Anne believes strongly that by meeting and then exceeding the highest industry standards that patient care will be best served.

Anne is tireless when it comes to her profession; she has always led by example in pursuing educational development and increasing her knowledge base. She accepted the challenge of analyzing the transfusion medicine labs, in the seven health regions of New Brunswick; in preparation for the implementation of the CSA Z902-04 standards for Blood Banks. In a single year, Anne was able complete the gap analysis and produce templates from which the regional health authorities have been able to move forward with implementation strategies.

Anne has been active in the Boy Scouts of Canada movement for 15 years at the local level on the Group committee; she has been very active in her parish on the parish council and she does volunteer canvassing for The Canadian Cancer Society. Anne has served the NBSMLT in various capacities over the years and was the Scientific chair for the CSMLS Congress 2005 in Moncton. She is faithful in attending local academy events and presents educational sessions often. Anne also submits articles of interest to the provincial newsletter.

For Anne, there is no “halfway”; this profession of ours deserves the best each and every day and I am proud to say that my friend, mentor and colleague epitomizes the very best in Medical Laboratory Science.

Submitted by Bernadette Muisse

Upcoming Educational Events:

NBSMLT Fall Symposium & AGM	Miramichi	October 20, 2007
NLSLT Annual Congress	Mary's Town NL	October 31-Nov 3 2007
Moncton Academy Spring Education Day	Moncton	March 29, 2008
Vein To Vein Conference	Edmonton AB	May 2-3, 2008
CSMLS Congress	Kelowna BC	June 1-4 2008
NBSMLT APSC & AGM	Edmundston	October 3,4 2008
AABB Conference	Montreal PQ	October 4-7 2008
Maritech	Charlottetown PEI	November 12-14, 2008

Election Information 2008

The time is here once again for the nomination of President Elect for the New Brunswick Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists.

The Nomination Committee requests that you put forward names of NBSMLT members to stand for this important position. It is an opportunity for you to nominate technologists with a vision for the future, an individual who will be able to direct the Society's affairs in these interesting and challenging times.

Please forward all nominations to the Society's office on or before Sept 15, 2007.

Nomination Information

Term of Office

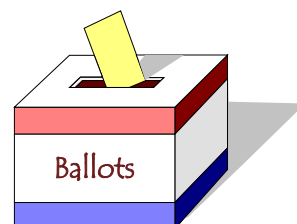
In order to comply with the 1991 Medical Laboratory Technologists Act, an annual election will be held by the Society for the office of President Elect. This will be a three year term: the first year (2008) the technologist will serve as President Elect, the second year (2009) he/she will become President of the Society and the third year (2010) this individual will serve as Past President.

Board Members

The other members of the Board will consist of the six Area Directors, elected by their respective academies. There will also be a lay representative, appointed by the government, serving on the Board.

Service and Goals

In order to provide the membership with background information regarding the candidates' present and past service in Society matters, a summary must be provided of his/her professional activities. A statement regarding goals as President Elect of the New Brunswick Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists should also be included. This information shall accompany the instructions sent with the ballot to each member.



Nomination Form

Election of President Elect

In order to comply with the 1991 Medical Laboratory Technology Act, the membership are to elect a technologist to the position of President elect each year. The term of office will be for three years, progressing from President Elect, to President, and the final year, Past President.

I _____ allow my name to stand for the position of President Elect of the New Brunswick Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists.

Signed

Date

Nominated by

Seconded by

Welcome to our newest board member and Publications Chair!

Greetings fellow members of the NBSMLT. My name is Jan Graham and I am the new Area Director for Fredericton. I am originally from Sydney, Nova Scotia. In 2001 after graduating high school I decided that I wanted a career in Laboratory Medicine, specifically Diagnostic Cytology. I then moved to Halifax to begin the Bachelor of Health Science program. After completing my first two summer clinical rotations in Sydney I needed a change and chose to come to Fredericton for my final clinical. I wrote my national certification exams that summer and accepted a job as a Cytotechnologist at the Chalmers Hospital in June of 2004, where I am still currently employed full time. I continued taking courses at Dalhousie through distance education and obtained my degree in 2006. I am very excited to assume the duties of Publications Chair along with the responsibilities of area director.



Notice to all retired/Inactive members

If you are a Retired or Inactive member, you cannot use the MLT designation. This protected title is for Active/Practicing members only.

From the Editor..



The Annual Report is now available on the NBSMLT website at www.nbsmlt@nb.ca. Due to publication cost, it will no longer be sent to each member. If you do not have access to a computer and wish to receive a copy of the Annual Report please contact the Registrar's office.

Some technologists have submitted great articles for the newsletter. I thank these technologists for their participation, I also encourage others to try their hand in writing and send some articles for publication. Perhaps a technologist who has taken a course lately would like to share what they learned with their colleagues?

Editorial policy

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a means of communication between the members of the NBSMLT and its Board of Directors. The opinions expressed in the MLT Analyzer are those of the contributors and do not constitute official policy of the NBSMLT. The editor reserves the right to edit submissions as required.

Deadlines for submissions of articles for next issue: September 30th, 2007. Submit your texts or comments/questions to my attention:

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*In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure.
- Bill Cosby*

Don't forget to check out our Website regularly to receive up to date information! It is simple, all you have to do is click on the « what's new? » tab.

Please note that in order to have access to the membership only section, you must submit your e-mail address to the Registrar at nbsmltregistrar@nb.aibn.com. Your password is the 7 digit CSMLS number.

Recently posted on the website:

- PDP Frequently asked questions
- Annual Report
- APSC Registration Form



Congratulations to CCNB/Dr. Georges L. Dumont Hospital/Université de Moncton MLT program Graduates!



First row: *Sophie Robichaud, Joey Bulger, Marie-Claire Nardini*

Second row: *Jacinthe Godin, Geneviève Cormier, Simon St-Cœur and Mélanie Collette*

NBSMLT Awards Presented to CCNB Graduate

The NBSMLT president, Monique Collette presented two awards to Marie- Claire Nardini. Marie-Claire was presented both the Award for Academic Excellence and the Award for Clinical Excellence on June 12, 2007. In addition, Marie-Claire's name was engraved on a commemorative plaque which is posted in the learning facility at the Dr.Georges-L.-Dumont Hospital.

The Award for Academic Excellence is given to the student with the highest academic average over the two year technical component of the program.

The Award for Clinical Excellence is given to the student who demonstrated an overall excellence in the clinical aspect of the two year technical component of the program.

Congratulations Marie- Claire!



NBSMLT President, Monique Collette (left) and Marie-Claire Nardini (right).

NBCC SJ New Graduates

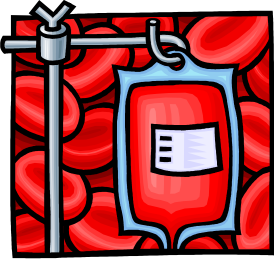
This year, NBCC-SJ students will obtain their diploma later in the summer. Although they can't be congratulated for graduation from the program, they definitely worked very hard during the last 2 years. Good luck to all the « soon to be » new grads in writing their RTs this coming November!

NBSMLT Head Office

The NBSMLT Head Office has been located in The Memramcook Institute since September of last year. Memramcook is an Acadian village located approximately 20 minutes from Moncton. If you're in the area, please stop by and say hello!



Canadian Society for Transfusion Medicine Annual Conference



The Canadian Society for Transfusion Medicine (CSTM) held its annual conference in Calgary, May 2-6. This is a conference of interest to any technologist who works in Transfusion Medicine. CSTM membership is \$90.00 per year and that gives a reduction in conference registration fee at least equal to the cost of a year's membership. Anyone who works in Transfusion Medicine, even on a part time basis, can benefit from the information and resources provided by the CSTM. Website www.transfusion.ca

This year's conference featured workshops on panagglutinins, and the Rh blood system, as well as case studies, which are always interesting. There were also workshops in management such as succession planning, quality systems and topics of special interest to transfusion safety officers such as blood utilization and haemovigilance initiatives. There were sessions on Intravenous Immune Globulin (IVIg), Recombinant Factor VIIa, massive transfusion, pandemic planning, Transfusion Related Acute Lung Injury (TRALI), pathogen inactivation of plasma products. In short, there was something for everyone; from the purely theoretical to the purely practical aspects of transfusion medicine. This conference gives technologists an opportunity to network with colleagues in other parts of the country who also face challenges in blood banking.

The beauty of this conference is that it brings technologists, blood suppliers, researchers and physicians together to share information in the ever expanding; ever changing world of transfusion. I highly recommend both membership in CSTM and attendance at their conferences.

Submitted by Bernadette Muise



Med Lab Week Activities

South-East Regional Health Authority

Submitted by : Bernadette Muise

Once again, Rania Elhalabi has raised the bar for Med Lab Week activities at the Moncton Hospital. This year even before the official Med Lab Week; Rania was involved in ensuring that Med Lab Techs were represented at the career fair held by the Moncton Hospital. Melissa King and Rania spent a huge amount of time on the preparation of material for both the career fair and Med Lab Week. Approximately 600 Grade 11 students from the Moncton area, over the course of 3 days, were given the opportunity to see what careers are available at The Moncton Hospital. Needless to say, the displays of tissue samples proved a great draw for this age group.

With the positive response from the students, the volunteers were ready to greet Med Lab week with enthusiasm. There was a lobby display, manned by volunteers three days during the week. Lunch and Learn sessions on *Understanding the basics of Flow Cytometry*, *CAP Inspection: a walk on the*

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other side; and *Immuno Fixation Electrophoresis: why these bands don't rock*; presented by technologists Bonnie Irvine, Natalie Raymond and Rania Elhalabi; were very well attended. There were games as well, a scavenger hunt for clues to solve a riddle, a sudoku puzzle, and a word search with prizes to the lucky winners. There was also the cake and fruit celebration on Friday to cap off the week.

Although these activities take a lot of effort to coordinate, they are well worth it. There is a sense of pride when you can demonstrate to the public what it is that technologists actually do. It reminds all of us, that the work we do IS important and valued. Congratulations and thank you to Rania and Melissa for another successful Med Lab week.

Acadie-Bathurst Health Authority

In the month of April, a local radio station organized a Radiothon. The goal of this activity was to raise money for "Operation Pink Ribbon" (*l'Opération du ruban rose*) for breast cancer. During Med Lab week, the laboratory employees of the Bathurst Regional Health Authority had a 50/50 draw on a basket in order to contribute to this activity. A total of \$1,010 was raised and donated to Operation Pink Ribbon.

Congratulations and a huge thank you to the dedicated team of volunteers!

Submitted by: Lyne Pelletier
North Shore Area Director



Murielle Pelletier (left) presents cheque to Mr. Armand Roussy (radio station representative)

Beauséjour Regional Health Authority

Submitted by Monique Collette

During National Med Lab week, the technologists from the Dr. Georges-L.-Dumont Hospital sent out an invitation to the grade 7 and 8 students of francophone schools across the region. The students, accompanied by their parents participated in the laboratory's open-door event that took place on three evenings during Med Lab week. The invitation was sent to the students by the science teachers as well as the directors of the schools. Over forty (40) children participated in the activity that was animated by many technologists from each department of the lab. The students, parents and science professors were very much impressed by everything seen in the laboratory.

Many other interesting activities successfully took place during that week, such as a lunch with pizza and cake for the technologists where many door prizes were given out and a diner on the Friday night where the technologists were able to unwind in good company. Med Lab week was a success, thanks to the great teamwork of many technologists.

Congratulations!

My Experience at the CSMLS Leadership Forum

I was very lucky to have the opportunity to attend the CSMLS Leadership Forum in Hamilton, and WOW, what an experience!

Friday morning I was so excited that I awoke at six am and arrived at the registration desk at eight am promptly to pick up my registration package. I was very eager to start my day and plan my sessions for the entire conference. The opening ceremony commenced and we heard a keynote address from Stephen Lewis, who to say the least, had a distinguished career. He was such a motivator; it was a great way to kick off the conference. The sessions were so informative and interesting that I didn't want the sessions to end, I wanted to learn more. Before I knew it, the conference was over and it was time to go back home.

I learned so much from the sessions that were given at the forum, I couldn't wait to get back and share this great experience with everyone! As the motto for the CSMLS Leadership Forum said "Be Inspired" and I truly was inspired to go back home and become a great leader!

Rania Elhalabi BSc., MLT



MLTs from NB at Niagara Falls during the CSMLS Leadership Forum. *From left to right: Janelle Whitlock, Anne Robinson, Christine Contant, Monique Collette and Johanne Moreau-Guidry*

« Intellectual capital is the currency of the future and your organization's most important asset. Those who learn how to manage it effectively will realize accelerated performances and achieve the ultimate competitive advantage. »

- Dr. Nick Bontis (*closing keynote speaker at CSMLS leadership forum*)

Attention: All Retired NBSMLT Members

À l'attention de tous les membres de l'ATLMNB à la retraite

Memo From/ Note de : Janelle B. Whitlock, Registrar/Registraire

To retain membership in the Society, please complete the following and return to the Registrar. Cost of membership is \$30.00 for retired members. You will receive applicable publications and correspondence. Please note: members must contact CSMLS *directly* to obtain CSMLS Retired membership.

Afin de conserver votre status de membre de l'Association, veuillez, SVP remplir le formulaire ci-dessous et le retourner au Registraire. Le prix d'adhésion à l'Association est de \$30 pour les membres retraités. Vous recevrez ainsi, les publications et la correspondance appropriées. SVP veuillez noter que les membres retraités doivent contacter SCCLM directement afin d'obtenir le statut de membre à la retraite de la SCCLM.

CSMLS ID# / No. de membre SCCLM _____

Name / Nom _____

Address / Adresse _____

City / Ville _____

Postal Code / Code postal _____

Date of Retirement / Date de votre retraite _____

Telephone number / Numéro de téléphone _____

Please Mail To / Veuillez retourner à l'adresse suivante:

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Notification of Address / Employment Change

Avertissement de Changement D'adresse / Emploi

Please note that all changes must be made with **BOTH** the NBSMLT and CSMLS.

Attention: Vous devez aviser l'ATLMNB et le SCCLM séparément de tous changements.

CSMLS ID# / No. de membre SCCLM _____

Name /Nom _____

Old Address / Ancienne adresse _____

New Address / Nouvelle adresse _____

Previous place of employment / Ancien lieu d'emploi _____

Present place of employment / Nouveau lieu d'emploi _____

Discipline / Discipline _____

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ACR & PP Report:

The Committee has met and reviewed the guidelines which have been posted to the website. There have been some frequently asked questions posted to the website as well. We hope that you will find them helpful. Please continue to send questions and we will try to answer them and post the most common ones for the rest of the members to see. If you have questions about whether an activity is eligible for PDP hours, don't wait - send along the question before you send in the application so we can give you an answer and thus prevent unnecessary delays. You can send an email to acrpp@nbsmlt.nb.ca, or registrar@nbsmlt.nb.ca or call the NBSMLT office at (506) 758-9956 either the registrar or the ACR&PP chair will reply as quickly as possible.

Remember you don't need to wait until October to send in your application. Although the committee has scheduled meetings 3 times a year, when there are sufficient numbers of applications, we will meet to review them in order to provide a quicker turn around time.

The committee reviewed 76 applications so far this year and has approved 73. The remaining applications required further documentation in order to be complete.

At present, 38% of the NBSMLT membership holds a valid PDP certificate; however about 60% of those certificates expire December 31st 2008 and so will need to be renewed before December 31st 2008 in order to obtain renewal of registration. When you receive your renewal of registration form in September it will have the date when your PDP expires printed on the form. I urge you not to wait until the last minute to submit your PDP applications.

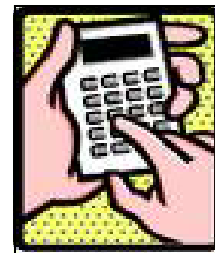
It takes approximately 15 minutes to review each application; two committee members review each one. So I hope you can appreciate that to review 500 applications at 15 minutes each (X 2 people) will take 250 volunteer hours, almost 35 working days over the next 18 months.

The committee will do all that it can to process the applications in a timely fashion but remember that this is **volunteer time** and fulfilling the requirements of renewal of registration is **YOUR** professional responsibility.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Bernadette Muise, Chair ACRPP

acrpp@nbsmlt.nb.ca



Thank You!

The NBSMLT would like to extend a "HUGE" Thank You to the volunteers, without whom the operations of the society would not run.

The many countless hours they spend working on your behalf often go unrecognized, so we would like to take this opportunity to say "Thanks"!

2006 NBSMLT Annual Report Summary

(Complete Annual Report and Financial Statements available on Website)

The AGM took place at the Delta Brunswick Hotel in Saint John, NB on October 20, 2006. The President, Coral MacRae called the meeting to order and then gave a heart warming speech highlighting the accomplishments of the NBSMLT during her term.



Bernadette Muise gave a short PDP presentation. Items on the agenda included PDP, MLA regulation and name change. The 2008, 2009 dues increase was approved by the members. The AGM was followed by the presentation of Awards and a demonstration of the new Website.

Maritech was a big success and will be an important touchstone for the Saint John Academy. The ACR & PP committee met five times in 2006. Seventy-nine (79) of the eighty-six (86) PDP applications reviewed were approved. The CE committee kept in contact by e-mail in 2006 and completed the “convention guidelines” that are now ready for board approval, translation and publication. The Legislation committee had one meeting in March to review the bylaws and position statement and to investigate the need for dues increase. The proposal for name change was examined and was submitted for legal opinion. The PR committee worked with the Saint John Academy to produce two 30 second videos which were aired during Med Lab Week. With the help of Bernadette Muise, the committee also set up the new NBSMLT Website. The PR Chair, Janelle Levesque attended the CSMLS Marketing and Communications meeting in Hamilton. The Publication committee published four issues of the newsletter. The publication functions will fall under the direction of the NBSMLT office as of 2007.

In 2006 there were 649 MLTs working in New Brunswick. There were also six (6) Inactive members, fourteen (14) Retired and eight (8) Student members. Twenty one (21) new graduates passed the certification exams in 2006. It is estimated that seventeen (17) MLTs retired from the profession.

The Saint John Academy reported that the highlight of 2006 was indeed the success of Maritech. The Academy also held a Career Fair as well as a Teddy Bear Fair and conferences during Med Lab week. The Edmundston Academy prepared a “proof of attendance” sheet for PDP purposes. Two of their members promoted our profession at a local High School Career Fair. The Edmundston Academy also organized an education day that was well attended during Med Lab Week. The Fredericton Academy held one lunch and learn during Med Lab week. It proved to be a big success. Several grants were given out to the members for Maritech. The Moncton Academy held an education day in the spring and also provided grants for Maritech. Med Lab Week was a big success in the Moncton Area. There were four lunch and learn sessions as well as other activities in local hospitals. A career fair took place at the Moncton Hospital in the fall. The North Shore Academy held a continuing education day in Caraquet in April that was well attended. Members are encouraged to participate more in their Academy.

2006 Financial Statements have been audited and represent the financial position of the NBSMLT as at December 31, 2006. The Society suffered a net loss of \$5,119 for the year ending 2006.

Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it. —*Dwight Eisenhower*

SERHA Lab Dragon Boat Participation 2007

Bernadette Muise Captain

What appears might become an annual event, is the participation of the SERHA laboratory employees in the Greater Moncton Dragon Boat Festival. For the second time, a team was entered into this charitable event. The *"Blazing Paddles"* consisted of lab technologists, lab physicians, lab assistants, spouses and friends. On June 9th they paddled their hearts out, but unfortunately the shifting winds proved their undoing, and they were unable to compete in the final races. It was for fun and to raise funds for worthwhile charities. The *Lions Sick Kids Foundation* and the *Renovating the Spirit* campaign for the oncology clinic at The Moncton Hospital. The team raised \$4085.50 of which 60% went to the *Lions Sick Kids* and 40% to the *Renovating the Spirit* campaign. The team had a great time, the enthusiasm in paddling the dragon boats was wonderful to watch. The commitment to the event was phenomenal and already there is talk of next year. I am very proud to have been associated with the *"Blazing Paddles"*.



*****Fall Symposium*****

The New Brunswick Annual Provincial Scientific Convention will be held on **Saturday October 20th** at the Miramichi Regional Hospital. There will be three educational sessions during the morning with lunch provided followed by the Annual General Meeting. Attendance at the AGM only, of course, is free to registered members but requires pre-registration.

"The Burning Truth" (Flammables and Combustibles)

Coral MacRae, MLT

Mechanism of action of Intravenous Immune Globulins

Dr. Maria Huber

Helicobacter pylori investigations in gastric cancer (bilingual) Janelle B. Whitlock, MLT



REGISTRATION	Early — October 9 th	Late -after Oct 9 th and on site
NBSMLT member	\$15.00	\$25.00
Non member	\$20.00	\$30.00
Medical Laboratory Assistants	\$10.00	\$20.00
Student/Retiree	\$10.00	\$20.00

Note: Although registration is not required for the **NBSMLT AGM**, in order to have accurate numbers for the lunch, pre-registration is recommended.

SOCIAL EVENTS	Special Notes	Date	Cost
AGM Lunch	Ticket Required	Saturday Oct. 20 th 12:00	N/C

**Mail Registration and Cheque to: Registrar NBSMLT Fall Symposium
P.O. Box 1812, Moncton N.B.
E1C 9X6**

Please make cheque out to NBSMLT and indicate whether you will be attending the AGM.

First name	Last name	Organization/Workplace
Phone	email address	
Mailing address	NBSMLT Reg. No.	