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As President of the NBSMLT for 2007, I wish to extend a warm hello to all of you during this time of cold weather in the new year. I consider myself quite privileged to have the honor of representing the Medical Laboratory Technologists of New Brunswick.



Allow me to introduce myself – my name is Monique Collette and I am a Cytotechnologist at the Dr. Georges-L. Dumont Hospital in Moncton. I live in Dieppe with my husband Dan and my two children Samuel and Mélanie.

This year, I hope that we, as Medical Laboratory Technologists in New Brunswick, will try to become more visible to the public so that it can learn about our profession and the important and very essential role it occupies in health care. Let us then take full advantage of National Medical Laboratory Week and show the public in our areas what we are all about through presentations or other interesting activities.

I am keen to undertake the duties associated with my mandate as President and if you have any questions or preoccupations, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting and working with many of you throughout the year.

Monique Collette, MLT

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**We are very pleased to announce the approval of the PDP by-law amendment!**

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Under paragraph 5(3)(b) of An Act Respecting the New Brunswick Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists, Chapter 67 of the Acts of New Brunswick 1991, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council confirms the New Brunswick Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists By-Law amendments with respect to the professional development program.

  
Herménégilde Chiasson  
Lieutenant-Governor

With the government approval of the bylaw requiring a valid Professional Development Program certificate for renewal of registration, the NBSMLT moved into the next phase of this process. Please remember to provide documentation with your application to prevent delay in approval. There is contact information for committee members on the website and you can contact any committee member, or the Registrar if you have any questions. The full committee meets again April 28<sup>th</sup> 2007 in Moncton to review submitted applications.

Bernadette Muise, Chair ACR&PP

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**PDP Applications**

In January 2007, 29 PDP applications were processed. 28 of the 29 applications were approved.

\*\* Please note that the names of the members who have received their PDP certificate will no longer be published in the newsletter.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Many of you are working hard toward obtaining your PDP. In order to give everyone as many opportunities as possible, we decided to have this column in the newsletter to provide information on available courses and websites.

**If you would like to share your thoughts on any courses you have taken or websites you have found to be helpful please contact either Linda Cormier at [lindaco@rrsb.nb.ca](mailto:lindaco@rrsb.nb.ca) or Anne Robinson at [anrobins@serha.ca](mailto:anrobins@serha.ca) .**

Online courses:

“Bloody Easy” from Sunnybrook Hospital is a great refresher on the clinical aspects of blood transfusion. It can be accessed at <http://sunnybrook.nextmovelearning.com/> The course is free but for a \$20.00 fee you receive a certificate stating you have completed 15 hours of continuing education- it is really quite a bargain.

There are 2 web based courses at [www.aabb.org](http://www.aabb.org) (click on professional development; then education and training and web based courses). One of the courses is on TRALI and the other on Stem Cells. They are \$50.00 each.

Consortium National de formation en santé has various courses. The e-mail is [cnfs@uottawa.ca](mailto:cnfs@uottawa.ca) . Videoconferencing is also available through the Consortium.

***When submitting your PDP application, Please remember to include all necessary documentation with your PDP applications; this will prevent any additional delay in the processing.***

***Many thanks...your ACR&PP committee.***

### Annual Provincial Scientific Conference (APSC)

The New Brunswick Annual Provincial Scientific Conference will be held on **Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup>** at the Miramichi Regional Hospital. There will be three educational sessions during the morning with lunch provided, followed by the Annual General Meeting. Registration will be through the NBSMLT office and the cost will be \$15.00 per member. Attendance at the AGM only, of course, is free to registered members but requires pre-registration.

Tentatively the educational sessions will include:

Flammables and Combustibles in the Laboratory

Coral MacRae

Mechanism of action of Intravenous Immune Globulins

Dr. Maria Huber

*Helicobacter pylori* investigations in gastric cancer

Janelle Bourgeois Whitlock (Bilingual)

Registration form will be included in the next issue of the newsletter and will be posted to the website at that time.

## From the Editor:



2006 was a very busy year for me! I am slowly getting used to my new role as Executive Director and Registrar of our Professional Society. In a short period of time, I have acquired a tremendous amount of knowledge. I have had the opportunity to participate in meetings in Toronto and Ottawa where I was extremely proud to represent the New Brunswick Medical Laboratory Technologists at these national meetings.

I must say that I was surprised to learn how much time and effort certain technologists invest in OUR Society. These volunteers, who are on the board of directors and on the numerous committees are essential to the development of our Society. Without these motivated individuals, it would be impossible for our Profession to evolve in New Brunswick.

This year, I will attempt to replace Bernadette Muise as the Editor of the Newsletter. Bernadette is a person who is very much involved with NBSMLT. She is a focused, hard working individual who believes in our Profession and is always willing to help out. The work she has done in the past years as Editor of our newsletter is exceptional. I want to take the time to congratulate her for all that she has accomplished for the NBSMLT.

This newsletter is a means of communication between the board of directors and the members. It is essential for technologists to submit articles so that it remains interesting. You can submit your texts in French or English. Keep in mind that they do not have to be long articles, nor do you have to be a professional writer. Furthermore, by submitting articles, you will earn PDP hours which will be useful for registration renewal in 2009!

*Deadline for submission of Articles for next issue: **May 31, 2007.** Submit your texts or comments/ questions to my attention:*

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### **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.

### **NBSMLT Board of Directors 2007**

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## Meet the new Board Members!

We welcome three new Board members for 2007. Rania Elhalabi will be the new Moncton area director and Michelle Levesque will be the new Edmundston area director. We also welcome our President-Elect, Bernadette Muise.

The Board of Directors would like to thank our previous area directors, Sasha Wright (Moncton), Janelle Levesque (Edmundston) and Erin Whitman (Fredericton) for the diligent work accomplished during their terms.

**\* The Fredericton Area Director position is still available. If anyone is interested in this position, please contact the Registrar at the NBSMLT Office.**

Hello to all,

My name is Michelle Levesque. I am very happy to be a part of the NBSMLT Board of Directors. I appreciate the opportunity to become more actively involved with our Society. This experience will be very rewarding for me. I graduated in 1992 from the Cégep de Ste-Foy in Drummondville, Québec. I then started working at the laboratory of the Notre-Dame du Lac Hospital in Drummondville, Québec. I am presently continuing my career at Saint-Joseph hospital in Saint-Quentin, NB.

Thank you, Salutations  
Michelle Levesque, MLT



Hello fellow lab techs!

My name is Rania Elhalabi and I am the new Moncton Area Director, and also the Treasurer for the NBSMLT. I graduated from Mount Allison University in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science. I fell in love with lab work and the idea of helping people at the same time was even better, so when I found out about the Medical Laboratory Technology Program I didn't even hesitate to apply. In 2003, I graduated from NBCC-Saint John and came to work at the Moncton Hospital in Haematology and Transfusion Services, and I've been here ever since. I've tried to be as active as possible in various aspects of our profession, from organizing/implementing Med Lab Week to attending academy meetings. So I was happy to accept both positions and I hope that I can somehow make a difference. I am excited and looking forward to a new challenge.

Your new Moncton Area  
Director/ NBSMLT Treasurer,  
Rania Elhalabi BSc, MLT

"Action is the foundational key to all success."  
-Pablo Picasso

## 2007 NBSMLT President- Elect

My name is Bernadette Muise and I am known to many of the members of the NBSMLT because I have recently been a member of the Board of Directors. I began by representing the Moncton Area as Director for two terms, and then served in the presidential chain. I have been a member of the Publications, Legislative and ACR&PP committees, as well as Editor of the newsletter. I have been part of the organizing committee for Congress 2005 and several educational events in the Moncton area.



With the transition of the NBSMLT office to Moncton and the changes in office staff, I felt my experience on the Board could be put to use and so I accepted the nomination as President elect. The role of the NBSMLT is to protect the people of New Brunswick by ensuring that the practice of Medical Laboratory Technology is maintained at the highest standards. With the almost constant change in our profession, there will be challenges ahead. As technologists, we strive to provide physicians with the correct answers in a timely fashion. Often we feel under appreciated and over worked, but the single most important fact that we never forget is that someone's appropriate care and treatment depends on the vital service we provide. We must be proud of the invaluable work that we do. We are committed to life long learning and providing the best patient care possible. One of the goals of the NBSMLT is to increase our visibility to the public but it takes more than a handful of volunteers to make that happen. We need you to become more involved, I look forward to a time when people say doctor, nurses **and technologists** are the cornerstones of the health care system.

[www.nbsmlt.nb.ca](http://www.nbsmlt.nb.ca)



Visit the NBSMLT website [www.nbsmlt.nb.ca](http://www.nbsmlt.nb.ca). Suggestions and comments can be sent to the Board of Directors through their email addresses.

To access the "members only" section you will need the **email address** you submitted to the registrar on your renewal of registration form. The password is your seven digit **NBSMLT ID** number. Your ID has zeroes in front to make the ID 7 digits:

For example: if your number is 125 your password would be 0000125

If you have not supplied an email address, you cannot access the members only site at this time. You must contact the registrar to have your email address added to the database. We appreciate your patience as we update our web image.

The NBSMLT is going through many changes at present and there are bound to be some glitches as we streamline the various processes. Currently we are unable to accept PDP applications or renewal of registration forms online.



Be Inspired!  
2007 CSMLS  
Leadership Forum  
May 10-13 2007



The 2007 CSMLS Leadership Forum will be held in Hamilton Ontario. At the November 2006 meeting of the NBSMLT Board of Directors, a motion was passed to award two grants of \$1000.00 each to facilitate attendance at the national congress. The application form is enclosed. Please complete if you are interested.

As in the past, recipients will be chosen based upon their commitment, professionalism and service to NBSMLT (at any level). All applicants who have contributed to the Society (as indicated on the application) in any manner, and have not previously received this grant, will be considered equally. Recipients will be chosen at random from qualified applicants and will be notified in writing by the President as soon as the selection has been made.

On occasion, the Board of Directors may find an applicant to be outstanding and award one of the grants to that individual. When completing your application, please remember to complete all sections since this may be the only information that will be available at the selection process.

Le forum de la SCSLM sur le Leadership débutera de 2007 à Hamilton. Ontario. Le Conseil d'administration de l'ATLMNB, à sa réunion de novembre 2006, a adopté une motion en faveur de l'octroi de deux subventions de 1000\$ chacune afin de permettre à certains membres d'assister plus facilement au congrès national.

Vous trouverez un formulaire de demande ci-joint. Si vous êtes intéressé(es), veuillez remplir ce formulaire.

Comme par le passé, le choix des bénéficiaires sera fondé sur leur engagement, leur professionnalisme et les services qu'ils ont rendus à l'ATLMNB (à quelque niveau que ce soit). Seront examinées les demandes de tous les requérants qui, d'une manière ou d'une autre, ont contribué aux activités de l'Association (comme cela doit être mentionné dans la demande) et qui n'ont pas déjà reçu une subvention. Les bénéficiaires seront choisis au hasard parmi les noms des requérants admissibles, puis ils seront avisés par la présidente dès que les choix auront été faits.

Il peut arriver à l'occasion que le Conseil d'administration accorde une des subventions directement à une personne en raison de ses services insignes. N'oubliez pas de remplir toutes les parties de votre formulaire de demande, étant donné que ce formulaire sera la seule source d'information utilisée pour le processus de sélection.

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**Application for Congress Grant  
Demande de subvention pour le congrès**

Name/Nom \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address/Adresse du domicile \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Telephone/Téléphone à domicile \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone/Téléphone au bureau \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment/Lieu d'emploi \_\_\_\_\_

Years of active membership in NBSMLT/ Nombre d'années comme membre actif de l'ATLMNB

Previous grant/Subvention précédente \_\_\_\_\_

Yes / Oui No / Non If yes, when? / Si oui, quand? \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional Activities/Activités professionnelles**

Academy/Au niveau de l'académie \_\_\_\_\_  
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Provincial/Au niveau de la province \_\_\_\_\_  
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National/Au niveau national \_\_\_\_\_  
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Applications must be received on or before March 27, 2007  
Toutes les applications doivent être reçues pour le 27 mars 2007**