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President's Message

By Bernadette Muise

My name is Bernadette Muise, President 2008 and I have been fairly active in the NBSMLT for a number of years.

This year there will be a couple of things the NBSMLT hopes to accomplish:

1. All members will obtain a valid PDP certificate to enable them to have the 2009 registration renewal processed without delay.
2. Review of the way that the NBSMLT conducts business by use of a new strategic plan.
3. Enhanced communication with the members through use of the website and email.

To help members with the PDP process here is a list of some educational opportunities that will be available in 2008.

- NBSMLT Spring Symposium March 29th at The Moncton Hospital, an opportunity for 6 PDP hours.
- CSMLS Congress June 1-4 in Kelowna, BC. There will be two \$1300 grants from NBSMLT to facilitate attendance (see last page of the newsletter). Check CSMLS website for program information.
- AABB Annual Meeting and TXPO will be held October 4-7 in Montreal, PQ. It is the first time this event has been held in Canada.
- APSC and AGM in Edmundston October 18-19th, information to follow.
- Maritech November 12-14 Charlottetown PEI.

I hope that you will see these initiatives as a positive move forward for our profession. I will try to answer emails promptly so if you have questions or concerns please send me an email at president@nbsmlt.nb.ca .



Great news to those of you who have not yet submitted their PDP! We start off this year's first issue with plenty of great PDP opportunities for 2008. Also in this issue: a few new Board members who will certainly be an asset to the Society. Welcome Marielle and Claire! An assistant is currently working on a casual basis at the office, her name is Alva Morrison. Thanks to her, *things* are being accomplished faster and more efficiently.

Deadline for next submission: June 30, 2008

Submit your texts or comments/questions to:

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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.

PDP Application Review

The ACR & PP committee will meet to review PDP Applications on the following dates:

April 26, 2008

June, 2008 (date TBA)

November 22, 2008

FACEBOOK

For those of you who are interested, there is a group in Facebook for MLTs in New Brunswick. The group provides a social forum so that technologists across the province can keep in touch with old classmates, co-workers and friends. The name of the group is Lab Stats. Pam Whitters, who created the group invites any MLT who is interested to join.

It's Free!

New Administrative Assistant

Alva Morrison



My husband and I live in the beautiful Memramcook Valley, along with my son and daughter. I have over 20 years experience in numerous office environments. This is my first time in the medical field, so I'm excited and looking forward to learning new things. Hope I can be an asset to Janelle and the NBSMLT.

I can be reached at office@nbsmlt.nb.ca.

Newest 2008 Board Members

Marielle Lagacé, , NBSMLT President-Elect

I have been a Medical Laboratory Technologist for the last 32 years. I am currently the Hematology-Blood Bank Chief Technologist at the Chaleur Regional Hospital.

Throughout the years, I served on different committees and held various positions at the regional, provincial and national level. I was on the CNC committee for 4 years.

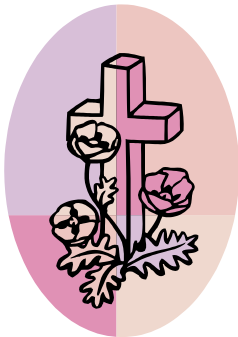
I am a strong believer in the NBSMLT and the CSMLS's mandate. We have a big challenge with the shortage of technologists and I am convinced that we as a group will come up with a solution that will benefit us all.



Claire Wright, Saint John Area Director

I have worked in many aspects of med lab technology, from small hospital core lab, a brief time in food industry to regional hospital laboratory .I have been employed in Transfusion Medicine at SJRH since 1996, taking a leave of absence in 2003-2005, as a Clinical Instructor at NBCC Med Lab program. Now my family has grown, I am able to dedicate more time to the NBSMLT.

I would like to encourage Technologists to attend Academy meetings and become involved in any capacity their busy schedules will allow. It is very rewarding.



In memory of G.Vaughan Bell

The NBSMLT was saddened to learn of the passing of G.Vaughan Bell last fall. Vaughan was a dedicated technologist who served the NBSMLT and CSMLS during his many years as a technologist. His dedication and expertise will be missed.

How are you celebrating NMLW?

Technologists at Canadian Blood Services are providing treats for our donors the week of April 21-26th, 2008, at the Saint John Blood Donor Clinic. Join us province-wide in saving lives.

Call 1-888-2-DONATE to book your appointment today!





Come join us in Charlottetown, PEI for Maritech- Nov. 12-14. We promise you a full 2 days of exciting speakers and fun social events. Our keynote speaker is Peter Davison.

Energizing Work for Unsung Heroes Presentation Description

This 1 hour keynote is dedicated to medical technologists who are an integral part of the success of effective health care delivery. A four part message for professionals who do their best despite challenging working conditions that can be tiring and energy draining.

Successful people who excel at energy management perform at peak potential while maintaining balanced and focused dedication to the best in self, others and the test results. We will explore fun ways to live and give with gusto through delicious mastery of the four dimensions of energy. The ultimate measure of our lives and professional careers is not how much time we spend, but rather the quality and quantity of energy we invest in the time that we have. One result of focused energy and increased passion for our labours is that we will have more energy at the end of the day to take home and share with our family.

For more information visit our website www.peismt.org

SPRING SYMPOSIUM

MARCH 29TH 2008

There will be something for everyone, with more than one session in most time slots to allow more choices. This is a truly multidisciplinary event and the speakers will include:

- Dr. Stephen Brown - *rAAA and endovascular grafts, new techniques!*
- Dr. MC MacSween - *Metabolic Syndrome*
- Dr. Y Oussedik - *Cancer*
- Pierre Léveillé - *Management Information Standards Update - all counting is not the same*
- Nicole Balzer - *Tissue talk presented by the Dr. MacLellan Tissue Bank*
- Anne Robinson CCHSA - *Accreditation - What to expect?*
- Bryan Butler - *Street Drugs – What's new?*
- Tammy Wilcox Carrier - *Microbiology... in the News !*
- Nathalie Boissonneault - *Transfusion Safety Officer - who are they and what do they do?*
- Ellie Kingsbury - *Plasma Protein Products*
- Eric Ching—*Workshop on Cold and Warm auto agglutinins*
- Susan Atkinson - *So you want to do your ART; let get started!*
- Johanne Moreau Guidry - *MRSA/SARM*
- Dr. Massamiri - *Diabetes (French)*
- PDP workshop - *ask your questions - check your applications*





Spring Symposium March 29th 2008

The Moncton Hospital
135 MacBeath Ave
Moncton NB E1C 6Z8

Lunch and Nutrition Breaks included in registration fee.

REGISTRATION	Early — March 15 th	Late after March 15 th and on site
NBSMLT member	\$15.00	\$25.00
Non member	\$20.00	\$30.00
Medical Laboratory Assistants	\$10.00	\$20.00
Student/Retired	\$10.00	\$20.00

Registration in the lower level Education Lobby 0730 –0830

Eligible for 6 PDP credit hours

Mail Registration and Cheque to:

Registrar NBSMLT Spring Symposium
P.O. Box 1812
Moncton N.B. E1C 9X3

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

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Case Study Template

The following template was submitted to the ACR&PP committee for review by Margie Clifford, MLT and Instructor at NBCC-SJ. The ACR&PP committee approved the template in hopes that it could a useful guide when submitting the preparation of a case study or a lecture for a presentation that would in turn count for PDP hours.

DISCIPLINE or SUBJECT AREA	
SITUATION: <i>Describe the patient's case or incident or unusual findings etc.</i>	
INVESTIGATION: <i>Describe the follow-up tests or findings etc.</i>	
OUTCOME: <i>Describe the patient's diagnosis or conclusions of the investigation etc</i>	
SUGGESTED QUESTIONS: (OPTIONAL) <i>List any questions and answers that are relevant to the case.</i>	
Submitted by:	Signature
Hours spent on case study preparation:	Other:



A Taste of Success!

Joint CSMLS/BCSLS
National Congress of Medical
Laboratory Science
June 1-4, 2008



The 2008 joint CSMLS/BCSLS national congress will be held in Kelowna, British Columbia. At the November 2007 meeting of the NBSMLT Board of Directors, a motion was passed to award two grants of \$1,300 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 congrès national 2008 conjoint de la SCSLM/BCSLS aura lieu à Kelowna en Colombie-Britannique. Le Conseil d'administration de l'ATLMNB, lors de sa réunion de novembre 2007, a adopté une motion en faveur de l'octroi de deux subventions de 1,300\$ 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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**New Brunswick Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists
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**Application for Congress Grant
Demande de subvention pour le congrès**

Name/Nom _____

Home Address/Adresse du domicile _____

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

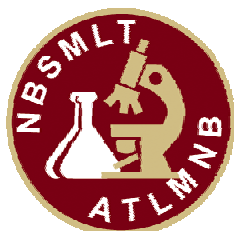
Previous grant/Subvention précédente _____
Yes / Oui No / Non If yes, when? / Si oui, quand? _____

Professional Activities/Activités professionnelles

Academy/Au niveau de l'académie _____

Provincial/Au niveau de la province _____

National/Au niveau national _____



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Telephone: (506) 758-9956 Fax: (506) 758-9963
Applications must be received on or before April 1, 2008
Toutes les demandes doivent être reçues pour le 1er avril 2008**