



MLT

Analyzer

Bulletin of the New Brunswick Society Of Medical Laboratory Technologists



Winter Issue 2010
Volume 41 Issue 3

Contents:

President's Message

Susan Findlater

From the Editor

Janelle Bourgeois

Anita Lindsay Award

LABCON2010 Experience

Danielle LeBlanc

LABCON2011 Halifax



Merry Christmas!

NBSMLT Office :

Janelle Bourgeois

Executive Director/Registrar

E-mail: registrar@nbsmlt.nb.ca

Alva Morrison

Administrative Assistant

E-mail: office@nbsmlt.nb.ca

P.O. Box 1812, Moncton, N.B. E1C 9X6

Ph: (506) 758-9956

Fax: (506) 758-9963

Website : <http://www.nbsmlt.nb.ca>

President's Message...

By Susan Findlater

As 2010 and my Presidency draws to a close I wish you and yours the best of wishes for the holiday season and for the New Year. This is a time for us to exhale, to take a break and be thankful for our blessings.

I am grateful for the support and assistance that I have received from members of the Board of Directors, and from Janelle, our Registrar, during my tenure as President. There have been many opportunities for me to learn and grow as both an individual and a professional. This year has been a full one; it has been full of issues and challenges.

One challenge we have faced this year is the consideration of changes to the Agreement on Internal Trade. This federal legislation has been amended in an effort to remove interprovincial labour mobility barriers, prevent the establishment of new barriers, and create a more harmonized interprovincial standard of practice. At the AGM at Maritech on November 6, 2010, the Board of Directors brought forth bylaw changes that were a direct result of the AIT and were deemed necessary to ensure our compliance with this new legislation. The NBSMLT is presently investigating the implications resulting from the defeat of these motions and our noncompliance with federal legislation. There was much discussion at the AGM on this topic and a great deal of concern from members surrounding these changes.

This year as President had provided me the opportunity to contribute to the profession of medical laboratory science, a profession that is challenging, sometimes stressful, but ultimately rewarding. Whatever your job entails, please remember your importance as equal partners in the efficient and effective delivery of healthcare services. We are not always recognized for our significance contributions to the delivery of health care services, but rest assured that we are indispensable to the well-being of the citizens of New Brunswick.

I welcome Jim Sloan as President 2011 and Danielle Leblanc as President Elect 2011. I greet the New Year with all of its challenges and opportunities and look forward to my time as Past-President.



From the Editor...



Janelle Bourgeois

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all happy holidays. In this issue of the Analyzer, you will find an article that was submitted by Danielle LeBlanc on her experience at LABCON2010. Attending LABCON is a great opportunity to learn new things, accumulate PDP hours and meet new people within the laboratory community. The next LABCON will be held in Halifax in the Spring of 2011. The NBSMLT will offer grants to attend the event. Watch for the grant application form that will be published in the next issue. I would also like to remind you that the NBSMLT Website, www.nbmslt.nb.ca is updated regularly. The Board meeting summaries as well as other information that could be useful to you are available on the site. If you have any suggestions for the improvement of the Website or the means of communication of the NBSMLT, I encourage you to send them to us. Do not hesitate to send along articles that you would like to share with your colleagues!



Submit your texts or comments/questions to:

P.O. Box 1812
Moncton, NB
E1C 9X6
analyzer@nbmslt.nb.ca

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 Anita Lindsay Award

The Anita Lindsay Award is awarded annually to a technologist who exemplified exceptional professional service.

Applications for the 2011 award will be accepted until January 31, 2011.

Objective

The Anita Lindsay Award is presented to a member who is leaving the profession of Medical Laboratory Technology. The award will only be given when a suitable recipient is nominated.

Selection Committee

The Awards Committee shall select the recipient by reviewing the résumé of the nominees submitted on or before December 31st. The Award Committee will purchase the award.

Presentation

The recipient shall receive an expense paid trip to Annual General Meeting where the President will present the award at the AGM banquet.

Selection Criteria

Must be leaving the profession of Medical Laboratory Technology (retiring or changing careers), after least 20 years as a member of NBSMLT.

Must have demonstrated professionalism, integrity and a commitment to high personal standards throughout his/her career.

Must have significantly contributed to the professional society at the academy, provincial, national or international level for at least 5 years.

Must be nominated by an active member of NBSMLT.

Publicity

A résumé and picture of the recipient shall be made available for press releases and publication in the Analyzer.



Labcon Experience 2010

By Danielle LeBlanc, 2010 Grant Winner

We would like to give you a look into our experience at LABCON2010 which was held in Edmonton Alberta this past June. After a flight across the country, we landed in Edmonton late at night. The next morning, we participated in a workshop dealing with parasites. Thanks to M. Darcy Garcia, we were able to see different staining methods for parasitology, which enabled us to modify our own procedures to improve our techniques at our laboratory back home. After our first workshop, we attempted to conquer the West Edmonton Mall, which is an experience in itself. After returning to our hotel, Mayfield Inns and Suites, we were happy to find some old friends that we had made at the last congress in Kelowna BC. It was great to reunite with these people and catch up with each other.

The opening ceremony, "Stress and the cave-man", gave us all a moment to stop and look at how much times have changed, and also forced us to look at what is really important and different ways to deal with stress on a daily basis. Her advice to lessen stress was simple, go back to the basics: no watches, no clocks, and no cell phones. We all had a great laugh during the opening ceremonies.

The various scientific conferences were interesting. Since we work in the microbiology department, we attended mostly talks on this topic. However, a talk on how to deal with difficult people was very informative, and since we all know there are some of these people in every workplace, it really affects us all. One of the most interesting conferences was definitely: Blood: The silent witness and the real CSI. This 2 part session was extremely interesting, with case studies that showcased how police officers collect, transport and test various specimens in order to solve crimes.

We also need time to unwind and get to know



Francine Ouelette-Thériault, Danielle LeBlanc and Tanya Dupuis

each other, which is why the social events are important as well. A trip to the Museum was something I had never done, and we had a great time, other than the fact it was SNOWING.... in early June!! But overall that was a great chance to mingle and educate ourselves with the art. The exhibitor's reception was great. A twist on the regular night included everyone wearing sports jerseys. Since one of us is a huge Edmonton Oiler's fan, Danielle proudly wore her brand new oiler's jersey!

Not to forget the Red Hot Social event. This included a dinner and entertainment by an improv group. They were able to include our work into their sketches, asking us to name out things we do throughout our work days. We had a great time in Edmonton, and again, seeing and meeting new technologists, and learning the changes in our profession is essential to us growing as professionals. Thank you to all who were behind the making of the conference. We encourage each and every one of you to participate in these conferences; they are there to make us better technologists. Without the support of the NBSMLT, we would not have been able to attend and therefore we are very thankful.

LABCON2011

JUNE 10-13, 2011
HALIFAX, NS

LABCON2011 brings together the largest group of Medical Laboratory professionals in Canada and provides unparalleled professional development and networking opportunities.

Join your peers for 4 information-packed days that are sure to provide you with tools, techniques and strategies that you can apply to your lab immediately. You'll make valuable connections and enjoy memorable moments as you prepare yourself for the professional challenges ahead.

For more information, please visit:
www.csmls.org/labcon2011

YOU
DON'T WANT
TO MISS
THIS!

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH

- 09:00-11:00 Opening Ceremonies
- 11:00-12:00 Elite Sponsor Symposium
- 12:00-15:00 CSMLS AGM & Lunch
- 16:00-17:00 First Time Attendees Orientation
- 18:30-21:30 President's Reception (Pier 21)

SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH

- 08:30-09:30 Morning Plenary
- 09:30-12:00 Scientific Sessions
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch
- 13:30-16:00 Scientific Sessions
- 18:30-20:30 Exhibitor's Reception (exhibit hall)

SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH

- 08:30-09:30 Platinum & Gold Sponsor Symposiums
- 09:30-12:00 Scientific Sessions
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch
- 13:30-16:00 Scientific Sessions
- 17:30-01:00 Ultimate Lobster Experience (city/water tour & lobster dinner)

MONDAY, JUNE 13TH

- 08:30-12:00 Scientific Sessions
- 12:00-14:00 Closing Ceremonies & Lunch

*schedule is subject to change



Join us for the premier Medical Laboratory
Science Conference of the year!



CSMLS NATIONAL CONGRESS OF MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

LABCON 2011
HALIFAX, NS