

PREFACE

Welcome to the 26th edition of the Geological Survey of Newfoundland and Labrador's annual report on geoscientific work carried out in the province. It is part of a significant record that mirrors the development of the Survey itself over the past two and a half decades. During that period, the Survey has evolved into a modern geoscience agency that provides and maintains state-of-the-art knowledge on the geological resources of the province. *Current Research* highlights that knowledge by presenting reviews of contemporary projects, and in the process has evolved into a much-acclaimed publication that emulates national geoscience publishing standards. In this way, it is a highly visible testament to the commitment to excellence of Survey geoscientists, and the exacting standards of the volume's editors.

Once again, *Current Research 1998* has captured the main research programs of the Geological Survey. These are covered in the following groupings, mostly by discipline: Terrain Sciences; Geochemistry/Geophysics; Mineral Deposits; Regional Geology – Labrador; Regional Geology – Newfoundland; and General Subjects. The papers reflect the eclectic range of Survey projects, and the inclusion of reports by Memorial University researchers reaffirms the Survey's policy of collaborating where possible with the University. The paper by S.J. O'Brien *et al.* is also an excellent example of collaboration between the provincial Survey and the Geological Survey of Canada; more of these opportunities will be identified in the stakeholder-involved strategic-planning process. The long-term planning to take place in 1998 will identify Survey and client priorities for the next five years, and will undoubtedly influence the content of future issues of *Current Research*.

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