

PREFACE

Current Research 2002 contains papers on the Geological Survey's field program for 2001. This includes bedrock mapping (e.g., James *et al.*), Quaternary studies (e.g., McCuaig), geochemistry (*see* McConnell), metallogeny (e.g., Kerr) and industrial minerals (*see* Dickson). Progress is also updated on the Mines Branch's core-storage program (*see* Harris and Cochrane) and two important office-based Survey projects: MODS (*see* Stapleton *et al.*) and Documents and Databases (*see* Patey and Saunders). As with last year's volume, papers in *Current Research 2002* are available via the Survey's website (www.geosurv.gov.nf.ca); the 2002 volume is also available on CD.

Through cooperation and collaboration with the Geological Survey of Newfoundland and Labrador (GSNL), several outside geoscience agencies have contributed papers to this volume. Three M.Sc. theses at Memorial University (e.g., Pollock *et al.*) are sponsored by the GSNL, and their early results are included here. Two Geological Survey of Canada programs, the National Geoscience Mapping Program (NATMAP) and the Targeted Geoscience Initiative (TGI) continue to complement the provincial Survey's work. In Labrador, a TGI project (*see* Nadeau and James) has assisted with the accelerated completion of GSNL's 1:100 000-scale mapping of the Grenville Province. On the Island, a TGI project in central Newfoundland (e.g., Rogers and van Staal) is building upon the existing database with new multidisciplinary studies. The GSNL's carbonate-platform work (*see* Knight and Boyce) is complemented by two NATMAP studies in the region (*see* Calon *et al.*, MUN and Waldron *et al.*, University of Alberta) and by paleontological studies supported by the National Geographic Society (*see* Rohr *et al.*). These and other collaborations greatly contribute to the provincial knowledge base and help maximize the return on the variously sourced geoscience funding available for Newfoundland and Labrador.

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