

PREFACE

Welcome to *Current Research 2003*. With this volume, the three modes of distribution are in full practice: hard copy, CD and website. Several users have conveyed positive reactions to the non-traditional vehicles. This may presage an eventual discontinuance of the expensive hard-copy version. Whatever the medium, however, *Current Research* will continue the high standards set for content and layout.

The Geological Survey of Newfoundland and Labrador (GSNL) welcomes, as always, the contributions from our close partners in geoscience in the province – Memorial University and the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC). Memorial's participation reflects GSNL's commitment to student development and academic research as complements to our own program. The GSC contribution comes from our ongoing collaboration with the federal survey, particularly as captured in this volume, the Targeted Geoscience Initiative.

Results from GSNL's core program are presented herein, albeit much reduced from earlier years due to budget constraints. Our field program of eight projects covers bedrock mapping, mineral deposits, geochemistry and terrain sciences. Only two of our ongoing office projects are reported upon; all of them are essential to effective and efficient client services. Other papers are summary or re-assessing in tone, as our geoscientists continue to "mine" their accumulated data for new insights on the geology of the province.

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