

PREFACE

It seems like only yesterday I was writing a Preface for last year's edition (# 33) of *Current Research*, published in March 2006. But as my colleagues of a certain vintage will attest, time seems to go faster when one's been around for 31 of these 34 annual reports on our research activities. Fortunately for us, and published here in *Current Research 2007*, we have been joined by three new project leaders who are starting their professional careers with the Survey after just completing their post-graduate degrees. Alana Hinchey describes results from a bedrock-mapping project in the Makkovik area of Labrador; John Hinchey provides an overview of metallogenic studies in central Newfoundland; and Gregory Sparkes (with co-authors) summarizes preliminary geochemical data from the eastern Avalon Peninsula. We are looking forward to further contributions from all three for years to come.

This volume, as usual, contains several useful reports on bedrock mapping, mineral deposits and terrain sciences. Three of these papers (Dickson *et al.*; Knight *et al.*; and Brushett *et al.*) represent tripartite collaborations between the Geological Survey of Newfoundland and Labrador, MUN Earth Sciences and the Geological Survey of Canada. This type of cooperation (especially with MUN and the GSC) has stood us in good stead over much of the last three and a half decades. It has provided ample opportunities, for example, to work with many MUN students to mutual benefit. It's worthy of note that all three of our new project geologists have completed one or more degrees at Memorial, and two of them were valuable apprentices with GSNL during their student days. Of course, the GSC continues to be a major public-geoscience partner in this province, as currently demonstrated by its significant investment in base-metal studies in central Newfoundland under the third Targeted Geoscience Initiative (*see Zagorevski et al.*).

I hope you will find the data and concepts recorded herein useful to your own pursuits, and encourage you to follow up with any of our geoscientists.

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Any reader who would like to write a rebuttal to, or discussion of, any report contained in this volume is invited to submit it to the editor by November 1, 2007, to be considered for inclusion in Report 2008-1.