

Friday May 8, 2026

10:00AM-10:30AM

Coffee, Tea, and Refreshments

*Join us for a light refreshment before we kickoff the event.
Pacific Foyer*

10:30AM-11:00AM

Opening Ceremonies

Pacific Ballroom

11:00AM-12:00PM

All I needed to know, I learned in a Laboratory. Apologies to Robert Fulghum

Pacific Ballroom

James Talbot, MD, PhD, BSc, FRCPC

12:00PM-01:00PM

Virtual to Vital: Elevating MLA & PN Training Through Virtu-WIL Simulation

Waddington

Alex Purdy, MLA

Lauren Nagy, MLA

Tarah Craig, MLT, BSFL

Vara Hagreen, RN, BN, MSc

Beyond the Microscope: Building Emotional Capital Through Empathy and Compassionate Communication

Saltspring Island

Anna Schweers, MLA, CDCP

TBA - A03

Tweedsmuir

From Idea to Interface: How To Build Effective Virtual Simulations

Pacific Ballroom

Brady Rose, BSc, MLT

Sean Doyle, BSc

01:00PM-03:00PM

Exhibitor Lunch*BC Ballroom (Exhibitor Hall)*

03:00PM-04:00PM

Traditional Medicine Tie Making Workshop with Elder Lorelei Hawkins*Pacific Ballroom**Elder Lorelei Hawkins*

04:00PM-04:30PM

Refreshment break*Room: BC Ballroom (Exhibitor Hall)*

04:30PM-05:30PM

Quality Management in the Laboratory*Pacific Ballroom**Lucy A. Perrone, MSPH, PhD*

05:30PM

Social

Saturday May 9, 2026

08:00AM-09:00AM

Breakfast*Pacific Foyer Eating in Pacific Ballroom*

09:00AM-10:00AM

Copy That? The Perks and Pitfalls of Molecular Diagnostics*Pacific Ballroom**Marthe Charles, MD, MSc, FRCPC*

10:00AM-10:30AM

Refreshment Break*BC Ballroom (Exhibitor Hall)*

10:30AM-11:30AM

TBA - B01*Waddington***Equity in Diagnostic Access: Collaborative Solutions for Remote Indigenous Communities***Saltspring Island**Michelle Dunn, MLT***Antinuclear Antibodies – The Never-Ending Story in Laboratory Diagnostics***Tweedsmuir**Donglai Ma, MD***Leadership in a Changing World: Finding the Human Edge in the Age of AI***Pacific Ballroom**Haleh Bahrami, MA, MTL, BSc*

11:30PM-12:30PM

Lunch*BC Ballroom (Exhibitor Hall)*

12:30PM-01:30PM

Mental Health*Waddington**Christine Nielsen, MBA, BHA, MLT, CAE**Denise Neutel, MLT, BTech(HSc), MHM***Biosafety and Infection Control... Two Different Roads, Same Destination***Saltspring Island**Tom Walus, MLT***Under the Lab Coat Part 2: Exposing Racism Experienced by Professionals and Trainees***Tweedsmuir**Amanda VanSpronsen, MSc, BSc (MLS), MLT, PhD**Lisa Purdy, MSc, BSc (MLS), MLT***Weird Science: A Case Study Review***Pacific Ballroom**Denise Fudge, MLT*

01:30PM-02:00PM

Refreshment Break*Room: BC Ballroom (Exhibitor Hall)*

02:00PM-03:00PM

Bench 2 Business 8.0*Waddington**Christine Nielsen, MBA, BHA, MLT, CAE***Ergonomics at work and at home***Saltspring Island**Jackie Spain, R.T***Clinical Teaching: How to be a LAB-STAR***Tweedsmuir**Valentin (Tino) Villatoro, MEd, BSc, MLT*

The Art, Science and Synergy of Morphology and Flow: How YOUR Work Directly Impacts the Diagnosis and Treatment of Hematologic Malignancies*Pacific Ballroom**Luke Shier, MD, FRCPC*

03:00PM-03:30PM

Refreshment Break*Room: BC Ballroom (Exhibitor Hall)*

03:30PM-04:30PM

Why good falls short: Becoming a better professional through reflection*Waddington**Meagan Graff, BSc, MEd(HSE), MLT**Brady Rose, BSc, MLT***TBA - E02***Saltspring Island***Race-based laboratory intervals: Science, Equity, and the Future of Reference Values***Tweedsmuir**Nyasha Katedza, BSc, MLA, MT/HDS***POCT's Promise: Future Fix or Rescuing Rural Lab?***Pacific Ballroom**Megan Parrish, MSc (2026), BSc, MLT, CPP*

07:00PM-12:00AM

Gala*Room: Pacific Ballroom*

Sunday May 10, 2026

08:00AM-09:00AM

Breakfast*Room: BC Ballroom*

09:00AM-10:00AM

The Emotional Well-Being Advantage: In the Lab and Beyond*Waddington**Laurie Shopland***LabWisely***Saltspring Island**Amanda VanSpronsen, MSc, BSc (MLS), MLT, PhD***Transformative Change and Why Language Matters***Tweedsmuir**Elizabeth Soares, MLT**Karen Mooder, PhD, MLT**Julie Coffey, MLT, ART**Jamie Marshall, BSc, CLXT***Lipemia, Hemolysis, Icterus & others***BC Ballroom**Terence Litavec, BSc, MLT, SH(ASCP)*

10:00AM-10:15AM

Refreshment Break*Room: BC Ballroom*

10:15AM-11:15AM

Serving Rural Communities for Safer Care Everywhere: Flexible Shipping Models for Equitable Access to Proficiency Testing*Waddington**Haleh Bahrami, MA, MTL, BSc**Brittnee Ross***TBA - G02***Saltspring Island*

Cases from the world of Parasitology*Tweedsmuir**Pauline Tomlin, MPH, BSc. (MLS), ART***From the Bench to Quality Assurance: A Transition Plan***BC Ballroom**Courtney Luzius-Vanin, MLT*

11:15AM-12:15PM

Mother's Day Brunch*BC Ballroom*

12:15PM-12:45PM

An Overview of Newborn Screening in the Maritimes*Waddington**Ryan Fraser, MLT, BSc***Diversity, equity, and inclusion in the laboratory***Saltspring Island**Lilian Ozabor, MLT***The Nova Scotia Slide Makeover: Business Process Improvement in the Histology Laboratory***Tweedsmuir**Nadine Vega, MLT, BSc***Data & Diagnosis: The Artificial Intelligence Transformation of Laboratory Science***BC Ballroom**M. Irfan-Maqsood, PhD*

12:45PM-01:15PM

Closing Ceremonies*BC Ballroom*