

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

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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

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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

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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