

PREFACE

Each year the swirl of activity that constitutes the Geological Survey's program – field work, generating maps and reports, client consultations, conferences, etc. – gets punctuated, like clockwork, by the production of *Current Research*. Since the beginning, the Survey has designated the annual March conference of the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) as the volume's publication deadline. Survey geoscientists, outside contributors and the Survey's editorial staff are all focused in late fall to early winter on the myriad requirements of writing and publishing *Current Research*. This year is no exception, as we are particularly eager to be ready for Mining Millennium 2000, the joint meeting of the PDAC and the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum, March 5-10, in Toronto.

Current Research 2000 provides its readers with the usual preliminary reports on projects carried out during the 1999 field season, as well as overview papers based on several years of research and compilation. Several collaborators from Memorial and other universities, and the Geological Survey of Canada, are either co-authors with Survey geoscientists or have written independently on topics of interest and relevance to the Survey's program. Regarding collaborations, I am pleased to highlight the participation of the National Geographic Society as a funding sponsor for paleontological investigations in western Newfoundland (see, for example, Boyce *et al.*). Also, under the auspices of the Memorandum of Understanding between Ireland and Newfoundland and Labrador, the Geological Survey of Ireland has contributed to the study of volcanic rocks in Notre Dame Bay (see McConnell and O'Brien). Through these and other alliances, the Geological Survey of Newfoundland and Labrador strives to maximize its resources in projects around the province. *Current Research* continues to be our vehicle for quickly presenting the results to you.

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