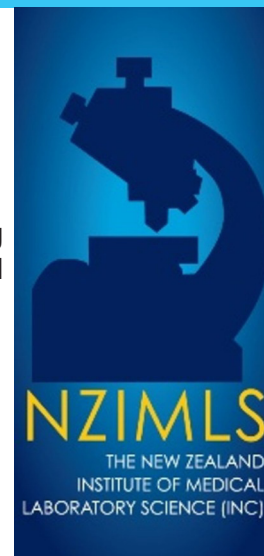


NZIMLS Council Newsletter

June 2026

It's hard to believe we are half-way through June already! The year is just whizzing by, and we are now in full swing with the ASM and 80th Anniversary preparations. The [programme](#) is now full so visit our website to check it out and register at the Early-bird rates!

Discounted rates at local hotels are also available using the codes found on the website. Visit <https://www.nzimls-asm.org/accommodation>



News from the Council

The May 2026 Council meeting was held in Christchurch and had a very full agenda.

Regional representatives report that they are still having difficulty getting information from laboratories to report back to Council, therefore we will be developing a template of questions for regional representatives to send to laboratory managers each quarter. The reason we ask for regional reports is so that we can keep an eye on what is happening around the country, and so that we can offer any assistance to our members. We do not require (or request) confidential laboratory information.

Read on for further information about what your Council has been up to.

Medical Sciences Council Scope of Practice Consultation document

The MSCNZ will be presenting at the NZIMLS ASM in Wellington and will update members on the progress on the Scope of Practice Consultation document.



Following queries from members, the NZIMLS Council has re-looked at the wording in the CPD booklet with regards to points for attendance at scientific meetings, workshops, NZIMLS SIG meetings and user group meetings. It has been decided to update the wording to “2 points per hour (max. 16 per day)”. This clarifies a lot of confusion around events where attendees expect full points for a short-day programme. For example, an 8 hour programme will attract 16 points, whilst a 5 hour programme would attract 10 points.

There are also other changes to the CPD booklet, in particular Section 3 (IANZ audits). Please ensure you are looking at the latest version of the booklet which is now [available on our website](#).

Our CPD Coordinator and Professional Advisor spend a lot of time micro-credentialling courses to ensure correct points are allocated. If you are unsure how many points you should be claiming, in the first instance please contact Jillian Broadbent, cpd@nzimls.org.nz with a copy of the course programme.

Two new documents are currently being prepared:

- Guidelines for on-line continuing education courses
- Claim form for non-standard CPD points

These will be available on our website in the next few weeks.

The Phlebotomy [Classroom](#) has recently been updated to the latest version of “Phlebotomy Essentials”.

It is important to remember that if you are claiming any CPD points, that they are relevant to your scope of practice. i.e. Scientists should not be claiming points from a Technician CPD programme.

After queries from some members regarding the point structure for the Journal Questionnaire, Council considered in depth the allocation of CPD points, and decided that the current point structure be maintained. More information on this is available in the July Journal.

QMLT Examinations

We hope that 2026 candidates are continuing with their training and study towards their 2026 QMLT examination. By now you should have downloaded your subject [Curriculum](#), and we encourage you to commence working on the [Practical Assessment](#) for your subject alongside your study.

There are very good [Resources](#) and [FAQs](#) available on our website, however should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Cathy Hobson at admin@nzimls.org.nz

A proposal was put to Council to update QMLT regulations to limit examination attempts to three only (per subject). This was unanimously agreed, and the regulation will come into effect in the 2027 QMLT prerequisites.

2026 NZIMLS CALENDAR		<i>Dates may be subject to change</i>
Date	Event	
August	19-21	NZIMLS 80th Annual Scientific Meeting, Tākina Events Centre, Wellington
	20	NZIMLS Annual General Meeting
October	TBC	North Island Seminar, Hamilton (Date to be confirmed)
	03	QMLT Examinations
	10	Anatomical Pathology SIG, Auckland
November	07	Mortuary SIG, Christchurch
	07	Pre-Analytical SIG, Auckland

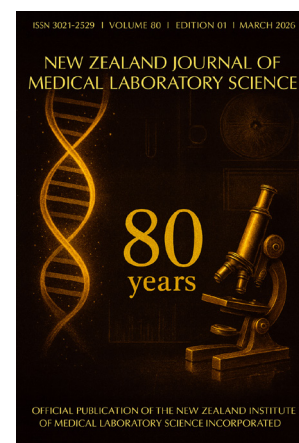
- ◆ [Registration for the Annual Scientific Meeting is open!](#) **Early-bird closes 20 July 2026.**
- ◆ Registration for the Anatomical Pathology, Mortuary and Pre-Analytical SIGS will open in August.
- ◆ Good news! We have managed to resurrect the North Island Seminar! This will now be held in Hamilton late September/early October. Members will be emailed once more information is available.
- ◆ For any information about upcoming events, please email admin@nzimls.org.nz

Journal

The Journal Questionnaire is marked by our CPD coordinator, Jillian Broadbent. Jillian will be on leave during the marking period of the July Questionnaire and the Editor, Lisa Cambridge will be marking the Questionnaire. We ask for your patience during this period as this is all new to Lisa!

We do try to have your Questionnaires marked within five business days, and whilst Lisa will do her very best, there may be a small delay.

Council have again agreed to the much anticipated 'Christmas Quiz', and have made the decision to update prizes if there are more than one winner. For the 2026 Christmaz Quiz, there will be a prize of \$300.00 awarded if there is only one winner, or \$200.00 each if more than one winner. The Quiz will be available in the November edition of the NZ Journal of Medical Laboratory Science.



NZIMLS Annual General Meeting

The 80th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Institute of Medical Laboratory Science (Inc) will be held on Thursday 20 August 2026 at Tākina Events Centre, Wellington and online via Teams commencing at 7:30am with breakfast and a 7:45am meeting start. Should you wish to attend via Teams, please email sharon@nzimls.org.nz to register.



Please note: The AGM is a breakfast meeting. If you are registered to attend in person and come for breakfast, it is expected that you attend the AGM. Anyone leaving after breakfast (and before the meeting) will be charged for their breakfast.

More information on the AGM will be circulated in due course.

President's Award

NZIMLS President, Tony Barnett has received and accepted eight nominations for the inaugural President's Award. This prestigious award is for outstanding service to the profession of medical laboratory science for members and non-members. It recognises individuals whose commitment, dedication and contributions have made a significant impact on the advancement and reputation of the profession in New Zealand. The criteria for this award can be viewed at <https://www.nzimls.org.nz/awards>.

Congratulations to the 2026 recipients of the President's Award:



Raewyn Cameron
Julie Creighton
Rachael Jenkins
Jo Madden

Sue Melvin
Liz Pringle
Max Reed
Sharon Tozer

These recipients will receive their award and pin at a NZIMLS event of their choosing.

[Nominations for the 2027 President's Award are now open and close on 31 March 2027.](#)

Research Grant Update

the 2025 recipient of the NZIMLS Research Grant, Holly Perry has completed her research work "Comparison of current method of haemolysin testing with novel FSL ABep kodecytes" and presented her final report to the NZIMLS Council. Holly hopes to publish the findings in an international journal.

Congratulations Holly!

If you wish to apply for a NZIMLS Research Grant, you may do so via our [website](#).

Retiring members

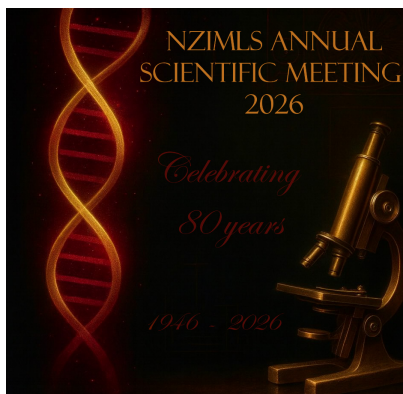
NZIMLS would like to acknowledge the commitment to the profession of members who have recently retired.

Angie Zhou Adi (member 20 years)
Wendy Carter (member 21 years)
Liz Pringle (member 21 years)
Sandra Brockie (member 24 years)
Christine Leaver (member 46 years)
Aleksandar Latinovic (member 22 years)
Jeff Spurdle (member 25 years)
Rhonda Lucas (member 20 years)



We wish these members all the very best for their retirement. If you know of anyone who has recently retired, or if you are due to retire, please let us know!

email admin@nzimls.org.nz



80 Years of Discovery: Honouring Our Past, Advancing Our Future:

Ngātau 80 o te kītenga: te whakanui i tō tātou
hōtorī me te whakawhanake i tō tātou anamata

Takina Events Centre, Wellington, 19-21 August 2026

Registration Fees:

Note: Early-bird closes 20 July 2026

CATEGORY	2026 pricing - Takina incl GST
NZIMLS MEMBER	
Early bird registration (<i>valid until 20 July</i>)	\$ 700.00
Standard registration (<i>valid from 21 July</i>)	\$ 770.00
Wednesday day registration incl Welcome Function	\$ 350.00
Wednesday HALF day registration (incl lunch)	\$ 250.00
Thursday day registration only	\$ 320.00
Thursday HALF day registration (incl lunch)	\$ 250.00
Friday HALF day registration (incl lunch)	\$ 200.00
NON MEMBER	
Early bird registration (<i>valid until 20 July</i>)	\$ 770.00
Standard registration (<i>valid from 21 July</i>)	\$ 850.00
Wednesday day registration incl Welcome Function	\$ 400.00
Wednesday HALF day registration (incl lunch)	\$ 280.00
Thursday day registration only	\$ 350.00
Thursday HALF day registration (incl lunch)	\$ 280.00
Friday HALF day registration (incl lunch)	\$ 250.00
FUNCTIONS	
Dinner Ticket only	\$ 161.00

Hugh Bloore Memorial Poster Prize

*Present a poster at the 2026 ASM and be in to win the \$1,000.00 Hugh Bloore Poster Prize**

The Hugh Bloore Poster Prize is presented at the NZIMLS Annual Scientific Meeting to the person judged to have the best scientific poster presentation. The annual award was made possible through the generosity of Hugh's family in honour of their late father's passion for science and learning. NZIMLS have continued the tradition by presenting the prize. All Members of the NZIMLS are eligible for the award. The award must be used to support attendance at a scientific meeting or be used for research.

*Recipients must be a financial member of the NZIMLS

NZIMLS Annual Scientific Meeting

19-21 August 2026

Tākina Convention & Exhibition Centre
Wellington

***80 Years of Discovery:
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NZIMLS 1946-2026

Registration opens in
April 2026

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