

NZIMLS Council Newsletter

March 2026

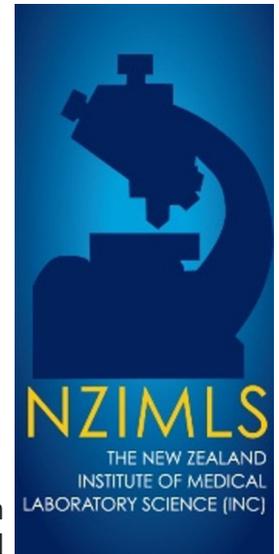
Happy 80th Birthday NZIMLS!

The New Zealand Institute of Medical Laboratory Science (NZIMLS) was originally established as the New Zealand Association of Bacteriologists (NZAB) in Wellington, then incorporated as the New Zealand Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology (Inc) on 9 April 1946.

The organisation changed its name to the New Zealand Institute of Medical Laboratory Science (NZIMLS) on 30 October 1990, acting as a non-profit organisation promoting professional excellence, education, and ethical standards. We became a registered charity in September 2009 which we are also extremely proud of.

Formed shortly after World War II, during a period when medical laboratory services were rapidly expanding into emerging disciplines such as clinical biochemistry, haematology, and serology, we are proud of our rich history as the primary professional body representing medical laboratory scientists and technicians in New Zealand.

This year we celebrate our 80th (Oak) anniversary. Join us at the 80th Annual Scientific Meeting of the NZIMLS to celebrate this huge milestone!



News from the Council

Council had a very good first meeting for 2026 in Auckland, 19-20 February, where we welcomed your new Technician Representative, Carolyn Olsen.

Use of nominals:

There seems to be some confusion around the correct nominals for our members to use after their name. NZIMLS Council advise that the correct nominals for our members are:

Fellow Life: LifeFNZIMLS,

Life Member: LifeNZIMLS

Fellow Member: FNZIMLS

Honorary Fellow Member: HonFNZIMLS

Honorary Member: HonNZIMLS

Full/Associate Member: MNZIMLS

If you wish to use nominals after your name in any correspondence, please ensure that you use them correctly.

Medical Sciences Council Scope of Practice Consultation document

We strongly urge all members to [read this document](#) and make [submissions](#) before the closing date of **27 March**. It is important for you to have your say on the scopes of practice for medical laboratory practitioners.

CPD

A few of you were again caught out by the closing date for entry of CPD points (31 January) for the previous year. It is good practice to enter your points as soon as you earn them, then you won't need to worry! We have also noticed some of you are claiming the incorrect number of points for courses, both internal and external.

Please note: if attending either an internal or external course, please check the number of points you can claim with the NZIMLS CPD Coordinator before entering your points into your CPD records.
email Jillian Broadbent, cpd@nzimls.org.nz



Special Interest Groups

Are you interested in volunteering for your SIG? Then we want you!

We have a vacancy for the Immunology SIG Convenor role.

(Note, this is not the organiser of the annual SIG meeting.) If this is something you would like to do, or would like more information on, then don't delay! Email admin@nzimls.org.nz today, and we will send you everything you need to know!



QMLT Examinations

Application for the 2026 QMLT examinations is now open on our website. Applications and payment must be with the NZIMLS office no later than 15 April 2025. Applications must be made on the online form and payment must accompany application. No late applications will be considered.



| 2026 NZIMLS CALENDAR | | Dates may be subject to change |
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| Date | | Event |
| March | 21 | Immunology SIG, Auckland |
| April | 11 | South Island Seminar, Dunedin |
| | 15 | Closing date for QMLT applications |
| May | 9 | Examiner/Moderator Workshop, Auckland |
| June | 6 | Biochemistry SIG, Nelson |
| | 13 | North Island Seminar, Bay of Islands |
| | 19-21 | NICE Weekend, Hamilton |
| | 26 | Molecular Diagnostics SIG, Tauranga |
| | 27 | Microbiology SIG, Tauranga |
| August | 19-21 | NZIMLS 80 th Annual Scientific Meeting, Tākina Events Centre, Wellington |
| | 20 | NZIMLS Annual General Meeting |
| October | 03 | QMLT Examinations |
| | 10 | Anatomical Pathology SIG, Christchurch |
| November | 7 | Mortuary SIG, Christchurch |
| | | Pre-Analytical SIG, Auckland (TBC) |

- ◆ Registration for most events is now open on our website.
- ◆ Registration for the Annual Scientific Meeting will open in April.
- ◆ For any information about upcoming events, please email admin@nzimls.org.nz

The 2026 NICE weekend is open for registration. This year, we are in Hamilton. For more information and to register, click on the mask!

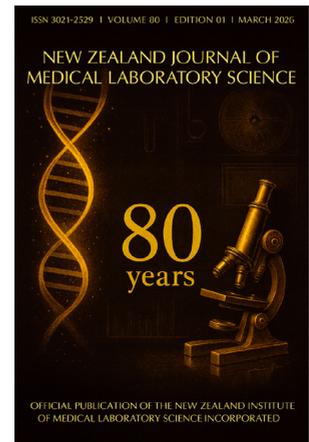


Journal

Volume 80 of the New Zealand Journal of Medical Laboratory Science will be available early-mid March. Editions 1, 2 and 3 are special anniversary issues with Edition 1 containing excerpts from Volume 1 including a full re-print of Volume 1, Number 1, April 1946!

All journals, from Volume 1 right through to present day can be viewed/downloaded from the [Journal Archive](#).

The NZIMLS Council would like to acknowledge the amazing job that the Editor, Lisa Cambridge does with the Journal. There is a lot involved in collating articles, proof-reading, sending out for peer-review and deciding what to accept and what to reject. Lisa is always grateful to receive articles written by our members and is more than happy to help you turn a talk into a case study, scientific letter or a full article! You can contact Lisa via editor@nzimls.org.nz. More information on submitting an article to the Journal is available at <https://www.nzimls.org.nz/instructions-to-authors>

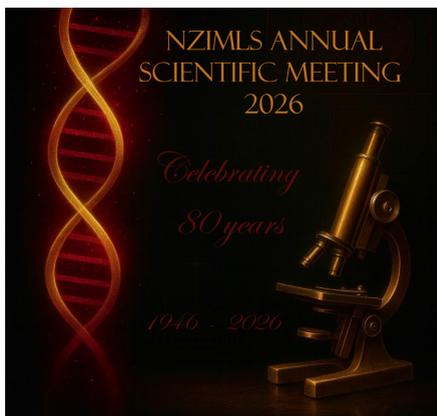


Retiring members

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

Chris Leaver, member for 46 years
Christine Hide, member six years
Aleksandar Latinovic, member 22 years
Frances Neal, member 10 years
Gayleen Parslow, member 24 years
Jill Stewart, member 18 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.n



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

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

Tākina Events Centre, Wellington, 19-21 August 2026

**Mark your calendar! This is one conference not to miss! Some favourite speakers are returning, and new, inspirational speakers are looking forward to presenting to you all!
Registration opening mid-April 2026 at www.nzimls.org.nz**

NZIMLS Annual Scientific Meeting

19-21 August 2026

Tākina Convention & Exhibition Centre
Wellington



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NZIMLS 1946-2026

Registration opens in
April 2026



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