Science Atlantic’s Mission

To advance post-secondary science education and research in Atlantic Canada by:

- providing opportunities that foster and enrich students;
- supporting and inspiring researchers, educators, and the broader scientific community; and,
- using our collective voice to address important regional science issues.

Find out what we do and how we do it:

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Our Community is Composed of 10 Disciplinary Divisions…

- Biologie
  Biology
- Chimie
  Chemistry
- Sciences de la Terre
  Earth Science
- L’aquaculture et pêche
  Aquaculture & Fisheries
- L’informatique
  Computer Science
- Mathématiques & Statistics et informatique
  Mathematics & Statistics
- Nutrition et alimentation
  Nutrition and Foods
- L’environnement
  Environment
- Psychologie
  Psychology
- Physique et astronomie
  Physics & Astronomy

…and 18 Institutions Across Atlantic Canada

- Acadia University
- Cape Breton University
- Crandall University
- Dalhousie University
- Dalhousie University, Agricultural Campus
- Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Memorial University of Newfoundland, Grenfell Campus
- Mount Allison University
- Mount Saint Vincent University
- Nova Scotia Community College
- Saint Mary’s University
- St. Francis Xavier University
- St. Thomas University
- Université de Moncton
- Université Sainte-Anne
- University of New Brunswick - Fredericton
- University of New Brunswick - Saint John
- University of Prince Edward Island
Throughout the pandemic, activities have continued with energy and commitment to our core mission and values, with staff and members working collaboratively on activities to increase engagement. We have completed our first research project in 20 years, learning about the needs of faculty not traditionally served by SA. We have made a robust effort to address policy and operational issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion. Members of the Board worked with an organizational consultant to better engage with our members, and we have met with most Institutional Representatives to learn how SA can be most valuable to them. Another Board subcommittee worked with a volunteer to review our bylaws and strengthen the governance of our organization.

In addition to supporting these projects and regular activities, staff were busy assisting many of the discipline committees transition to hosting conferences online. We are grateful to have been helped by SA’s largest ever cohort of student employees. All conferences were held this year, with a high level of participant satisfaction. Finally, we welcomed two new members to our SA family, the Nova Scotia Community College and Université Sainte-Anne.

As we enter our 60th year, SA is poised to better serve the post-secondary science community.

Thank you very much for being part of our community,

Robert van den Hoogen
Chair, Science Atlantic
Lois Whitehead
Executive Director, Science Atlantic

Many thanks to our hard-working and inspiring leadership:

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A Year of Science Atlantic looks like…

Fostering and Enriching Students

• Providing technical and other support to assist organizers in hosting eight virtual student conferences
• Presenting 107 awards to students for research and science communication excellence

Supporting Researchers and Educators

• Speaking with faculty to learn how Science Atlantic might broaden and enhance community engagement
• Hosting discussion panels on faculty service
• Increasing member engagement by developing new roles and communication structures

Addressing Important Regional Science Issues

• Welcoming two new institutions to our community (Nova Scotia Community College, Université Sainte-Anne)
• Founding an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Action Committee
• Engaging with our Institutional Reps to discuss our purpose in the scientific community
2020 - 2021 Conferences

841 CONFERENCE ATTENDEES
358 STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

107 STUDENT AWARDS
17 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

6 DISCUSSION PANELS
6 VIRTUAL SOCIALS

2 GRADUATE FAIRS
2 PROGRAMMING AND MATH CONTESTS

ACROSS EIGHT VIRTUAL CONFERENCES
Financial Highlights

Revenues
- Membership Fees
- Employment Grants
- Donations and Misc.

- $78,572
- $19,136
- $153,250

Expenditures
- Core Activities
- Student Internships
- Administration
- Adjustment of investments to Market Value

- $94,550
- $117,400
- $32,256
- $3,184

View the entire 2020-2021 Financial Report HERE
How to Help

As a registered charity with a modest annual operating budget, we rely on individual donors and corporate sponsors to help fund our activities.

Your contributions help to:

- Support special projects that address regional science issues
- Fund regional lecture tours by notable scientists
- Fund student conferences in ten disciplines
- Sponsor awards recognizing excellence in research and science communication

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