

HICL recognizes a team of long-standing dedicated employees during National Medical Laboratory Week

Toronto, Ont. April 26, 2011 – "You know, because we're here" was the theme for 2011 National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week (April 24-30, 2011). This theme made the occasion an appropriate time to honour a core group of Hospitals In-Common Laboratory Inc. ("HICL") employees who have been "here" as part of our organization for many years.



Dr. Jean-Jacques Arseneault, retired HICL President, and Ms. Joanne Greer, retired HICL Laboratory Referral Network Director, joined all employees at a gathering on April 26, 2011 to celebrate National Medical Laboratory Week and to honour HICL's long serving staff.



Dr. Carl Braun, CEO & Board Chair, thanked his entire team for their dedication and hard

work.



Their commitment to the philosophy and mission of HICL is clearly demonstrated by the fact that 10 people have now been employed by HICL for over 20 years!



In fact, over 400 years of commitment to Hospitals In-Common Laboratory Inc. were represented at this celebration. Each and every one of those 400 years was invested to *"Enhance through innovation and partnerships, laboratory services within the publicly funded health care systems"*



Long term service awards were presented to the following staff:

25 Years	Meena Sukhu	Laboratory Referral Network Charge
24 Years	Janet Darwin	Customer Service Representative
22 Years	Kham Phoumivong	Laboratory Referral Network Data Entry Clerk
22 Years	Sursati Dwarika Dass	Laboratory Referral Network Data Entry Clerk
10 Years	Shams Akhundova	Executive Assistant & H.R. Coordinator
10 Years	Evangeline Tandog	Laboratory Referral Network Senior
10 Years	Gemma Zaldivar	Accounts Payable Clerk

National Medical Laboratory Week is designated to raise awareness of the critical role of the laboratory professionals as partners in healthcare.



With 85% of all Physician decisions regarding diagnosis and treatment being based on laboratory results, Laboratory workers while working behind-the-scenes are a vital part of the healthcare system.



The theme "**You know, because we're here**" resonated with medical laboratory professionals from sea to sea.

It was a memorable day as HICL celebrated and highlighted the significant impact the professionals have made and continue to make in Canada's health care system.



About HICL

HICL is proud to be Canada's largest and longest-standing provider of referred-out medical laboratory testing services with hundreds of long-term client hospitals and organizations nation-wide. For over 4 decades, HICL has provided Canadian Hospitals, Patients and Employers with the most sophisticated medical laboratory testing in the world. Sophisticated and complex testing is HICL's specialty including: chemistry, haematology, microbiology, pathology, cytology, drug & substance and occupational health testing. HICL also provides testing to support both academic and industry-sponsored clinical research programs. For more information: www.hicl.on.ca