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From the Editor

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In September, 2009, I was one of six guest mycologists at the Foray Newfoundland and Labrador held for the second year at the Lion Max Simms Camp in Central Newfoundland (Figure 2).



Fig. 2. Michael Beug, Tom Volk, Maria Voitk and Renée Lebeuf at Foray Newfoundland and Labrador, September, 2009. © Photo by Roger Smith

Andrus Voitk is a driving force of that organization and their vision is to bring together the guest mycologists and local mycologists for four days of collecting before the foray begins plus the three days of public events and public forays led by the guest mycologists teamed with local mycologists. A huge data collection team photographs and records the mushrooms and beautiful reports are then published on the Internet. In 2010, this delightful foray moves to The Great Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland (<http://www.nlmushrooms.ca>). Like the Key Council, the goal of the Foray Newfoundland and Labrador is to improve knowledge and information about the mushrooms in their part of the world. It is another interesting model for how amateurs working with professionals can help improve our understanding of Natural History. It would be great to have an article for *McIlvainea* about what they have learned so far. Or do any of you have models that you would like to write about for *McIlvainea*? Amateurs in North America lag far behind their counterparts in Europe and it is clear that there will never be enough funding for professionals to answer the many questions that remain about our natural world.

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Sincerely, Michael W. Beug