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2003 Status Report on Project NExTMAC  
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Description of Activity:  
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In 2003 we continued with the professional development project that we began with a 1-year CMS Endowment Grant in the previous year. On 13 June 2003 (immediately prior to the CMS Summer Meeting) a 1-day workshop was held at the University of Alberta. The workshop, aimed at junior faculty, included sessions as follows:

- Jim Stewart (McMaster) spoke on "How to Enliven the Mathematics Classroom"
- Catherine Podeszinski (NSERC) presented some information on how to apply for Discovery Grants
- Brian Alspach (Regina) and Jonathan Borwein (SFU) led a panel discussion on Supervising/Advising Students and Research Projects
- 3M Teaching Fellowship winners Andy Liu (Alberta), Miroslav Lovric (McMaster) and Peter Taylor (Queen's) shared some of their insights about teaching mathematics.
- A group discussion on topics related to teaching first year math courses.

Participants were also warmly welcomed by CMS President Christiane Rousseau (Montréal) and CMS Past-President Jonathan Borwein (SFU). At the end of the workshop, some books and other resources, addressing issues pertinent to junior faculty, were distributed. (The books were those that were left over from the previous year.)

A website with some additional details can be found at [www.math.mun.ca/~nextmac](http://www.math.mun.ca/~nextmac)

Assessment of Effectiveness:  
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We were disappointed at the low turnout at this year's workshop. Although we had pre-registrations for 11 participants, only 3 people showed up to participate. Some of our registrants were attending the workshop on "Connecting Women in Mathematics Across Canada", two of whom joined our workshop in progress once the Connecting Women workshop finished on Friday afternoon.

Still, the anecdotal feedback which we received from those who did participate was very positive. One of the participants even volunteered to write a short exposition for

inclusion in the CMS Notes, to report on the workshop and to help get the word out about it.

Future Plans:

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We are committed to hosting a third workshop, timed to coincide with the CMS Summer Meeting at Dalhousie University in June 2004, and we are already discussing and making plans for the sessions.

Sincerely,

David Pike (Memorial) and Robert van den Hoogen (STFX)

Final Financial Statement Enclosed

Financial Report Project NExTMAC (Sept. 1, 2002 to Aug. 31, 2003)

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Revenues

Remaining Monies (Sept. 1, 2002)	2162.26	
CMS Endowment Grant	2837.74	
Total Revenue		5000.00

Expenses

Honoraria for Speakers	600.00	
Lunch for Participants	79.72	
Travel for Organizers	1268.07	
Total Expenses		1947.79

Year End Balance (Aug. 31, 2003) 3052.21