



## New Brunswick Human Rights Commission

### **Dr. Constantine Passaris** **Educational Success**

One of the pillars of my term as Chair of the Human Rights Commission was to focus on public education on human rights and to bring to the Commission a balance between processing complaints and public education on human rights. I and the staff at the Human Rights Commission worked very hard at public education, putting time and effort to promote human rights education. We may have been a bit too successful in that respect because we immediately saw a spike in human rights complaints. And that, to me, indicated that, yes indeed, we were being successful at promoting human rights education, because now people—New Brunswickers—were aware of their human rights and had confidence in the integrity of the Human Rights Commission to bring forward their complaints—that they were going to be dealt with in a private and confidential and effective manner. So, during that time that we refocused and rebalanced our resources and our energies towards public education, we saw a significant difference in terms of the effectiveness, in terms of the role and in terms of the reason why the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission exists.