

# Chapter News



## Course Management System to Launch January 2, 2008

ITLS presented a demo of its new online Course Management System (CMS) at the Chapter Coordinators and Medical Directors Workshop during the 2007 International Trauma Conference.

The Web-based CMS will take course planning, coordination, and reporting online, making ITLS course records completely electronic, including pre- and post-course paperwork. The 3-tier system streamlines workflow, with course coordinators submitting materials to chapter coordinators, and chapters submitting to International.

The program will also provide a centralized location for the public to search for ITLS courses worldwide. Search parameters will allow students to narrow or broaden their search to find exactly the course they require.

The system will go into effect on January 2, 2008, for all U.S. chapters. Participation will be mandatory, and hard copies of rosters will no longer be accepted for all courses that begin as of January 2. (All courses completed in 2007 may be submitted in hard-copy format.) Canadian and international chapters will be brought online as legal issues are resolved. International chapters who would like to be-

gin using the system January 2, 2008, are welcome to as well.

The system integrates with the Continuing Education Credentialing Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS) and provides CECBEMS continuing education credit to EMS personnel for ITLS courses, with no additional paperwork required. ITLS was granted institutional CECBEMS accreditation in November.

### How Chapters Are Affected

Effective January 1, 2008, the student fees paid to International will increase from \$8 to \$10 per student to offset the costs associated with providing continuing education credit. The fee increase will be instated for all chapters.

As part of CECBEMS requirements, coordinators will need to collect additional information from students during the reporting process. All data is mandatory, and course rosters must be fully completed before they are submitted. CMS prevents the submission of incomplete rosters. New student data to be collected includes:

- Home address
- Home telephone number
- Email address

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# Board of Directors Election Results

Three incumbents and one new member were elected to the ITLS Board of Directors by the delegates at the 2007 conference.

Sabina Braithwaite, MD, FACEP, NREMT-P (Virginia) and Tony Connelly, BSc. Sr. Para. (Alberta) were reelected to three-year terms on the Board. New member Bob Page, AAS, NREMT-P, CCEMT-P, NCEE, (Missouri) was also elected to a three-year term. Incumbent Pete Gianas, MD, (Florida) was elected to a one-year term to complete the unexpired

term left by resignation of Tony Cellitti, NREMT-P (Illinois.)

The Board also elected its 2007-2008 officers during the conference.

Serving will be:

Dr. Gianas – Chair

Dr. Braithwaite – Vice Chair

Mr. Connelly – Secretary Treasurer

William Pfeifer, MD, FACS (Colorado)

– Member at Large

Also serving as officers are:

John Campbell, MD, FACEP (Alabama) – President

Walter Bradley, MD, MBA, FACEP (Illinois) – Past Chair

Mr. Page, of Springfield, Missouri, was nominated from the floor. Mr. Page is the Chapter Coordinator for the Missouri Chapter and is a member of the Communications and Global Development Committees. He served on the ITLS Board of Directors from 1997-2000, as well as the Vice Speaker during that time.

Mr. Page said he accepted the nomina-

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# New Course Management System (CMS) Previewed at 2007 Trauma Conference

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- Credentials (EMT, EMT-P, RN, etc.)
- License type, license number, expiration date and state of licensure
- NREMT number and certification date (if applicable)

## Overview of CMS

Course coordinators utilizing the program will be able to request courses, maintain student, faculty, and course records, and submit course paperwork online. Approved courses will be immediately published to the public website for faster and more effective advertising.

Chapter coordinators will be able to submit the completed course rosters received from course coordinators directly to International with one click. Rosters can be bundled together and submitted to International with payment – online instantly with a credit

card or generating an invoice to pay via check or wire transfer.

The system maintains a database of all students and faculty within the chapter to eliminate repetitive data entry. It also allows Chapters to maintain a permission-based list of approved Course Coordinators, with privileges able to be revoked if necessary.

Additionally, both course and chapter coordinators will be able to access past course records within seconds, as all records are stored online and are easily retrievable.

## Learning the System

Chapters will be responsible for teaching their course coordinators to use the system. ITLS will hold an instructional Webinar for Chapter Coordinators and Medical Directors on Decem-

ber 18, 2007, at 1 p.m CST, in which a complete walk-through of how to use the system will be demonstrated. All Chapter representatives are strongly encouraged to attend. A video of this Webinar will also be posted online.

Additionally, ITLS will send detailed instructions for using the program to Chapters in December. The system also has extensive “Help” documents accessible online. Other questions may be addressed to Kate Blackwelder at [kateb@itrauma.org](mailto:kateb@itrauma.org) at any time.

## Webinar: Learning to Use ITLS CMS

December 18, 2007  
1:00 PM CST

Additional instructions will be emailed.

# 6th Edition Provider Manual FAQs

## 1) When must all ITLS courses be taught using the 6th edition provider manual?

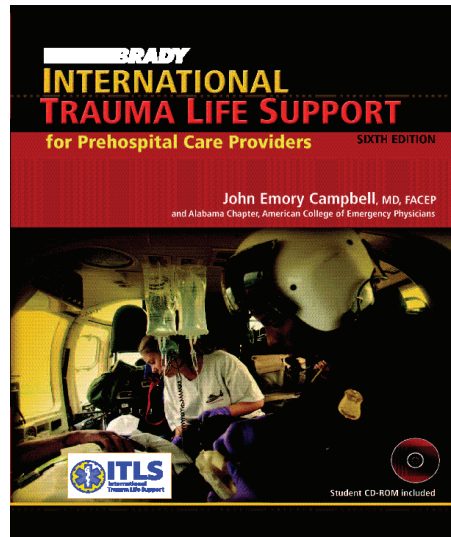
ITLS would like all courses taught to the 6th edition as soon as possible. We recognize that some institutions and particularly college bookstores may have large inventories of the 5th edition book which they need to use. To accommodate those with large stocks of books, December 31, 2008 has been set as the date when all courses taught in English must be in the 6th edition.

## 2) What about non-English courses?

Currently, the 6th edition is available only in English. The Spanish translation is in development, and other languages will be available as the publishers make the transition to the 6th edition. The December 31, 2008 deadline only applies to the English courses.

## 3) Is there a military version of the 6th edition available?

Not currently. We are investigating



whether a military 6th edition will be published.

## 4) Must all instructors be updated on the 6th edition material?

Yes, all chapters must update their instructors on the educational content of the 6th edition material by December 31, 2008. Each ITLS chapter may choose the method of updating instructors: in person updates, videoconferencing, webinars, etc.

ITLS has a PowerPoint presentation

highlighting the 6th edition changes which was provided to the chapters during the Chapter Coordinator and Medical Directors Workshop in San Antonio. This PowerPoint is also posted online in the Chapter Medical Directors and Coordinators section of [www.itrauma.org](http://www.itrauma.org) for download. A sample agenda for an Instructor Update is also available from the ITLS office.

## 5) What about medical directors?

Yes, all medical directors must also be updated to the 6th edition material. Again, the method of providing the update can be selected by the chapter.

## 6) In the past, our chapter has provided our instructors with new instructor cards if they have taught at least two courses per year instead of requiring an update. Is this still acceptable?

No, ITLS requires that all instructors are updated on the new educational material in addition to any teaching requirements of the chapter.

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tion realizing his abilities must again be needed. "I'm honored to work with this organization, as I am a die-hard BTLS/ITLS believer: in the mission, the organization, and the education product we provide," he said.

Mr. Page is the Director of Emergency Care Education for St. John's Regional Health System in Springfield, Missouri, and the president of Edutainment, a company that pro-

vides seminars to medical and education professionals.

He received his A.A.S. degree in Emergency Medical Services from Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri, and is a nationally certified EMS educator through NAEMSE. He also earned his Ambulance Service Management Program Certificate from the American Ambulance Association.

Mr. Page said he is looking forward to his term. "I hope to grow and promote the education product that is ITLS and contribute to the future success of all of the ITLS programs," he said. "I want to build excitement for the programs, and see to it that the program continues to grow and serve areas of the world that desperately need trauma care education. ... I want to keep ITLS fresh and exciting for instructors and students alike!"

# 2007 Board Report to the Delegates

**Following is the Board of Directors Report to the Delegates at the 2007 International Trauma Conference.**

## **The Year in Review**

The 6th edition of the ITLS provider manual was published in August 2007. For the first time, the provider manual combines both the advanced and basic editions in one book. The book reflects the latest and most effective approaches to the care of the trauma patient. The book conforms to the latest AHA and ILCOR guidelines for artificial ventilation and CPR. Some of the other advances in the 6th edition include:

- The patient assessment consistently addresses the three-step plan composed of the ITLS Primary Survey, the ITLS Secondary Survey, and the ITLS Ongoing Exam.
- "Critical Trauma Situations" are defined.
- The use of the KING LT-D airway is included as another example of a blind insertion airway device.
- The use of capnography to confirm placement of the endotracheal tube has been added.
- The text reflects the second edition of the Brain Trauma Foundation guidelines.
- New appendices include the Agricultural Rescue Course overview, ITLS Access Course overview, and Tactical EMS.

The accompanying instructor resource guide and slides have also been published and are available without charge to ITLS instructors and course coordinators through the ITLS chapters.

In addition to English, the 5th ed. provider manual is now published in:

- Spanish
- Japanese
- German
- Italian
- Korean
- Polish

ITLS has secured the translation rights for the provider manual from Brady. ITLS will now be able to rapidly assess in what languages the book is needed and arrange for translation and publication.

The 2nd edition of the ITLS Access manual and accompanying instructor materials and slides were also published in 2007. Access is a one-day course to acquaint first responders with techniques to safely gain access to vehicles with entrapped victims.

ITLS is also developing the medical content of the AgRescue modules sponsored by Penn State University. The modules with ITLS input are currently in the pilot program phase.

## **ITLS Growth**

ITLS continues to expand the number of its chapters and training centres chartered worldwide. To become a chapter or training centre, the new applicant must demonstrate the ability to effectively conduct ITLS courses and promote trauma education in their area. In the last year, ITLS welcomed the following new chapters:

- East Midlands, UK
- Lincolnshire, UK
- Northeast, UK
- St. Croix, US Virgin Islands

In addition to the establishment of new chapters and training centers, ITLS courses continue to be held around the world administered by the International office. Some of the locations where courses have been conducted in the last year are:

- Algeria
- American Samoa
- Croatia
- Grenada
- Hungary
- Iraq
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Nigeria
- Spain

While ITLS is experiencing substantial growth, ITLS is also trimming underperforming chapters from the organization. This year two chapters' charters were revoked: DMRTI and Spearhead Medic.

## **ITLS Leadership**

Each year the ITLS chapter delegates elect members of the Board of Directors representing the ITLS chapters around the world.

ITLS founder John E. Campbell, MD, FACEP, serves as president and is a permanent member of the Board. Other members currently serving on the Board are:

- Walter Bradley, MD, FACEP, Moline, IL – Chair
- Peter Ganas, MD, Starke, FL – Vice Chair
- Sabina Braithwaite, MD, FACEP, NREMT-P, Charlottesville, VA – Secretary Treasurer
- Neil Christen, MD, FACEP, Anniston, AL – Member at Large

# 2007 Board Report to the Delegates

- Russell Bieniek, MD, FACEP, Erie, PA
- Amy Boise, NREMT-P, Phoenix, AZ
- Tony Connelly, Sr. Para, BSc., Alberta, CAN
- Martin Friedberg, MD, CCFP (EM), Toronto, CAN
- William Pfeifer III, MD, FACS, Highland Ranch, CO
- S. Robert Seitz, M.Ed, RN, NREMT-P, Allison Park, PA

Leadership is also provided by the congress Speaker Vickey Lewis, RN, CEN, and Vice Speaker Bill Moore, MD, FACEP.

## ITLS Involvement

Approximately 100 ITLS members are involved in ITLS committees. Each committee is charged by the Board with a mandate of expected accomplishments during the year. The 2007 ITLS committees and their chairs are:

- **Access**

Bruce Patterson (Alberta)

- **Bylaws**

Neil Christen (Alabama)

- **Chapter Support**

Pete Gianas (Florida)

- **Communications**

Russ Bieniek (Pennsylvania)

- **Conference Planning**

Vickey Lewis (North Carolina) & Rita Chambers (Ohio)

- **Editorial Board**

Donna Hastings (Alberta)

- **Finance**

Sabina Braithwaite (Virginia)

- **Future Force**

Tony Connelly (Alberta) & Pete Gianas (Florida)

- **Global Development**

Tony Connelly (Alberta)

- **Nominating**

Neil Christen (Alabama)

- **Military**

Bill Pfeifer (Colorado)

We thank the committee chairs and members for their significant contributions to promote the mission of ITLS.

Applications for 2008 committee membership are now available and are posted on [www.itrauma.org](http://www.itrauma.org). Completed applications must be received by the ITLS office by January 4, 2008. Committee appointments will be announced by January 31, 2008.

## Reaching Out to Other Groups

ITLS continues to promote its courses and educational materials with numerous EMS and trauma-related organizations.

ITLS' liaisons to other organizations are:

- National Association of State EMS Officials – John Campbell, MD, FACEP
- American College of Emergency Physicians – Russ Bieniek, MD, FACEP
- National Association of EMS Educators – S. Robert Seitz, M.Ed., RN, NREMT-P
- National Association of EMTs – Amy Boise, NREMT-P
- National Association of EMS Physicians – Sabina Braithwaite, MD, FACEP

ITLS continues its commitment to familiarizing the EMS community internationally with its training programs and products. ITLS exhibits at several US and international EMS conferences annually.

## What's Ahead

ITLS will embark on its electronic course management system effective January 2, 2008. The system will allow course coordinators and chapter coordinators to enter course requests and report student and payment information. Students will be able to search for ITLS courses and email course coordinators to register.

ITLS will also offer CECBEMS accreditation for all of its courses effective January 1, 2008. The National Registry and most US states accept CECBEMS accreditation to satisfy continuing education requirements.

## Thank You

We thank the chapters and the ITLS community for your continued support and commitment to trauma education and prevention.

## Update Your Chapter Contact Information

ITLS is updating its records for 2008 and is looking for help to ensure we have complete and correct information for each Chapter.

Please email complete Chapter contact information, including Chapter Coordinator and Medical Director's names and credentials, Chapter mailing address, phone, fax, email address, and website as well as complete contact information for the Medical Director to Sharon Hardrick at [sharonh@itrauma.org](mailto:sharonh@itrauma.org).

# Highlights of 2007 Trauma Conference

More than 200 people from 14 countries attended the 2007 International Trauma Conference on October 12-15, 2007, in San Antonio, Texas.

The 2007 conference marked the official rollout of the much-anticipated 6th edition ITLS provider manual and previewed the future of ITLS course management in a demo of the new online system that chapters will begin using on January 1, 2008.

The conference featured an international set of speakers including Bryan Bledsoe, MD, FACEP, EMT-P, Patricia Hastings, DO, Scott Bolleter, EMT-P, Liz Cloughessy, RN, AM, and Edward Racht, MD.

The annual ITLS Competition featured 6 teams competing in the Preliminary Round. The 2007 teams included: Alabama, Illinois, Italy, Japan, Ontario, and Texas. Alabama, Ontario, and Italy advanced to the Final Round, and the Alabama team was awarded first place for their performance in the scenario. Team members William Hall, NREMT-P, John Holliday, NREMT-P, Dea Calce, NREMT-P, and Nicolaus Ruehl, NREMT-P, and team captain Spencer Howard, NREMT-P, were recognized at the Awards Reception on October 14.

The recipients of ITLS' annual awards were also honored at the Awards Reception. David Maatman, NREMT-P/IC, ITLS Michigan's Chapter Coordinator, was recognized for his enthusiasm and expertise in

teaching ITLS with the Ray Fowler Instructor of the Year Award.

Jill Pendegrass, an ITLS Illinois course coordinator, was recognized for her ongoing dedication to providing ITLS courses in Illinois with the Pat Gandy Coordinator of the Year Award.

Roy Alson, MD, PhD, FACEP, of North Carolina, was honored for his many contributions to ITLS on the chapter and International level with the John Campbell Medical Director of the Year Award.

Rita Chambers, of Ohio, was honored for her dedication to promoting ITLS programs and for demonstrating a clear understanding of the ITLS mission with the ITLS Ambassador Award. This new award was established by the Board of Directors to recognize an individual who does not qualify for any of the other ITLS awards but has made a significant and long-term commitment to the organization.

Bruce Patterson, Captain/EMT-P was given the Harvey Grant Memorial Award for Excellence in ITLS Access. Mr. Patterson was not in attendance at the conference to receive his award.

The winners of the 2007 Images of Trauma Photo Competition were also recognized. Bernie Comtois, EMT-P of Massachusetts, was awarded First Place for his photo series, "Impaled Object." Second place went to Andy Smith, EMT-P, of Georgia for his series, "Trauma

in Georgia." Jose Arjona, EMT, from Colombia, won third place for his entry, called "Training."

The reception also featured a special performance by Spensha Baker, a 14-year-old rising star whose singing talent has been featured on "Star Search." ITLS thanks Spensha and her family for making her performance at the reception possible.

As another successful and well-received conference concludes, ITLS is already looking forward to next year's event. The 2008 International Trauma Conference will be held in Guanajuato, Mexico, on November 6-8, 2008, so get your passport now and get ready for Guanajuato!

## Call for Committee Members

ITLS is currently looking for interested individuals to serve on its committees for the 2008 committee cycle. The committee mandates and an application are online at [www.itrauma.org](http://www.itrauma.org) and also published on Page 7.

Completed applications should be emailed or faxed to Ginny Kennedy Palys at [ginnyp@itrauma.org](mailto:ginnyp@itrauma.org) or 630.495.6404. The deadline to submit applications is January 4, 2008. Appointments to committees will be made by January 31, 2008.



**INTERNATIONAL TRAUMA LIFE SUPPORT  
COMMITTEE MEMBER APPLICATION - 2007**

Committee Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Credentials: \_\_\_\_\_ ITLS Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe prior involvement with ITLS committee(s):  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Describe your experience with your ITLS chapter:  
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What non-ITLS volunteer activities have you been involved with?  
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Could you regularly participate in teleconferences? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
(usually 3-4 per year plus one meeting at annual conference)

Please describe any potential conflicts:  
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Why are you interested in serving on this Committee?  
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What do you feel you could contribute to this Committee?  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_