

# Chapter News



## 20% Discount Offered on ITLS eTrauma Course Through December 31

ITLS is working to make its newest training tool, ITLS eTrauma, even more accessible and affordable.

A special discounted price of \$105 has been negotiated and is now available through December 31, 2010. Save more than \$25 off the original

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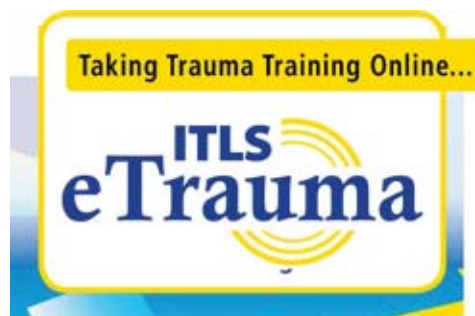
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# ITLS Board of Directors Election Results

ITLS chapter delegates elected three members to the Board of Directors at the 2010 Business Sessions in Reno.

Elected were:

- Amy K. Boise, NREMT-P, FP-C (Arizona)
- Tony Connelly, BHSc, PGCE, EMT-P (Alberta, Canada)
- Gianluca Ghiselli, MD (Italy)



**Amy K. Boise,  
NREMT-P, FP-C**



**Tony Connelly,  
BHSc, PCGE, EMT-P**



**Gianluca Ghiselli,  
MD**

All candidates will serve 3-year terms.

The Board of Directors officers were also selected for 2010-2011. Serving as officers are:

- Pete Gianas, MD (Florida) – Chair
- Sabina Braithwaite, MD, MPH, FACEP, NREMT-P (Kansas) – Vice Chair
- Neil Christen, MD, FACEP (Alabama) – Secretary Treasurer
- Tony Connelly, BHSc, PCGE, EMT-P (Alberta) –Member at Large

Continuing to serve as President is:

- John Campbell, MD, FACEP (Alabama) – President

Ms. Boise is Director of Education and a Flight Paramedic for Trauma Flight in Scottsdale, Arizona. She also serves as the Chapter Coordinator for ITLS Arizona.

Mr. Connelly is Director of Resuscitation Education & Northern Relations at the Heart and Stroke Foundation in Alberta, Canada. He also serves as the Chapter Coordinator for ITLS Alberta.

Dr. Ghiselli is the Emergency Room Medical Director at A.S.L. AT, Asti Hospital in Asti, Italy. He also serves as Chapter Medical Director for ITLS Italy.

Bob Page, AAS, NREMT-P, CCEMT-P, NCEE completed his term on the Board. Pete Gianas, MD, Chair of the Board, thanked Mr. Page for his service to the Board and the organization. Mr. Page continues to serve ITLS as the Chapter Coordinator of ITLS Missouri and is active on numerous committees.

## Dr. Hiroyuki Tanaka of Japan Selected as Top 'Trauma Case of the Year' Presenter



Four presenters delivered emotionally charged presentations of their real-life trauma cases during the inaugural "Trauma Case of the Year" competition held at the International Trauma Conference.

Hiroyuki Tanaka, MD, of Japan, was selected as the winner for his presentation, "A Case of Cultivator Trauma." The case described a patient with severe injuries after an agricultural accident.

Also presenting were:

- Lt. Joseph S. Campbell, NREMT-P (South Carolina), "An Unexpected Outcome"
- Janet Taylor, RN, CEN (Missouri), "A Hot Day with a Head Injury"
- Dnyaneshwar Shelke, BHMS, PG-DEMS (Secunderabad, India), "Thoracic Trauma Case"

Each presenter's abstract will be printed in the next edition of the ITLS Bulletin.

# ITLS Annual Awards Presented at 2010 Conference in Recognition of Service

ITLS presented its annual awards at the 2010 International Trauma Conference to honor seven individuals for their ongoing commitment to ITLS.

Donna Hastings, MA, EMT-P, of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, was honored with the Jackie Campbell Award for her enduring service to the organization as the "wind beneath our wings." ITLS President John Campbell presented the award, given in honor of his late wife, and noted that Ms. Hastings has been instrumental in moving the organization forward, first during her time as Chair of the Board of Directors and now as Chair of the Editorial Board. He recognized her numerous contributions to ITLS over the years, and thanked her personally for her enduring friendship.

Antonia Baranovic, MD, ITLS Croatia Medical Director, was honored for her outstanding medical direction of courses and ITLS leadership with the John Campbell Medical Director of the Year Award. Dr. Baranovic not only worked tirelessly to reestablish ITLS in Croatia but continues to work hard to spread training throughout the region, including to Slovenia (now a chapter), Serbia (chapter status pending), Kosovo, and The Hague. Dr. Baranovic also translated the ITLS provider manual into Croatian in 2010.

Two individuals were honored with



LEFT: Dr. Campbell congratulates longtime friend and colleague Donna Hastings, MA, EMT-P, the recipient of the Jackie Campbell Award.

BELOW: Antonia Baranovic, MD, of ITLS Croatia, thanks Dr. Campbell for the ITLS Medical Director of the Year Award.

For more photographs of the Awards Ceremony, please see Page 8 and log on to [ITRAUMA.org/conference](http://ITRAUMA.org/conference)

the ITLS Ambassador Award for their dedication to promoting ITLS programs and for demonstrating a clear understanding of the ITLS mission: Roberto Rivera, RN, EMT-P, Training Centre Coordinator for Manati, Puerto Rico, and Enrico Corsi, from the ITLS Italy chapter.

Mr. Rivera, a member of the ITLS Editorial Board, has provided time, patience, and guidance as ITLS works with its Spanish-speaking colleagues. He has generously donated his time to translate educational materials, policy and procedures manuals, and to interpret for ITLS.

Mr. Corsi, who could not attend the conference due to the upcoming birth of his third child, is one of the organizers of the ITLS European con-



ference and has worked to bring the European chapters together to share experiences, research and ideas to advance trauma care. At this year's European conference, several faculty members were stranded in Italy because of the volcanic ash cloud. Mr. Corsi opened his home and provided many days of hospitality to his guests until they could fly home.

Darby Copeland, M.Ed, RN, EMT-P, ITLS West Virginia Chapter Coordinator,

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# Two Bylaws Amendments Accepted

Delegates at the 2010 International Trauma Conference in Reno, Nevada, approved the following two amendments to the ITLS Bylaws during the Conference's Business Sessions.

## **Explanation of Amendment #1:**

Previous bylaws did not specify who may serve as a delegate from a chapter. With the new amendment, language has been inserted into the delegate section to require that a delegate have a relationship with the chapter including but not limited to serving as an ITLS provider, instructor, medical director, or administrative personnel. Chapters will no longer be permitted to credential family members or spouses to act as delegates, or to "borrow" conference attendees from other chapters.

### **AMENDMENT #1**

#### **Article V, Section 3 Appointment of Voting Delegates**

On or before June 1 of the Congress year, the Speaker will notify or cause to be notified, in writing, each Chapter of the number of delegates assigned to the Chapter in accordance with Article 5, Section 2 of these Bylaws. Each Chapter will submit in writing to the BTLS Office, the names and addresses of the delegates appointed to represent the Chapter at the International Congress no later than 60 days prior to the International Congress. Eligibility to be appointed as a delegate by a chapter is limited to persons who have a role in the chapter including serving as a BTLS/ITLS provider, BTLS/ITLS instruc-

tor, BTLS/ITLS Chapter Medical Director, BTLS/ITLS Chapter Coordinator, or person engaged in an administrative capacity.

## **Explanation of Amendment #2:**

Under the previous bylaws, a nominee needed to receive a majority of votes cast to be elected. If a ballot did not result in election of the number of positions to be elected, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes was removed from subsequent ballots. Multiple ballots were cast until a majority was achieved.

The amendment changes the election process so that the candidates receiving the most votes per position are elected. The top vote-getters will be elected regardless of whether they received a majority of the votes cast. To be valid, ballots must contain votes for the number of candidates being elected so that no ballot could be weighted toward one candidate.

The amended process prevents numerous subsequent ballots to achieve election of a candidate.

### **AMENDMENT #2**

#### **Article VI, Section 2 Election Procedure for Board of Directors, Speaker and Vice Speaker**

Election of the Board of Directors shall be by secret ballot prepared or caused to be prepared by the Speaker of the Congress. The ballot shall include the slate of candidates plus space for additional nominees by the delegates. Each delegate shall

be entitled to one vote, not only for each of the nominees on the slate but also for any other candidate. Candidates receiving the highest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. ~~To be elected a nominee must receive a majority vote of the credentialed delegates present and voting. In the event that there are more nominees than vacancies, each nominee must receive a majority vote. Should the first ballot not result in a majority vote for any of the vacancies, subsequent ballots will be taken until such time as the authorized number of officials are elected by majority vote. With each subsequent ballot, the individual receiving the fewest number of votes on the previous ballot shall be deleted. In such cases where more than the authorized number of nominees receive a majority vote, the nominee with the most votes will be considered elected. Ballots improperly marked or blank will be considered null and not counted. An improperly marked ballot will include those which do not contain the number of votes cast as nominees to be elected.~~ Ballots will be collected and counted by a tabulation committee appointed by the Speaker and shall consist at a minimum of two Board members not being considered for elected office. Ballots will be available for review following the election at a place designated by the Speaker, and retained for a period of 30 days. At the end of 30 days, the ballots will be destroyed.

The amended Bylaws will be in effect for the 2011 Business Sessions held at the conference in Nashville, Tenn.



# International Networking Reception Well-Received

The first International Chapter Networking Reception at the annual Trauma Conference was a success. Conference attendees from international chapters were invited to the one-hour event to network with Board of Directors and ITLS committee members and make connections with other attendees.

The reception was the effort of the Global Development Committee as a way to make international delegates feel welcome at the conference. Approximately 50 conference attendees from 16 countries participated in the networking reception.



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 Witamy • Добродошли • Üdvözöljük • Welcome to all of our ITLS chapters!

ITLS President John Campbell, MD, FACEP recognized the international delegates and thanked them for traveling to attend the conference.

Later during the conference, the international delegates took a group photo for the inaugural event (above).

**TOP:** Individuals from Puerto Rico, Argentina, India, South Africa, Canada, Australia, Japan, Croatia, Ireland, and Slovenia were among those in attendance at the International Chapter Networking Reception.

**LEFT:** From left to right, Dr. Elsabe Nel, Chapter Medical Director for ITLS South Africa, Lisa Kutzner, Chapter Coordinator for ITLS Alberta, and Bob Page, Chapter Coordinator for ITLS Missouri, display their countries' flags on their name badges.

# Changes to Payment Policy Will Start Dec. 1

## Pre-payment To Be Required for All Bookstore Orders

ITLS has made some changes to ITLS policies on purchasing textbooks, other educational materials, and specialty items.

Starting December 1, 2010, ITLS will require pre-payment for all bookstore orders. No Purchase Orders will be accepted or credit extended.

Payment may be made with a credit card, cash or check. ITLS accepts all major credit cards: VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover.

When paying by check or cash, items will **not** be shipped until payment is received.

If you have previously used a purchase order to buy books or other items, please plan to implement another method of purchase for all orders after December 1. Thank you for your cooperation.

# ITLS World Café Greeted with Enthusiasm by Chapter Coordinators, Medical Directors

The ITLS Chapter Support Committee introduced a new model for the Chapter Coordinators and Medical Directors Workshop at the 2010 International Trauma Conference. The "ITLS World Cafe," in which small-group discussions were held on a variety of topics with participants rotating through the tables at their discretion, was a success.

The approximately 65 attendees at the World Cafe workshop were so pleased with the format that they requested a similar session at the 2011 conference, preferably as a half-day or preconference event.

During the two-hour session, Chapter Coordinators and Medical Directors were asked for their input and ideas on eight topics:

- What recommendations would you make to improve teaching the didactic portions of the ITLS program?
- What recommendations would you make to improve teaching the skills stations of the ITLS program?
- What recommendations would you make to improve the current agenda of the adult Provider program?
- What, in your opinion, would

help ITLS to grow globally?

- What action would you like from the Board of Directors that would help your Chapter?
- What one thing would help your Chapter to bring more classes to your area?
- What one thing would you like to tell the Board of Directors?
- What would you like to see presented or changed at the annual conference?

The Board of Directors will discuss the comments generated by each of the discussion tables at its January 2011 meeting.

## North Carolina Team Wins '10 Competition

The North Carolina team from Surry County was selected as the winner of the 2010 ITLS Competition during the International Trauma Conference in Reno, Nevada. This is the second year in a row that the North Carolina team has taken the award.

Team members are: Roger Horton, NREMT-P, Barry McMillian, EMT-P, and Robert Coleson, EMT-P. Congratulations to the team!

The North Carolina team competed against teams from Ontario, Canada and Reno, Nevada in the Finals.

Teams from Japan, Croatia, Slovenia, and Texas also competed in the Pre-

liminary round of the Competition.

ITLS would like to thank the ITLS Competition Task Force members and volunteers for their work in planning and executing the annual Competition. For more pictures from the Competition, please see Page 8 and log on to [ITRAUMA.org/conference](http://ITRAUMA.org/conference).



TOP: The North Carolina competitors were Roger Horton, NREMT-P (front), Barry McMillian, EMT-P (back left), and Robert Coleson, EMT-P (back right).

LEFT: Dr. John Campbell congratulates the North Carolina team on being named the winner of the Competition for the second year in a row.

# More Highlights from 2010 International Trauma Conference in Reno, Nevada

The 2010 International Trauma Conference on November 3-6 in Reno, Nevada was a success, attracting 240 physicians, nurses, physician assistants, and EMS personnel from 17 countries and territories worldwide.

Representatives from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Palestine, Russia, Slovenia, South Africa, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the United States were in attendance.

The conference's Opening Session kicked off with the Reno Fire Department's Honor Guard and special guest Bill Webb performing. Bob Cashell, mayor of Reno, welcomed the ITLS community to the city.

The keynote lecture featuring Bryan Bledsoe, DO, FACEP, NREMT-P and special guest Randolph Mantooth examined health and safety considerations for EMS providers, exploring

the possible link between carbon monoxide (CO) exposure and firefighter deaths from cardiovascular disease and similar conditions. Mr. Mantooth, a professional actor, director, producer and screenwriter best known for his portrayal of paramedic Johnny Gage in the long-running television series "Emergency!", travels with Dr. Bledsoe to present this popular lecture because of a personal connection to the issue: he spoke about his own near-death CO experience as part of the session.

The conference social event, Reno Casino Night, featured a slot machine tournament along with an instructional blackjack table and plenty of socializing. Jiro Shimada of Japan (at right) was declared the winner of the slot machine tournament with his high score of 9,664.



Randolph Mantooth (center) poses with ITLS President John Campbell and ITLS Editorial Board Chair Donna Hastings.



ABOVE: Jiro Shimada proudly displays his high score for the Casino Night slot machine tournament.

BELOW LEFT: Dr. Bryan Bledsoe presents a session on the controversies of medical helicopter use.



BELOW RIGHT: The Reno Fire Department Honor Guard begins the Opening Session of the conference as attendees look on.



# ITLS Annual Awards Recognize Service

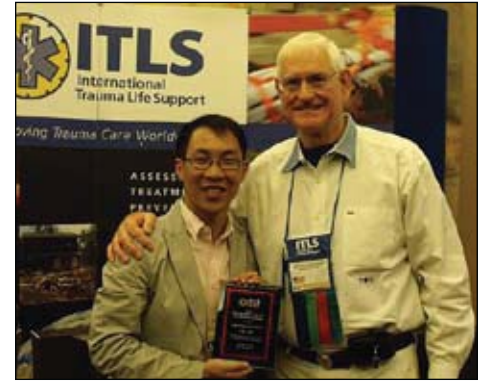
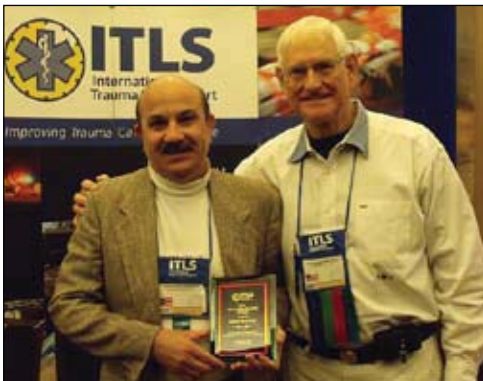
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was presented with the Pat Gandy Coordinator of the Year Award. As a coordinator, educator, nurse and paramedic, he is recognized for his enthusiasm for ITLS and other educational programs in his state. His colleagues have commended his dedication and devotion to promote ITLS throughout West Virginia.

The Ray Fowler Instructor of the Year Award was awarded to George Mur-

phy, EMT-P of Boston, Mass., for his excellence in teaching and innovation in ITLS programs. Mr. Murphy, a training officer for the City of Boston EMS, is a veteran EMS educator who has promoted ITLS throughout his career. This year, he was successful in securing departmental approval and funding to train over 300 EMS personnel in ITLS. Unfortunately, Mr. Murphy was recovering from an illness and unable to join ITLS at the conference this year.

The Harvey Grant Memorial Award for excellence in developing and promoting ITLS Access programs was presented to Jacky Chan Chun Kit, RN, Chapter Coordinator for ITLS Hong Kong Hospital Authority. At his own expense, Mr. Chan traveled to the Japan chapter to learn Access and adapt it to his chapter. He developed specific scenarios, translated PowerPoints, and introduced Access to Hong Kong.



Dr. John Campbell congratulates 2010 ITLS award winners Roberto Rivera (left), Darby Copeland (center), and Jacky Chan Chun Kit (right) after the Awards Ceremony.

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The North Carolina competitors work on a patient during the Final Round of the Competition.



LEFT: Attendees at the conference's Reno Casino Night pick up tips on blackjack from a casino dealer.

BELOW LEFT: The ten top scorers of the slot machine tournament show off their prizes.

BELOW RIGHT: Board member Tony Connelly (left) talks with German Fernandez (right) of Argentina at the International Chapter Networking Reception.



# 'Members Only' Section of ITRAUMA.org Offers Valuable Resources for Chapters

All Chapter Coordinators and Medical Directors are encouraged to check the Members Only section of ITRAUMA.org frequently for resources available only to Chapter personnel.

This page is where ITLS posts all pertinent documents released to the Chapters. Here's an overview of what you can currently find:

- ITLS eTrauma and Completer Course resources, including the Implementation Guidelines, lesson demos, marketing resources, and course policies
- The 2010 "Guidelines for Chapters" Compendium of Policies
- Template Policy & Procedure Manual
- 3rd Edition ITLS Pediatric resources including all tests and keys

- A direct link to log in to CMS
- A link to the Chapter Bookstore that offers the discounted pricing on ITLS publications
- An ITLS-PHTLS Comparison fact sheet
- The 6th edition instructor resources, including the Power-Point slides, Instructor Guide, Instructor Update slides in English and Spanish, and all tests and keys
- The Teaching Improvement Products and Services (TIPS) section created by the Editorial Board to publish documents of use and interest to ITLS Chapter Coordinators and Medical Directors.
- The "Alerts and Updates" news section, where all past issues of Chapter News are archived

To access these materials, you must have a username and password for this section. Please note that this is NOT the same login you use for CMS.

To log in, enter your username and password from the main page of ITRAUMA.org. The login is located along the lefthand side of the page.

If you need to request a login to the Members Only section, please visit: [www.itrauma.org/members/register.asp](http://www.itrauma.org/members/register.asp)

If you have registered in the past but forgotten your username or password, please email Kate Blackwelder at [kateb@itrauma.org](mailto:kateb@itrauma.org) for this information.

## Deadline Extended to Submit Proposals for 2011 Conference Presentations

The ITLS Conference Planning Committee is seeking fresh new topics to be presented at the 2011 International Trauma Conference. The deadline to submit a presentation proposal has been extended to **Monday, December 6, 2010**.

The 2011 conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee on October 25-28 at the Nashville Airport Marriott Hotel.

The International Trauma Conference meets the needs of physicians, nurses, EMTs, paramedics, hospital administrators and EMS administrators from around the world.

ITLS looks for speakers with exciting, timely, thought-provoking and educationally sound topics that are relevant to emergency and trauma care with an international perspective.

If you would like to be considered for faculty position at the 2011 International Trauma Conference, please complete and submit a presentation packet, available on ITRAUMA.org in the News section. Presentation packets must be completed thoroughly in order for you to be considered. If you have questions, please contact Lora Finucane at [loraf@itrauma.org](mailto:loraf@itrauma.org) or 800.495.4857 x 219.



Deadline to submit committee applications is **Friday, December 31, 2010.**

*Notification of committee appointments will be made via email by January 31, 2011.*

## ITLS COMMITTEE APPLICATION - 2011

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Credentials: \_\_\_\_\_

ITLS Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_