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## Registration Open for 2006 Conference

### ► Boston to Host ITLS for Annual International Trauma Conference in November

Registration is now open for the 22nd International Trauma Conference to be held in historic Boston, Massachusetts from November 2-4. Celebrate ITLS' first year by joining your colleagues from around the globe at the world's premier pre-hospital trauma conference.

This year, ITLS is proud to welcome two noted speakers to the conference. EMS humorist and cartoonist Steve Berry will present an opening session on making life worth living. EMS author Bryan Bledsoe, DO, FACEP, EMT-P will present educational sessions on shock and pain.

### More highlights of the conference include:

- A customizable educational experience, with an educator's track and a clinical track offered during all concurrent sessions to provide relevant topics for every conference participant

- A unique pre-conference Provider Course taught by ITLS founder and president John E. Campbell, MD, FACEP, and other ITLS textbook authors and leaders

- Pre-conference workshops on: "The Art of Traumillusion" moulage workshop and "Airway: Special Situations"

- A pre-conference Access Course Instructor Update to introduce the 2nd edition of ITLS Access

- The annual ITLS Competition

- "A Taste of New England" Social Event: Dinner, Drinks and Dancing By the Bay

### Location

The International Trauma Conference will be held just outside of Boston in suburban Newton, Massachusetts. With Logan International Airport less than 15 minutes away, getting to the conference is no problem at all. The proximity to Boston is undeniable – just 10 miles from downtown and within minutes of some



**November 2 - 4, 2006**  
Boston Marriott Newton ★ Newton, Massachusetts



of the city's most famous landmarks, neighborhoods, universities and more. Don't miss your opportunity to explore all Boston has to offer, from historic Lexington and Concord and the Boston Harbor to Fenway Park and Faneuil Hall Marketplace.

### Hotel

The conference headquarters hotel is the Boston Marriott Newton. This picturesque property is nestled on 17 acres along the banks of the Charles River, combining charm, elegance, and

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# First ITLS Courses Conducted in Iraq

## ► Security Personnel at U.S. Contractor Camps in Baghdad Area Take ITLS Basic, Advanced

Since January 2006, ITLS Basic and Advanced courses have been provided to security personnel working in Baghdad, Iraq, and surrounding areas.

Course participants are employees of Armor Group International, a large private security firm that provides close-protection services to projects around the world.

In Iraq, these personnel handle security inside a U.S. contractor camp, which provides accommodations and work space to employees of international bodies who are rebuilding the infrastructures of Iraq, such as water systems, power systems, and hospitals. The security personnel also handle all movement of the contractor employees on the road, in armored SUVs. Similar to the U.S. Secret Service, they are trained to protect the camp from external hostility, keep unauthorized and dangerous individuals out, move clients in a protected formation, extricate clients from hostile situations, and efficiently evacuate the camp in the event of an overrun by insurgents.

ITLS courses were chosen as a method to provide all security personnel a common knowledge base and skill set for trauma response. According to Course Coordinator Thomas L. Jacobs, EMT-P, medical officer for Camps Basrah, I.Z., and Kanun in the Baghdad area, ITLS training allows the personnel to approach trauma with the same team focus that they employ for security operations.

Most of the security personnel being trained are ex-military or Special Forces from the U.K., Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand; all have some medical training, but their backgrounds vary. Some have only basic first-aid skills, while others are First Responders and paramedics.

The contractor camps usually have advanced medical personnel, such as medical officers, on site, but the security personnel are still the likely first responders for any trauma, especially something that occurs "outside the wire" or during personnel movement.

Jacobs said his purpose in Iraq is to provide both emergency care and expanded-scope primary care to his camp personnel, "everything from the regular daily sick-call to suturing." The ITLS program has expanded into an advanced training role within Jacobs' camp due to the wide demand for it by security personnel.

**RIGHT: ITLS courses are conducted at the contractor camps in order to provide all security personnel, who are typically the first responders to any trauma, with common knowledge and skills for trauma response.**



Security personnel at a U.S. contractor camp in Iraq practice insertion of a multi-lumen airway during an ITLS Basic course.



Participants learn to immobilize the c-spine as part of the ITLS training provided at Camps Basrah, I.Z., and Kanun in Baghdad.



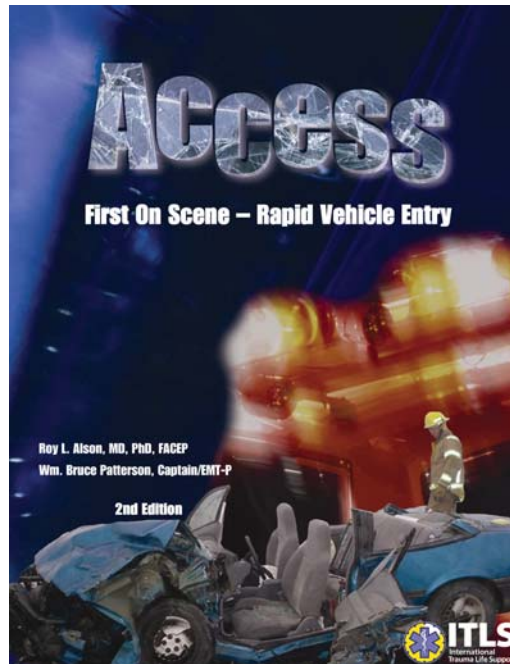
# 2nd Edition of Access Text to Be Released in October

The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of ITLS' Access textbook, a manual teaching rapid vehicle entry procedures and extrication techniques, will be published in early October.

The new edition features completely revised text and all-new color photographs. More than 150 illustrations are included. Updated chapters include new information on Supplemental Restraint Systems, other safety mechanisms in newer-style vehicles, and expanded sections focusing on the unique challenges posed by hybrid and alternative-fueled vehicles. The text also includes a chapter devoted to awareness of special extrication situations, such as incidents involving trucks, buses or fixed-wing rotary aircraft.

The Access text will cost \$25 and will be available via ITLS' online bookstore at [www.itrauma.org](http://www.itrauma.org) or by calling 888-495-4857. An Access Instructor Guide with PowerPoint slides will be released concurrently with the publication of the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition manual.

To correspond with the scheduled release of the new Access materials, Bruce Patterson, Captain/EMT-P, and



Anthony Cellitti, CCEMT-P/FF III, will conduct an Access Instructor Update as part of the pre-conference events at the 2006 International Trauma Conference in Boston, Massachusetts in November. The Instructor Update will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, November 2, 2006, and will identify critical changes to the course materials that instructors need to know before teaching the updated course. The session is free to conference participants but registration is requested.

## ITLS Editorial Board Member Elected Mayor

Congratulations are extended to ITLS Editorial Board member Eduardo Romero Hicks, MD, who has been elected mayor of the City of Guanajuato in Mexico. Dr. Romero Hicks is also chapter medical director for the Guanajuato chapter.

Dr. Romero Hicks begins his term in October.



**Eduardo Romero Hicks, MD, rests against a campaign vehicle during the campaign.**

# Registration Open for 2006 Conference

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comfort for a conference experience that's uniquely New England. The full-service hotel offers restaurants, lounges, and fitness facilities, and is just minutes from local shopping, restaurants, nightclubs, and theatres.

ITLS has arranged special rates for conference participants – \$119 single, double, triple, or quad occupancy plus applicable taxes. The cut-off date for this special rate is Wednesday, October 11. Reservation requests will be accepted on a space- and rate-available basis and may be subject to prevailing hotel rates.

To reserve a room, please contact Marriott Reservations at 800-228-9290 or 617-969-1000. To receive the special rate for your entire stay, be sure to mention that you're a part of the ITLS trauma conference.

Reservations can also be made online at [www.stayatmarriott.com/ITLS](http://www.stayatmarriott.com/ITLS). This website already provides the special conference rate, so there's no need to enter a group code.

### Registration

The most convenient way to register with VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover (no debit or check cards, please) is to log on to [www.itrauma.org](http://www.itrauma.org).

Participants can register by phone by calling 888.495.ITLS (4857) or 630.495.6442. Or, fax the completed registration form to 630.495.6404.

Completed registration forms may also be mailed. Checks should be made payable to International Trauma Life Support.

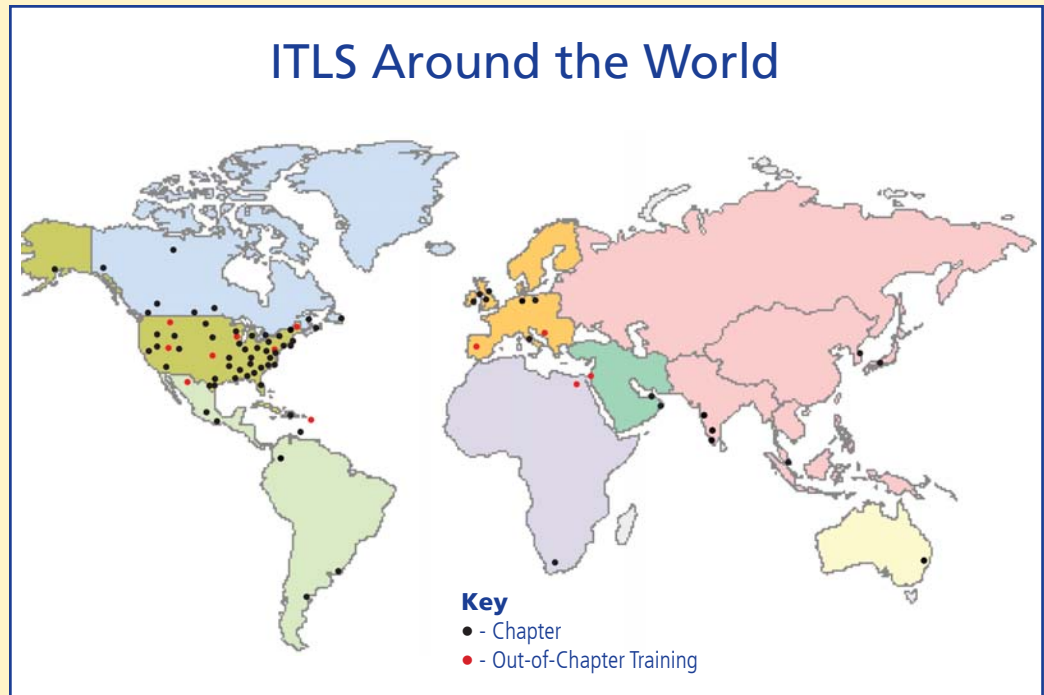
Questions may be addressed to Lora Finucane at [loraf@itrauma.org](mailto:loraf@itrauma.org) or 888.495.ITLS, ext. 219.

# ITLS Proud to Welcome Two New Chapters

Two new chapters in Europe and South America have been approved by ITLS' Board of Directors.

The newest members of the ITLS organization are: Caldas, Colombia and Germany.

In addition to the establishment of new chapters, ITLS courses administered by the International office continue to be held worldwide, in locations including: Iraq; Spain; Croatia; Egypt; Aruba; Liberia; and Nigeria.



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