

May 5, 2020

Dear ITLS Chapters and Training Centres,

I hope that you and your families are all keeping safe and well through this difficult pandemic. Our thoughts are with each and every one of you who have been affected by this virus.

The Covid-19 pandemic is unprecedented in the scale and challenges it presents. The ITLS family must play its part in keeping our communities safe. For that reason, we have had some difficult decisions to make. These decisions were necessary to ensure the safety of the instructor and student network as well as allowing the continuity of ITLS operations.

## **International Conference Tampa 2020**

After in-depth discussion, the ITLS Board of Directors have voted that it is in the best interest of ITLS and the instructor network to postpone the 2020 International Trauma Conference and business session planned for Tampa, Florida. This was a difficult decision as we know how important it is for the ITLS family to meet to discuss business and stay connected. In making this decision, we considered the effect that the current pandemic would have on budgets and travel restrictions. Therefore, the decision was made early on so that we all can plan accordingly.

This will mean that the International Trauma Conference and business session will be rescheduled for Tampa in 2021. The conference planned for Niagara, Canada will take place in 2022.

The current situation is clearly affecting the personal and professional lives of us all. ITLS will remain committed to our mission, and I want to thank you all for your continued dedication to helping save lives.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2021. Please do not hesitate to contact the ITLS office if you need any clarification or have questions.

Please stay safe until we meet again,

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