2018 INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL RESCUE SYMPOSIUM

November 1 - 4, 2018
RED LION HOTEL ON THE RIVER
909 N. Hayden Island Drive Portland, Oregon 97217
503-283-4466

ITRS is the leading forum for up-to-date, state-of-the-art, technical rescue information. Rescuers representing mountain, cave, fire, industrial, and swift water gather to discuss ways to improve safety and performance, and answer questions such as:

- What's been tested lately?
- Is that belay system reliable?
- Two-tension system or main and belay?
- Will that "xxx" hurt my rope?
- How will that new standard affect me?
- What's new in air operations?
- What do we know about that accident?

The Symposium format consists of two and a half days of peer presentations. There are no vendor displays or anyone selling T-shirts, but plenty of opportunity for you to talk to other rescuers to exchange ideas, find out what others are doing, and how they are solving problems.

ITRS encourages a free flow of information among participants by limiting the number of attendees to keep the setting small, which permits better audience participation.

HASTY TOPICS Short, impromptu talks on current topics of interest. An opportunity to share experience or lessons learned during the year. Sign up to present your Hasty topic at the ITRS Registration table.

Have you presented at ITRS? If not, you should consider it! You might be the next recipient (2018) of the Steve Hudson Presenter Award for Best Overall presentation, or honored with the Most Practical presentation, or Best New Research!

Register online at **itrsonline.org.**

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ITRS GRANT INFORMATION

A limited number of grants are available to cover the registration fees of presenters and others for whom the cost might represent an unreasonable hardship. Grants cover only registration—all other expenses (travel, room, board, etc.) remain the responsibility of the attendee.

To qualify for the grant, a prospective attendee must meet the following conditions:

- Must not represent a U.S. for-profit entity in the fields of Rescue, Rope Access, Training or Equipment.
- Must offer a tangible benefit to the event.
- Must meet stated requirements.
- For presenters, must submit all materials as requested and on time (see Presenter Agreement).
- Must make application for grant prior to August 31, 2018
- There are a limited number of grants, so not every application may be approved.

To apply for a grant, visit **itrsonline.org** and download the Grant Application Form. Send the completed form to program@ITRSonline.org

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NASAR National Association for Search and Rescue

SPRAT Society of Professional Rope Access Technicians

National Cave Rescue Commission

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SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 1

6 –10 pm **Check-in and informal Meet & Greet**

Friday, November 2

8 am - 5 pm **Presentations**

Saturday, November 3

8 am - 5 pm **Presentations**

Sunday, November 4

8 am – 1 pm **Presentations**
3 pm – 6 pm **ASTM F32 Committee Meeting**

Monday, November 5

8 am – 2 pm **ASTM F32 Committee Meeting**

SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

BEGINS DECEMBER 1, 2017
Register online at **regonline.com/ITRS2018.**

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT (Paid by April 1, 2018)
$305 for AAC, MRA, NASAR, NCRC (NSS) SPRAT Members
$385 for Non-Members

REGULAR REGISTRATION (Paid after April 1, 2018)
$365 for AAC, MRA, NASAR, NCRC (NSS) SPRAT Members
$425 for Non-Members

For more information visit **itrsonline.org.** Click Register Online Today! or go directly to **regonline.com/ITRS2018.**

FEES INCLUDE a copy of the conference papers, morning and afternoon refreshments, a continental breakfast on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings, and a Saturday evening reception. Lunches and evening meals are not included.

PAYMENT DEADLINE Any registration for which payment in full has not been received by October 1, 2018 will be automatically canceled. Members of government agencies, who must attend the symposium prior to making payment, must submit an approved purchase order prior to October 1, 2018. Payment will be due 15 days after the symposium. The cancellation and refund policy (right) also applies to these participants.

SUBSTITUTIONS If the person originally registered cannot attend, a substitution is allowed. Please notify us as soon as possible.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS Registration fees paid by credit card must be verified before registration is accepted. Any credit card registration for which charges are not approved will be cancelled and the person will be notified.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS Cancellations must be submitted in writing to scox@pmirope.com, or to ITRS Registration, P.O. Box 803, Lafayette, GA 30728. Refunds will be calculated by the date the notification is received.

We recommend that you secure your ITRS registration prior to purchasing airfare as the event has the potential to sell out.

Prior to September 1, 2018	Full refund
September 1 to October 1, 2018	75% refund
After October 1, 2018	No refund

ACCOMMODATIONS

ITRS has arranged for a block of rooms with the Red Lion Hotel on the River - Jantzen Beach.Please make reservations directly with the Red Lion Hotel for a special daily rate of $139.

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NOTE: Reservations must be received by Tuesday October 9, 2018 in order to receive the ITRS group rate.

ASTM MEETING

A meeting of the ASTM F32 Search & Rescue Standards Committee will be held following ITRS 2018 on Sunday afternoon and Monday morning at the Red Lion Hotel.

2018 PRESENTATION AWARDS

To encourage and reward excellence in presentations made at ITRS, the hosts sponsor a program to acknowledge presentations which reflect excellence in three areas:

Facts and Data (rather than opinion or conclusions)
Choice of Topic (applicability to field work)
State-of-the-Art Technical Rescue

Following the final presentation, attendees vote based on five categories. One award is given in each category. The presentation receiving the most votes overall receives the Steve Hudson Presenter Award. Each winner receives a $200 honorarium.

Best Paper
Most Enjoyable
Most Thought Provoking
Most Practical
Best New Research
Steve Hudson Presenter Award Best Overall

ADDITIONAL INFO PRESENTATIONS AND REGISTRATION

PRESENTATIONS
For additional information about presenting at ITRS 2018, please email program@ITRSonline.org

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