

# International Technical Rescue Symposium

November 5—8, 2009

The Pueblo Convention Center, Pueblo, Colorado

ITRS is the leading forum for up to date, state-of-the-art, technical rescue information. Rescuers representing mountain, cave, fire, industrial, and swiftwater 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-rope 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. ITRS allows a maximum number of 150 attendees to keep the setting small which permits better audience participation.

To encourage quality presentations, ITRS features the *Best of Show* awards ballot. Have you done a presentation at ITRS? If not, you might want to think about it. You might be the next presenter to be awarded the Best Overall Presentation, Most Practical Presentation, or Best New Research!

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## ITRS 2009 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**

After the final presentation, attendees will vote on the presentations based on seven categories: one award going to each category. Each winner will receive a \$200 honorarium.

## ASTM Fall Meeting

A meeting of the ASTM F32 Search & Rescue Standards Committee will be held following ITRS 2009 on Sunday afternoon and Monday morning at the Pueblo Marriott.

## Registration Fees

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT** (Paid before April 1, 2009)  
\$235.00 for AAC, MRA, NASAR, NCRC (NSS) SPRAT Members  
\$280.00 for Non-Members

**REGULAR REGISTRATION** (Paid after April 1, 2009)  
\$300.00 for AAC, MRA, NASAR, NCRC (NSS) SPRAT Members  
\$345.00 for Non-Members

**FEES INCLUDE:** A copy of the conference papers, coffee and afternoon refreshments, a continental breakfast on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning, and dinner on Saturday night. Lunch and remaining evening meals are not included.

**PAYMENT DEADLINE:** Any registration for which payment in full has not been received by September 1, 2009 will be automatically cancelled. Members of government agencies, who must attend the symposium prior to making payment, must submit an approved purchase order prior to September 1, 2009. Payment will be due 15 days after the symposium. The cancellation and refund policy below will also apply to these participants.

**SUBSTITUTIONS:** Substitutions will be allowed if the person originally registered cannot attend. Please notify us of all substitutions as soon as possible.

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS:** Registration fees paid by credit card must be verified before registration will be accepted. Any credit card registration for which charges are not approved will be automatically cancelled.

**CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:** Cancellations must be submitted in writing to PMI's office. Refunds will be calculated by the date the notification is received:

Prior to September 1, 2009: Full refund;  
September 1, 2009 to October 1, 2009: 75% refund;  
after October 1, 2009: No refund.

## 2009 Symposium Schedule

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Check-In and Informal Meet & Greet: 7:00—10:00 pm

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Presentations begin at: 8:00 am

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Presentations begin at: 8:00 am

Dinner Gathering: to be determined

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Presentations begin at: 8:00 am—Noon

ASTM F32 Committee Meeting: in the afternoon

## Symposium Registration

In order to encourage the informal free flow of information among participants, enrollment has been limited to 150 people. If necessary, a waiting list will be constructed.

To register, please go to [WWW.ITRSONLINE.ORG](http://WWW.ITRSONLINE.ORG) and click on "register online", or use one of these registration forms for each person who plans to attend. You may make copies of the attached form, or call Sherry Cox at (706) 764-1437 ext. 234 to request additional forms.

## Accommodations

ITRS has arranged for a block of rooms with the Pueblo Marriott for a special rate of \$99.00 (tax not included) per night for single, double, triple or quadruple occupancy. Participants staying at the Marriott may deduct \$40 from the appropriate ITRS registration fees. If you choose to stay at the Marriott, make reservations directly with:

### PUEBLO MARRIOTT HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER

110 West First Street, Pueblo, CO 81003

For Reservations: (800) 228-9290 or (719) 542-3200

Please reference ITRS 2009 when calling.

[www.pueblomarriott.com](http://www.pueblomarriott.com)

Internet Reservations Group Code: ITRITRA

The new ITRS website is : [WWW.ITRSONLINE.ORG](http://WWW.ITRSONLINE.ORG)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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## Registration Form

Complete one copy of this form for each attendee. Provide the information below as you would like it to appear in the ITRS 2009 Attendee List and on your Name Badge.

NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

WORK PHONE

FAX

EVENING PHONE

EMAIL

PAGER

CELL PHONE

AFFILIATION OR ORGANIZATION

BILLING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

#### Registration Fees\*

**Before 4/1/09:** \$235 Members / \$280 Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_

**After 4/1/09:** \$300 Members / \$345 Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_

\* I am staying at the Pueblo Marriott and have deducted \$40 from the fees shown above (see **Accommodations** at left).

Payment Enclosed  Purchase Order Enclosed

Check made payable to ITRS

Credit Card:  Visa  MasterCard  American Express

Card Number

Expires

Name on Card

Signature

Return completed form, with payment, to:

**ITRS, C/O PMI, P.O. Box 803, LaFayette, GA 30728**