

continuously to meet the requirements of the participants and to adapt to changes in emergency medicine and disaster management. Throughout the ICEP course, participants are trained to function as leaders within a local command structure to manage all medical aspects of mass casualty incidents and disasters. Participants learn how to define medical priorities and to analyze and organize key problems, such as triage of victims, medical care and its limitations in field treatment, and means of transportation at mass casualty incidents and disasters. The most recent ICEP course was held in Graz, Austria, at the end of September; future courses are being planned. Further details are available at [www.itaccs.com/programs/index.htm](http://www.itaccs.com/programs/index.htm).

### Essential Trauma Care

International Trauma Care (ITACCS) recently provided significant input for the Essential Trauma Care Course, which is a project of IATSIC and the WHO. The course will provide details of services that are “essential” to prevent death and disability in injured patients that might be considered as the “rights of the injured patient.” These will be categorised into three broad sets of rights:

1. Life-threatening injuries are appropriately treated, according to appropriate priorities and in a timely fashion, to maximise the likelihood of survival.
2. Potentially disabling injuries are treated appropriately so as to minimise functional impairment and to maximize return to independence and participation in community life.
3. Pain and psychological suffering are minimised.

The precise procedures that can optimally achieve these goals, as well as human and physical resources, will vary across the spectrum of economic resources of the world's nations and the geographic location of the facilities concerned. However, these goals should be achievable for most injured patients in most locations.

### TraumaCare: The Team Approach

International Trauma Care (ITACCS) also continues to run a large number of smaller, largely US-based continuing medical education programs in conjunction with Northwest Anesthesia Seminars. The US and international faculty who contribute to these Trauma Team Seminars bring a great depth of experience that continues the success of these programs. Details are available at [www.itaccs.com/programs/index.htm](http://www.itaccs.com/programs/index.htm).

### TraumaCare 2004

Finally, plans for TraumaCare 2004 in Sydney, Australia, are well under way. The Sydney meeting will realize many innovations for ITACCS that are currently in preparation. Details can be found at [www.traumacare2004.com](http://www.traumacare2004.com) and via the recently updated ITACCS website at [www.itaccs.com](http://www.itaccs.com). These are particularly interesting times to be involved in trauma care. Increased collaboration, improved electronic communication, and the continued dedication of clinicians continue to yield real progress.

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## CATALOGUE REVIEW

### Medicine and Health—Going International: An International Course Catalogue

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The compendious catalogue titled *Medicine and Health—Going International*, compiled annually by Dr. Gerhard Polak in Vienna, Austria, contains one of the most complete collections of organizations, institutes, publications, and contacts pertaining to international health, medical aid, and health care management the reader is likely to find. For each edition, Dr. Polak and his staff update information about courses on topics ranging from management of nongovernmental and semi-governmental organizations, quality assurance, psychological preparation, and debriefing of aide workers to practical medical training, including ATLS, ACLS, and PALS. The bilingual catalogue contains short essays in English and German, pro-

viding the rationale for the courses listed thereafter. The 2003/2004 edition lists 2,500 courses and includes a brief essay on the international dilemma of trauma, written by Dr. Michael Parr, President of ITACCS.

The course descriptions, most of them in English, identify the organizer of each event, the topic, the language in which the course will be presented, the qualifications expected from attendees, dates, costs, and contact information. The voluminous appendix lists most serious aid organization around the globe, stratified by country. Addresses of academic institutions involved in the courses are listed, as well as the names and contact information of contributing authors. There is an extensive bibliography listing journals and books pertaining to the subject matter covered by the courses.

The 2004/2005 catalogue (the fourth international bilingual edition) is being compiled now. Its expected publication date is September 2004. Orders can be placed on the Web at <http://www.goinginternational.org/english/index.htm> or by writing to [office@goinginternational.org](mailto:office@goinginternational.org) or Going International, Fasangasse 28/27, A-1030 Vienna, Austria.

Dr. Polak's impressive work should be of substantial benefit to anyone interested in participating in international aid efforts, be it as an administrator or a health care provider. The truly international spectrum of the listed courses documents the authors' admirable ambition to offer a global exchange of expertise.



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