CONCLUSION: PHTLS has had a good acceptance throughout the world. That is because of the people in the pictures that I have shown, as well as a lot of people whom we have not had time to show today. It is what these hard working unselfish individuals have done to make PHTLS and its associated projects such as an international standard.

Three-quarters-of-a-million providers in sixty-one countries taught by 7,500 instructors have taken PHTLS since it started. It has been of remarkable importance and of tremendous impact, but we also can’t forget the impact of the companion course, Basic Trauma Life Support (now known as International Trauma Life Support) that was started by Dr. John Campbell, an emergency physician in Alabama, supported by Alabama ACEP. He sent me a copy of his initial book along with a nice letter. John has also a major impact in teaching people how to take care of patients. These photographs are of the current members of the PHTLS committee, as well as other who that are actively involved in PHTLS (Fig. 8). Will Chapleau has really been the leader of PHTLS and has made it work. I cannot say enough about him and his work. You are all familiar with his work with ATLS and many of the things within the American College of Surgeons, but he has made PHTLS what it is. We know that our patients, our trauma patients, are cared for by the PHTLS standards that were strongly supported by Scott Frame a long time ago. I’m sorry that he’s not here with this today in his body, but I know that his spirit is standing here on the podium with me today just as Joyce is sitting in the audience.

Thank you very much for allowing me to honor Scott with this lecture.