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**International Committee of Military Medicine**  
Center of Reference for Education of  
International Humanitarian Law and Ethics

**Swiss Armed Forces**  
**Medical Services Directorate**

Program

***26<sup>th</sup> Specialized Course for  
Military Medical Personnel on the  
Law of Armed Conflict (LoAC)***

***14<sup>th</sup> Course on Military Medical  
Ethics in Times of Armed Conflict (MME)***



Mandated by the **International Committee of Military Medicine**  
Organized by the **Swiss Armed Forces Medical Services Directorate**

06– 11 September 2026  
in Schwarzenberg Lucerne (Switzerland) and Online



## SUNDAY, 06 September 2026

0700 – 0800\*

Breakfast

### LoAC Courses & MME Course (Plenary)

0800 – 0845

#### Welcome Introduction

Chief of Staff LoAC/MME Courses  
Chairman ICMM Ref. Center  
Head LoAC Teachers ICMM

Col Miloš Sekulić  
Col David Winkler  
Col Johan Crouse

#### LoAC Courses

#### MME Course

0900 – 0945

**Introduction to the LoAC Courses**  
(J. Crouse, Plenary)

**Round of Introduction**  
**Technical aspects**

1000 – 1200

**Ice Breaking**  
**Knowing the Conventions**  
Lecture and discussion

**Introduction to the MME course**  
Lecture and discussion  
(B. Koch)

**Fundamental Principles of IHL #1**  
Lecture and discussion  
(B. Koch)

1200 – 1300

Lunch

#### LoAC Courses

#### MME Course

1330 – 1430

**Wounded, Sick, and Ship-Wrecked**  
Lecture

**Fundamental Principles of IHL #2**  
Lecture and discussion  
(A. Hophan)

1445 – 1700

Case Studies

**Introduction to ethical decision making**  
Lecture and discussion  
(B. Koch)

**Case study #1**  
Ethical & legal analysis, discussion

1800

Dinner

#### Free evening

Spare time, work, sport, leisure ...  
Get-together at the bar



## MONDAY, 07 September 2026

0700 – 0800

Breakfast

LoAC Courses & MME Course (Plenary)

0800 – 0805

**Briefing #1**  
Col Miloš Sekulić

0805 – 0845

**ICMM Presentation**  
Col Johan Crouse (ICMM)  
Plenary Lecture



LoAC Courses

MME Course

0900 – 1200

**Protection of Medical Personnel**  
Lecture  
Case Studies

**Case study #1 (continued)**  
Ethical & legal analysis, discussion.

1200 – 1300

Lunch

LoAC Courses

MME Course

1330 – 1600

**Prisoners of War, Internees**  
Lecture  
Case Studies

**Ethics and the Law**  
Lecture and discussion  
(B. Koch)

**Case Study #2**  
Ethical & legal analysis, discussion,  
conclusions

LoAC Courses & MME Course

1630 – 1700

**Course Picture (all courses)**  
Details during Briefing #1



1800-2200

**Swiss Evening – including dinner**  
Spare time, work, sport, leisure ...  
  
Get-together at the bar



## TUESDAY, 08 September 2026

**0700 – 0800**

**Breakfast**

**LoAC Courses & MME Course (Plenary)**

**0800 – 0805**

**Briefing #2**

Col Miloš Sekulić

**0805 – 0845**

**Introduction to Military Medical Ethics**

Prof. Bernhard Koch

**LoAC Courses**

**MME Course**

**0900 – 1200**

**Protection of Civilians**

Lecture

Case Studies

**Case Study #2 (continued)**

Ethical & legal analysis, discussion,  
conclusions.

**1200 – 1300**

**Lunch**

**LoAC Courses & MME Course (Plenary)**

**1330 – 1430**

**The International Committee of the  
Red Cross (ICRC)**

NN, ICRC

Plenary Lecture



**1600**

**Visit to Lucerne**

Lunch packages distributed before departure  
Details during Briefing #2 and on info board

**Packed meal distributed before departure or  
restaurant at own expenses**

**t.b.d.**

**Transport back to the Hotel** (time according to briefing)  
Get-together at the bar



## WEDNESDAY, 09 September 2026

0700 – 0800

Breakfast

LoAC Courses & MME Course (Plenary)

0800 – 0805

**Briefing #3**  
Col Miloš Sekulić

LoAC Courses

MME Course

0805 – 1200

**0800 – 0845: Challenges for the Military Health Care Practitioner in War and Peacetime** (J. Crouse, plenary)

**Case Study #3**

Ethical & legal analysis, discussion, conclusions.

**0900 – 1200: Exercise tacticus**

1200 – 1300

Lunch

LoAC Courses

MME Course

1330 – 1530

**Exercise tacticus (continued)**

**Case study #4**

Ethical & legal analysis, discussion, conclusions.

Free afternoon

1800

Dinner

Free evening

Spare time, work, sport, leisure ...  
Get-together at the bar



## THURSDAY, 10 September 2026

0700 – 0800

**Breakfast**

**LoAC Courses & MME Course (Plenary)**

0800 – 0805

**Briefing #4**

Col Miloš Sekulić

**LoAC Courses**

**MME Course**

0805 – 1200

**Exercise tacticus (continued)**

**Case study #5**

Ethical & legal analysis, discussion, conclusions.

1200 – 1300

**Lunch**

**LoAC Courses**

**MME Course**

1330 – 1600

**Exercise tacticus (continued)**

**Case study #6**

Ethical & legal analysis, discussion, conclusions.

**Course Evaluation**

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**Transport/ Shuttle**

**Graduation and Closing Ceremony**

*Time and location will be announced during the course.*



**Apéro & Farewell Dinner**

*Time and location will be announced during the course.*



**FRIDAY, 11 September 2026**

**0700 – 0900**

**Breakfast**

### **Checkout and Departure**

**We wish you safe travels back home**



### **Upcoming events**

- Stay informed about future courses and subscribe to our **newsletter** via [www.melac.ch](http://www.melac.ch)



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## Practical Information

### Registration

#### Via our homepage

- LoAC <https://www.melac.ch/courses-workshops/loac-courses/loac-hybrid-2025>
- MME <https://www.melac.ch/courses-workshops/ethics-courses/mme-hybrid-2025>

**Deadline: 30 June 2026**

### Course Venue

**Hotel und Bildungszentrum Matt.** Mattstrasse 19, 6103 Schwarzenberg / Luzern, Switzerland

- <https://www.bzmatt.ch/>



### Contact

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