



Call for Papers – 11th Workshop on Military Medical Ethics

The ICMM Centre of Reference for Education on IHL and Ethics, the Medical Services Directorate of the Swiss Armed Forces, and the Zurich Center for Military Medical Ethics are pleased to announce their co-organized **11th Workshop on Military Medical Ethics**:

The Future of Military Health Care – Utopian and Dystopian Prospects on the Role of (Military) Health Care Providers

16-18 June 2022

Hotel Seaside (Spiez, CH) & hybrid event

Topic

Continuing from our previous workshops on risk (2019), medical innovation (2018), and hybrid warfare (2016), the 11th MME Workshop in 2022 shall focus on how (bio-) technological developments on the one hand and the changing modes of warfare on the other hand will **shape the future role of military health care providers** (HCP). The fundamental legal and ethical obligations of HCP (e.g. neutrality, impartiality, medical ethics) have to prove themselves in the wake of technological developments and new forms of warfare, which both have the potential to cause disruptive changes.

Change can of course be positive or negative. It can transform the world for the better or for the worse, it can lead to the realization of utopian or dystopian prospects. In the 2022 workshop, we want to discuss the **potential of new technologies** to improve medical care, to provide more effective force protection, etc but also take into account **how the role of (military) HCP may be impacted, modified, or transformed** over time either intentionally or as an indirect long-term effect of using future technologies.

Presentations could cover the following topics but (but the list does not claim to be exhaustive):

- The role of health care in future conflicts
- Telemedicine, wearables, biosensors, and remote medical treatment
- Artificial intelligence, big data, discriminatory technology
- Medical enhancement and force protection
- Ethical and legal foundations and principles of impartial health care in armed conflicts
- Ethical role obligations, professional medical ethics

As we would like to include a variety of perspectives we equally encourage **reports** (e.g. case studies, experience briefings on experimental applications), scientific **papers and studies on emerging technologies**, as well as **philosophical papers** and **legal background analyses**.

According to the tradition of the workshop series, we invite presentations by **academics** and **researchers** as well as **military and humanitarian health care providers**.

The outcome of the workshop shall be **published** and is intended to help policy-makers define ethical and legal boundaries with respect to the use of future technologies and with respect to transforming the role of HCP and health care more generally.

Instructions for Abstract Submissions/ Application as a speaker

To submit a proposal and apply to speak at the workshop, please prepare and submit

- An **abstract of your presentation** (max 300 words)
- A **short biography/ CV** (max 150 words)

and submit it via the **online submission form** on <https://apply.melac.ch/>

→ **Deadline for abstract proposals: January 31, 2022**

→ We will notify all applicants by March 1, 2022 at the latest whether their proposals have been selected.

For all selected speakers, we will cover the workshop fee, hotel, and travel expenses (economy class).

For any **questions** with regard to the call for papers or the process of submitting abstracts please contact Daniel Messelken (messelken@militarymedicaethics.ch).

Conference publication

The results of the workshop shall be published in a volume within the **“Military and Humanitarian Medical Ethics”** series, published by Springer. Publications from previous workshops & more information are available on <https://publications.melac.ch>

→ All speakers invited to the workshop are **expected to contribute to this volume and to hand in their papers for review by 31. July 2022.**

Location & participation as guest

The workshop will take place at **Hotel Seaside in Spiez (Switzerland)**. On-site participation will be limited to 30 participants (speakers and faculty included) and an online participation will be possible for a number of pre-registered participants as well.

Details regarding the application process will be published on the workshop website in due time.

→ See <https://melac.ch/courses-workshops/ethics-workshop/2022-mme-workshop>

Workshop fee online 50 CHF (t.b.c.)

Workshop fee on-site ~800 CHF(t.b.c.), includes the airport shuttle (from/ to ZRH), 3 hotel nights (single room), and all meals during the workshop.

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