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To the members of the International
Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM)

Bern, June 2020

8th Course on Military Medical Ethics in Times of Armed Conflict (MME)

**Mandated by the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM)
Organized by the Swiss Armed Forces Medical Services Directorate
from the 31th of August to the 4rd of September 2020 in virtual conference**

Since 1999, Switzerland has the honour to organize the course on International Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC). Furthermore, a course on Military Medical Ethics (MME) is being offered in parallel since 2012. The International Committee for Military Medicine (ICMM) has mandated Switzerland to host these important courses with the aim to familiarize officers in the medical services of the armed forces with the rules and principles of LOAC and MME.

Due to the travel restrictions imposed by the response to COVID-19 by many countries, we unfortunately cannot organize the 2020 course in Spiez / Switzerland as usual. We decided to see the current situation as an opportunity to explore a new format of the course though and to organize the course as a "virtual classroom course". Thus, the 8th ICMM Course on Military Medical Ethics in Times of Armed Conflict (Military Medical Ethics/ MME) will take place from 31 August – 04 September 2020 in video conference.

We have the pleasure to invite military medical personnel, military medico-legal officers and chaplains as well as other personnel from military medical services to our courses. The course is politically and denominationally neutral and is open to all ICMM member states, the EAPC/PfP partner states as well as the MD-states.

You can find detailed information on the content of both courses on the website of the ICMM Center of Reference for Education on IHL and Ethics <https://mme2020.melac.ch/>

Please find enclosed the preliminary notice, course announcement and the application form.

We are looking forward to welcoming course participants from your country.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures mentioned:

Preliminary notice of the 8th Course on Military Medical Ethics in Times of Armed Conflict (MME) by the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM)

The Swiss Ministry of Defence and the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM) will be organizing the 8th Course on Military Medical Ethics in Times of Armed Conflict (MME) for Military Medical Officers **from the 31th of August to the 4rd of September 2020 as a virtual conference.**

The courses are under the aegis of the ICMM and the Surgeon General of the Swiss Armed Forces.

Course Language

The course will be held in English.

Course Fee / Payment / Accommodation

50.00 CHF for the course and course documentation.

Financial support will only be considered on request through the official way and can be granted exceptionally for low-income countries.

Participants

A maximum of 15 participants will be admitted to the course. Enclosed you find the application form.

Teaching Staff

The course will be supported by a staff of international teachers and referents.

Application

For further questions, do not hesitate to contact us. Please send the filled application form before the **20th of July 2020** to courses@melac.ch.

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