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

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

## Course Announcement

# 21<sup>st</sup> Course on the International Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC)

&

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

addressed to the Military Medical Personnel,  
Military Medico-Legal Officers, and Chaplains

**01.-05. September 2019**  
**Spiez, Switzerland**



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

## Course A – Law of Armed Conflict

### 21<sup>st</sup> Course on the International Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC)

by the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM)

01 – 05 September, 2019 in Spiez, Switzerland

The International Committee of Military Medicine, the *ICMM Reference Centre for Education of International Humanitarian Law and Ethics*, and the Swiss Armed Forces Medical Services Directorate wish to offer to Military Medical Personnel, Military Medico-Legal Officers, and Chaplains a

#### **Course on International Law of Armed Conflict (LoAC) aimed to**

- demonstrate relationships, responsibilities and interdependencies between the specific functions of the medical services and International Humanitarian Law.

#### **The course serves to**

- develop the responsibilities of the medical and spiritual personnel under International Humanitarian Law;
- familiarize course participants with International Humanitarian Law;
- establish connections of the International Humanitarian Law with the specific mission of the medical services;
- make opportunities and limits of the International Law of Armed Conflict known;
- recognize and analyze actual problems and challenges related to International Humanitarian Law and the medical ethics within the scope of military operations including peace-keeping operations, and help to look for possible solutions;
- motivate course participants to recognize their responsibility of training Humanitarian Law in their country.

#### **The teaching and training focuses on the Law of Armed Conflict (LoAC)**

- the Geneva Conventions
- their Additional Protocols
- the Hague Conventions
- other sources of International Humanitarian Law

#### **Course Languages**

- The course is organized as follows: two English speaking classes and one French speaking class. Plenary Lectures will be held in English and translated into French simultaneously.

**Further information and the full program** can be found on our homepage

→ <http://loac.melac.ch/>

## Course B – Military Medical Ethics

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

by the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM)

01 – 05 September, 2019 in Spiez, Switzerland

The International Committee of Military Medicine, the *ICMM Reference Centre for Education of International Humanitarian Law and Ethics*, and the Swiss Armed Forces Medical Services Directorate wish to offer to Military Medical Personnel, Military Medico-Legal Officers, and Chaplains as well as other interested members of the armed forces a

#### **Course on *Military Medical Ethics and International Law of Armed Conflict* aimed at**

- enabling participants to recognize and analyze situations that present *ethical and legal dilemmas* from contemporary military deployments;
- qualifying the participants to make legally *and* ethically correct decisions in situations where competences in international law *and* ethics are similarly relevant.

#### **The course**

- establishes connections of the Humanitarian Law with its ethical fundamentals;
- illustrates the ethically difficult role of the medical officer who plays a role between soldier and physician;
- familiarizes course participants with approaching ethically difficult situations and dilemmas by teaching them a framework for ethical decision making;
- recognizes and analyzes current problems and challenges related to International Humanitarian Law and military medical ethics within the scope of military operations including peace-keeping operations, and helps to identify possible solutions;
- motivates course participants to recognize their responsibility of training and disseminating International Humanitarian Law and Ethics.

#### **The teaching and training focuses on Ethics**

- Ethical Decision Making in Military Medical Ethics
- Ethical Foundations of IHL

#### **The course presupposes**

- **a solid knowledge of the fundamental norms of International Humanitarian Law** (Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols) on the level taught in the ICMM LOAC courses.

#### **Course Language**

- The course is held in English language.

**Further information and the full program** can be found on our homepage → <http://mme.melac.ch/>



### Homepages with further information

For further information, you may also consult our homepages:

<http://www.melac.ch>

<http://www.armeesanitaetsdienst.ch>

<http://www.cimm-icmm.org>

### Application/ Registration

A registration form will be provided via the homepages mentioned above.

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