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

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

Since 1999, Switzerland has had the honour of conducting this International Course on the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC). Since 2012, a course on Military Medical Ethics (MME) has been offered in parallel. Switzerland's mandate to host these important courses was awarded by the International Committee for Military Medicine (ICMM) with the aim to familiarise officers of medical services of the armed and security forces with the rules and principles of LOAC MME.

Since 2019, both the 21<sup>st</sup> International LOAC Course and the 7<sup>th</sup> Course on Military Medical Ethics have been modified to adapt to a reduced duration of five days and will be held from 01 - 05 September 2019 in Spiez. Their content has also been updated to reflect the challenges of nowadays deployments and modern conflicts.

We have the pleasure of inviting generals, medical officers, young military doctors, civil servants and other personnel from military medical services. The course is politically and confessionally neutral and is open to all ICMM member States, the EAPC/PfP partner States and the MD-States.

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

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

Armed Forces Staff  
Medical Directorate

Major General Andreas Stettbacher  
Surgeon General of the Swiss Armed Forces

Enclosures mentioned

**Preliminary notice of the 21<sup>st</sup> Course on International Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) and the and the 7<sup>th</sup> 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) are organising their 21<sup>st</sup> International Reference Course on Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) and the 7<sup>th</sup> Course on Military Medical Ethics in Times of Armed Conflict (MME) for Military Medical Officers from **01 – 05 September 2019 in Spiez, Switzerland.**

The courses are under the auspices of the ICMM and the Surgeon General of the Swiss Armed Forces. The course program has been adapted to a 5-days schedule, and the content has been updated to reflect the current challenges of modern conflicts and missions.

**Course Language**

The courses will be held in French and English. Presentations of invited speakers are in English with simultaneous translation provided into French.

**Course Fee / Payment / Accommodation**

- 1170.00 CHF (from 31.08. – 06.09.2019)
- 1295.00 CHF (+ additional night from 30.08. – 06.09.2019)
- This sum includes the accommodation, food and non-alcoholic beverages.
- 80.00 CHF for the course and course documentation.
- Cultural events and excursions with transfers are free of charge.

Every country shall, in accordance with national regulations, pay the salaries, daily allowances and travel costs for its participants. Financial support will only considered on request by the official way and granted exceptionally.

**Participants**

A maximum of 40 participants will be admitted to the courses. Enclosed you will find the application form.

**Teaching Staff**

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

For further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please send the filled application form before July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 to the address below. For later applications, any participation cannot be guaranteed.

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