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Course Announcement

22nd Course on the
International Law of Armed Conflict
(LOAC)

&

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

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

30 August – 03. September 2020
Spiez, Switzerland

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

Course A – Law of Armed Conflict

22nd Course on the **International Law of Armed Conflict** (LOAC)

by the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM)

30 August – 03 September, 2020 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

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

by the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM)

30 August – 03 September, 2020 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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