



## Course Announcement

22<sup>nd</sup> Course on the International Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC)

&

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



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

Mandated by the **International Committee of Military Medicine**

Organized by the **Swiss Armed Forces Medical Services Directorate**

28. August – 01 September 2022  
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**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.
- The online course will be held in English language only.

## Course B - Ethics

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

by the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM)

August 28 – September 01, 2022 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 young 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/>

## General Course Information (A and B course)

### 1. Date, course location/hotel

The courses start officially on **Sunday 28.08.2022 at 0800 a.m.** in "Hotel Seaside", Schachenstrasse 43, CH-3700 Spiez and last until **01.09.2022, 1000 p.m.** after the official closing ceremony.

### 2. Transport

#### 2.1

The registration of all participants will take place **on August 26 or 27, 2022**. A pick-up service and transfer to the course hotel in Spiez will be arranged upon arrival at the airport on these two dates.

Participants from several flights will be met and may have to wait for other passengers as transports are organized for small groups. If you want to use the pick-up service, **is mandatory to send us the filled pickup schedule, addressed to the course administration secretary office LOAC, with the arrival date, time and number of flight in due time.**

Meeting point: staff personnel will wait for you at the exit terminal.

#### 2.2

Transfer to the airport will also be available for departure only **on September 02, 2022**.

#### 2.3

Participants arriving by train will be picked up at the railway station of **Spiez or Bern**.

Homepage of the Swiss Railways: <http://fahrplan.sbb.ch/bin/query.exe/dn>

### 3. Registration

Please keep a **passport copy ready** on the arrival day for the registration at the registration desk.

### 4. Dress

For travel:	civilian dress (you may not enter in Switzerland wearing a uniform!)
During the course:	military uniform, working dress (class room)
For the opening and final ceremony:	military uniform, formal dress (attire: jacket and tie/female equivalent)

To obtain permission to wear a military uniform in Switzerland, participants are requested to contact **their national authorities** for special information in order to take the necessary formalities.

### 5. Visa

For entering Switzerland, a valid passport with a respective visa if needed (valid for the entire duration of the course) or a European identity card is required. **Be sure to make a request for the respective visa just in due time (at the latest 4 weeks before the course)**. On request, the secretariat of the Course can provide you with a letter for the authorities, this letter will be sent to the participant and to the Embassy. The contact with the embassy and all visa formalities must be accomplished by the participant himself. The travel arrangements from your country to Switzerland must be taken care of by your national authorities

**If you don't have a visa before leaving your country to Switzerland, please notify immediately the secretariat of the course.**

### 6. Media Information

If you would like to talk to the media or a wider public, please request an official permission from your Armed Forces to talk about the content of this course and your activities in the field of LOAC in your country.

## 7. Accommodation / Venue

Accommodation is provided at the Hotel Seaside in Spiez, where the courses will take place.

Hotel Seaside  
Schachenstrasse 43  
CH-3700 Spiez  
<https://www.hotel-seaside.ch/en>

The courses can only be attended with registration and after having received the letter of confirmation. For organisational reasons, no specific programme for accompanying person (spouses, family, friend, etc) will be planned. However, accompanying persons are welcome to join during the cultural programme and other social events. Accompanying persons must also register in a timely manner, so that reservations for suitable accommodation can be made.

## 8. Payment

In the price of **CHF 1250.00** are included for **7 days / 6 nights: 27.08. – 02.09.22**, hotel accommodation, food, non-alcoholic beverages and coffee breaks.

Additional course fee: **CHF 80.00**.

**Participants are requested to pay the course fee in CHF (cash) on the day of their arrival at the registration desk.**

### Online participation

Course fee for online participation: **CHF 50.00**.

**Participants shall bear their travelling costs to and from Switzerland.**

Extensive course documents, cultural events and excursions with transfers are free of charge for participants and will be paid by the Swiss Confederation.

## 9. Insurance / Liability

Basic medical service is provided free of charge. Adequate insurance – particularly accident, liability and health – is the participants' own responsibility.

## 10. Application form

⇒ link for application: <https://forms.melac.ch/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=958696&lang=en>  
Deadline: **June 30, 2022**.

## 11. Pick-up form

⇒ **Annex 2**

For any changes send this as soon as possible but not later than **August 15, 2022**.

## 12. Course Secretariat Course on International Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC)

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