



Surgeon General Swiss Armed Forces, CH-3063 Ittigen

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

**16th Course on International Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) and the 2nd Course on
Military Medical Ethics in Times of Armed Conflict (MME) by the International
Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM), 15 – 22 August, 2014 in Spiez, Switzerland**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen

Since 1999, Switzerland has had the honour of conducting this International Course on the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC). Switzerland's mandate to host this important conference was awarded by the International Committee for Military Medicine (ICMM). The aim of this special course is to familiarise officers of medical services of the armed and security forces with the rules and principles of LOAC.

Specifically, it should demonstrate the dual obligation of officers and medical personnel with regard to their medical tasks in war and conflict and their particular responsibility to respect LOAC.

The last reference course attracted highly qualified and selected participants. It was a major success not only in the number of delegates but also in the quality of their performance.

We have the pleasure of inviting generals, medical officers, young military doctors, civil servants and other personnel from military medical services to the 16th International Course LOAC and the 2nd Course MME, which will be held from 15 to 22 August, 2014 in Spiez. The course is politically and confessional neutral and is open to all ICMM member States, the EAPC/PfP partner States and the MD-States.

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

We look forward to welcome participants from your country.

Yours sincerely

Surgeon General, Swiss Armed Forces

Major General Andreas Stettbacher, MD

Enclosures mentioned



PRELIMINARY NOTICE

16th Course on International Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) and the 2nd 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 16th International Reference Course on Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) and the 2nd Course on Military Medical Ethics in Times of Armed Conflict (MME) for Military Medical Officers from

15 - 22 August, 2014 at Spiez, Switzerland

The course is under the auspices of the ICMM and the Surgeon General of the Swiss Armed Forces. It will be based on the same concept as in 2013, but adapted according to the suggestions of the course evaluation.

Course Language

- The course will be held in French and English. Conferences of invited speakers are in English with a translation into French.

Course Fee / Payment

- In the price of CHF 1380.00 are included **for 8 days / nights: 14 - 22 August**, the hotel accommodation, food and non-alcoholic beverages: CHF 1300.00 and the course fee: CHF 80.00. Extensive course documents, 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.

Participant

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

Teacher and Referent

- The course 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 but not later than **July 11, 2014** to the address below. Meet the deadline for sending this application form, later any participation will by not guaranteed.

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