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Armed Forces Logistics Organisation – Medical Services
Centre of Competence for Military and Disaster Medicine

Scientific Program

26th Specialized Course for Military Medical Personnel on the Law of Armed Conflict (LoAC)

14th Course on Military Medical Ethics in Times of Armed Conflict (MME)



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

06-11 September 2026 / Hybrid Course

Schwarzenberg / Lucerne (Switzerland) and Online



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Scientific Committee and Faculty

- Col David Winkler, MD, PhD, Switzerland, University of Basel and Director of the ICMM Centre of Reference for Education in International Humanitarian Law and Ethics
- Prof. Dr. phil. Bernhard Koch, Germany, Institute for Military Medical Ethics of the German Armed Forces, Munich and Teacher ICMM of the Center of Reference for Education in International Humanitarian Law and Ethics
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Organizing Committee

- Col Miloš Sekulić, Chief of Staff LoAC/MME Courses
- Col Fabian Aldcroft, Chief of Staff Medical Services of the Swiss Armed Forces

Discussion Confidentiality

This event will follow the Chatham House Rule to encourage open and honest discussion. Participants may use and share the information discussed, but they must not reveal the identity or affiliation of any speaker or participant.

Time zone

All times in this program are shown in Central European Summer Time (CEST, UTC+2).

Accreditation

European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education
(EACCME®): 26.5 European CME credits (ECMEC®s)





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SUNDAY 06.09.2026

07:00–08:00	Breakfast	
LoAC Course and MME Course (Plenary)		
08:00–08:45	Welcome and Introduction	M. Sekulić D. Winkler J. Crouse
	LoAC Course	MME Course
09:00–09:45	Introduction to the LoAC Course (Lecture and Discussion) J. Crouse	Introduction to the MME Course (Lecture and Discussion) B. Koch
10:00–12:00	Ice Breaking – Knowing the Conventions (Lecture and Discussion)	Fundamental Principles of IHL #1 (Lecture and Discussion) A. Hophan
12:00–13:00	Lunch	
	LoAC Course	MME Course
13:30–14:30	Wounded, Sick and Ship-Wrecked (Lecture and Discussion)	Fundamental Principles of IHL #2 (Lecture and Discussion)
14:45–17:00	Case Studies	Introduction to Ethical decision Making (Lecture and Discussion) S. Ayoub, B. Koch Case Study #1 (Ethical & Legal Analysis, Discussion, Conclusions)
18:00–19:30	Dinner	
From 19:30	Free Evening	Spare time, work, sport, etc. Get-together at the bar



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MONDAY 07.09.2026

07:00–08:00	Breakfast	
LoAC Course and MME Course (Plenary)		
08:00–08:05	Briefing #1	M. Sekulić
08:05–08:45	Presentation of the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM) (Lecture and Discussion)	J. Crouse
	LoAC Course	MME Course
09:00–12:00	Protection of Medical Personnel (Lecture and Case Studies)	Case Study #1 (continued) (Ethical & Legal Analysis, Discussion, Conclusions)
12:00–13:00	Lunch	
	LoAC Course	MME Course
13:30–16:00	Prisoners of War, Internees (Lecture and Case Studies)	Ethics and the Law (Lecture and Discussion) Prof. Dr. Bernhard Koch Case Study #2 (Ethical & Legal Analysis, Discussion, Conclusions)
LoAC Course and MME Course (Plenary)		
16:30–17:00	Picture of all the Participants on the Courses (Details during Briefing #1)	M. Sekulić
18:00–22:00	Swiss Evening – Dinner included	
From 22:00	Free Evening	Spare time, work, sport, etc. Get-together at the bar



TUESDAY 08.09.2026

07:00–08:00	Breakfast	
LoAC Course and MME Course (Plenary)		
08:00–08:05	Briefing #2	M. Sekulić
08:05–08:45	Introduction to Military Medical Ethics (Lecture and Discussion)	B. Koch
	LoAC Course	MME Course
09:00–12:00	Protection of Civilians (Lecture and Case Studies)	Case Study #2 (continued) (Ethical & Legal Analysis, Discussion, Conclusions)
12:00–13:00	Lunch	
LoAC Course and MME Course (Plenary)		
13:30–14:30	The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) (Lecture and Discussion)	ICRC
16:00	Visit to the city of Lucerne (Details during Briefing #2 and on info board)	M. Sekulić
	A packed meal will be distributed before departure, or you can eat at a restaurant at your own expense.	
Time, according to the Briefing	Transport back to the Hotel Get-together at the bar	M. Sekulić



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WEDNESDAY 09.09.2026

07:00–08:00	Breakfast	
LoAC Course and MME Course (Plenary)		
08:00–08:05	Briefing #3	M. Sekulić
	LoAC Course	MME Course
08:05–08:45	Challenges for the Military Health Care Practitioner in War and Peacetime (Lecture and Discussion) J. Crouse	Case Study #3 (Ethical & Legal Analysis, Discussion, Conclusions)
08:45–12:00	Exercise Tacticus	
12:00–13:00	Lunch	
	LoAC Course	MME Course
13:30–15:30	Exercise Tacticus (continued)	Case Study #4 (Ethical & Legal Analysis, Discussion, Conclusions)
15:30–18:00	Free Afternoon	Spare time, work, sport, etc.
18:00–19:30	Dinner	
From 19:30	Free Evening	Spare time, work, sport, etc. Get-together at the bar



THURSDAY 10.09.2026

07:00–08:00	Breakfast	
LoAC Course and MME Course (Plenary)		
08:00–08:05	Briefing #4	M. Sekulić
	LoAC Course	MME Course
08:05–12:00	Exercise Tacticus (continued)	Case Study #5 (Ethical & Legal Analysis, Discussion, Conclusions)
12:00–13:00	Lunch	
	LoAC Course	MME Course
13:30–15:40	Exercise Tacticus (continued)	Case Study #6 (Ethical & Legal Analysis, Discussion, Conclusions)
15:40-16:00	Course Evaluation Form Online	Course Evaluation Form Online
TBA	Transport - Shuttle	M. Sekulić
TBA	Graduation and Closing Ceremony (Details during Briefing #4)	Major General A. Stettbacher M. Sekulić
TBA	Apéro and Farewell Dinner (Details during Briefing #4)	M. Sekulić

FRIDAY 11.09.2026

07:00–08:00	Breakfast	
From 08:00	Checkout and Departure	M. Sekulić

We wish you a safe journey back home!

Upcoming Events

Stay informed about upcoming courses: www.melac.ch



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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Registration for the Courses

Via our homepage

- LoAC: <https://www.melac.ch/courses-workshops/loac-courses/loac-hybrid-2026>
- MME: <https://www.melac.ch/courses-workshops/ethics-courses/mme-hybrid-2026>

Deadline: 2 August 2026

Course venue

Hotel und Bildungszentrum Matt: <https://www.bzmatt.ch/>

Address: Mattstrasse 19, 6103 Schwarzenberg / Lucerne, Switzerland



Contact

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Emergency Contact Number

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