



6th Annual Workshop on Military Medical Ethics of the International Committee of Military Medicine

For the sixth time, the ICMM Reference Centre for Education on IHL and Ethics, together with the Medical Services Directorate of the Swiss Armed Forces, and the Center for Military Medical Ethics at Zurich University organise their annual joint Workshop.

Focus of the 2016 workshop: **Military Medical Ethics and Hybrid Warfare.**

19-21 May 2016 at Forum Lilienberg in Ermatingen (CH).

2016 – Topic and Call for Papers

The main topic of the 2016 workshop will be **Military Medical Ethics and Hybrid Warfare**. Much has been discussed about new forms of warfare and recent developments have proven that realities can change very fast. There has been much less discussion, however, on the implications of these new forms of warfare for the medical services. Our workshop wants to fill this gap and discuss ethical challenges for military and civil health care services that emerge out of new forms of deployment and conflict scenarios.

We invite **papers/presentations on topics addressing ethical questions faced by medical services in the context of so-called hybrid warfare**. We equally encourage reports from the field (e.g. case studies) as well as philosophic papers or legal analyses. Presentations are expected to last 25 minutes in order to leave enough time for discussion. **The presentations will be edited in a comprehensive book on MME in Hybrid Warfare** (see below: Conference Proceedings).

Any other topics of more general relevance for military medical ethics are also welcome as there might be one open session during the workshop.

Please send your paper proposals/ abstracts (~200-300 words) together with a short CV via email to cfp@melac.ch no later than **11th January 2016**.

You will be notified until the end of January 2016 whether your proposal has been accepted. In that case, we will invite you as a speaker to our workshop and cover the full conference fee and your travel expenses (economy class).

Conference proceedings

The results of the workshop shall be published in a **comprehensive Book, most probably edited by an international publisher**. All *invited speakers at the workshop are expected to contribute* to this volume and to hand in their papers for review in due time after the workshop, until September 2016.

The Proceedings of the 2015 workshop are currently prepared for publication together with Ashgate Publishing and are due to be published in 2016.

The proceedings from previous workshops and more information about our publications are available via <http://publications.melac.ch/>

Idea of the workshop series

The idea of this workshop series is to bring together experts and interested people from the relevant academic disciplines, as well as practitioners from the field and to offer a neutral, international platform to discuss the medical ethical dilemmas encountered by medical troops and humanitarian forces in deployment. Switzerland with its tradition of neutrality and support of Humanitarian Law is very pleased to offer a workshop where specialists in Law of Armed Conflict, military medical professionals, philosophers and members of the ICRC can meet to analyse, discuss and deliberate on various ethical dilemmas of military medicine.

General invitation and Registration

Therefore, we invite all interested people and specialists from the fields of Ethics, International Law, and the Military to participate in this workshop, which will take place on the shores of the beautiful lake "Bodensee", near Zurich from May 19-21, 2016.

Places are limited. Registration is possible via the registration form from our homepage.

The workshop fee for general participants will be 600 CHF and includes accommodation during the workshop, and the transport to and from Zurich airport or train station.

The workshop programme will be published in March 2016 on our website:

<http://workshop.melac.ch/>

Further information and contact

For further information or any questions related to the workshop or your participation, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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