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PROVISIONAL Program – *Changes may occur*

**25th Specialized Course for
Military Medical Personnel on the
Law of Armed Conflict (LoAC)**

**13th 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**

14 – 19 September 2025
in Schwarzenberg Lucerne (Switzerland) and Online



* All times are indicated in CEST/ UTC+2

SUNDAY, 14 September 2025		
0700 – 0800*		
Breakfast		
LoAC Courses & MME Course (Plenary)		
0800 – 0845	Welcome Introduction Chief of Staff LoAC/MME Courses Chairman ICMM Ref. Center Head LoAC Teachers ICMM	Col Miloš Sekulić Col David Winkler Col Johan Crouse
	LoAC Courses	MME Course
0900 – 0945	Introduction to the LoAC Courses (J. Crouse, Plenary)	Round of Introduction Technical aspects
1000 – 1200	Ice Breaking Knowing the Conventions Lecture and discussion	Introduction to the MME course Lecture and discussion (D. Messelken) Fundamental Principles of IHL #1 Lecture and discussion (C. von Einem)
1200 – 1300		
Lunch		
	LoAC Courses	MME Course
1330 – 1430	Wounded, Sick, and Ship-Wrecked Lecture	Fundamental Principles of IHL #2 Lecture and discussion (C. von Einem)
1445 – 1700	Case Studies	Introduction to ethical decision making Lecture and discussion (D. Messelken) Case study #1 Ethical & legal analysis, discussion
1800 – 2000		
Welcome Icebreaker & Apéritif with light buffet		



MONDAY, 15 September 2025

0700 – 0800

Breakfast

LoAC Courses & MME Course (Plenary)

0800 – 0805

Briefing #1

Col Miloš Sekulić

0805 – 0845

ICMM Presentation

Col Johan Crouse (ICMM)

Plenary Lecture



0900 – 1200

LoAC Courses

MME Course

Protection of Medical Personnel

Lecture

Case Studies

Case study #1 (continued)

Ethical & legal analysis, discussion.

1200 – 1300

Lunch

LoAC Courses

MME Course

1330 – 1600

Prisoners of War, Internees

Lecture

Case Studies

Ethics and the Law

Lecture and discussion
(B. Koch)

Case Study #2

Ethical & legal analysis, discussion,
conclusions

LoAC Courses & MME Course

1615 – 1700

Course Picture (all courses)

Details during Briefing #1



1800-1900

Dinner

Free evening

Spare time, work, sport, leisure ...

Get-together at the bar



TUESDAY, 16 September 2025

0700 – 0800

Breakfast

LoAC Courses & MME Course (Plenary)

0800 – 0805

Briefing #2

Col Miloš Sekulić

0805 – 0845

Introduction to Military Medical Ethics

Dr Daniel Messelken

LoAC Courses

MME Course

0900 – 1200

Protection of Civilians

Lecture

Case Studies

Case Study #2 (continued)

Ethical & legal analysis, discussion, conclusions.

1200 – 1300

Lunch

LoAC Courses & MME Course (Plenary)

1330 – 1430

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Plenary Lecture

NN, ICRC

1500

Social Program – Details to be confirmed

Details during Briefing #2 and on the info board

Dinner



WEDNESDAY, 17 September 2025

0700 – 0800

Breakfast

LoAC Courses & MME Course (Plenary)

0800 – 0805

Briefing #3

Col Miloš Sekulić

LoAC Courses

MME Course

0805 – 1200

0800 – 0845: Challenges for the Military Health Care Practitioner in War and Peacetime (J. Crouse, plenary)

Case Study #3

Ethical & legal analysis, discussion, conclusions.

0900 – 1200: Exercise tacticus

1200 – 1300

Lunch

LoAC Courses

MME Course

1330 – 1530

Exercise tacticus (continued)

Case study #4

Ethical & legal analysis, discussion, conclusions.

1600

Excursion – Details to be confirmed

Lunch packages distributed before departure

Details during Briefing #3 and on info board



**Packed meal distributed before departure
or restaurant at own expenses**

2000

Transport back to the Hotel

Get-together at the bar



THURSDAY, 18 September 2025

0700 – 0800

Breakfast

LoAC Courses & MME Course (Plenary)

0800 – 0805

Briefing #4

Col Miloš Sekulić

LoAC Courses

MME Course

0805 – 1200

Exercise tacticus (continued)

Case study #5

Ethical & legal analysis, discussion, conclusions.

1200 – 1300

Lunch

LoAC Courses

MME Course

1330 – 1600

Exercise tacticus (continued)

Case study #6

Ethical & legal analysis, discussion, conclusions.

Course Evaluation

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Transport/ Shuttle

Graduation and Closing Ceremony

Time and location will be announced during the course.



Apéro & Farewell Dinner

Time and location will be announced during the course.

Shuttle back to Hotel



FRIDAY, 19 September 2025

0700 – 0900

Breakfast

Checkout and Departure

We wish you safe travels back home



Upcoming events

- Stay informed about future courses and subscribe to our **newsletter** via www.melac.ch



Practical Information

Registration

Via our homepage

- LoAC <https://www.melac.ch/courses-workshops/loac-courses/loac-hybrid-2025>
- MME <https://www.melac.ch/courses-workshops/ethics-courses/mme-hybrid-2025>

Deadline: 30 June 2025

Course Venue

Hotel und Bildungszentrum Matt. Mattstrasse 19, 6103 Schwarzenberg / Luzern, Switzerland

- <https://www.bzmatt.ch/>



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