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

**19th Course on International Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) and the
5th Course on Military Medical Ethics in Times of Armed Conflict (MME)**

**by the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM)
20 – 24 August, 2017 in Spiez, Switzerland**

Since 1999, Switzerland has had the honour of conducting this International Course on the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC). Since 2012, a course on Military Medical Ethics (MME) has been offered in parallel. Switzerland's mandate to host these important courses was awarded by the International Committee for Military Medicine (ICMM) with the aim to familiarise officers of medical services of the armed and security forces with the rules and principles of LOAC MME.

This year, both the 19th International LOAC Course and the 5th Course on Military Medical Ethics have been modified to adapt to recent requirements. The courses have now a reduced duration of **five days** and will be held from 20 to 24 August 2017 in Spiez. Their **content** has also been **updated** to reflect the challenges of **nowadays deployments and modern conflicts**.

We have the pleasure of inviting generals, medical officers, young military doctors, civil servants and other personnel from military medical services. The course is politically and confessionally neutral and is open to all ICMM member States, the EAPC/PfP partner States and the MD-States.

You can find detailed information on the content of both courses at the website of the ICMM Center of Reference for Education on IHL and Ethics <https://melac.ch/courses-workshops>

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

We are looking forward to welcoming course participants from your country.

Yours sincerely

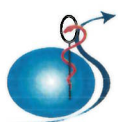
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PRELIMINARY NOTICE

19th Course on International Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) and the 5th 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 19th International Reference Course on Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) and the 5th Course on Military Medical Ethics in Times of Armed Conflict (MME) for Military Medical Officers from

20 - 24 August, 2017 at Spiez, Switzerland

The courses are under the auspices of the ICMM and the Surgeon General of the Swiss Armed Forces. The course program has been adapted to a 5-days schedule, and the content has been updated to reflect the current challenges of modern conflicts and missions.

Course Language

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

Course Fee / Payment

- The **total fee of CHF 1180.00 includes CHF 1100.00 for the accommodation, and CHF 80.00 for the course fee**. It covers the hotel accommodation for 5 days / 6 nights (19 - 25 August), food and non-alcoholic beverages, as well as 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. Financial support will only be considered on request and granted exceptionally.

Participants

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

Teaching Staff

- The courses 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 15, 2017** to the address below. Meet the deadline for sending this application form, later any participation will not be guaranteed.

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