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

Bern, January 2020

**22nd Course on International Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) and
8th Course on Military Medical Ethics in Times of Armed Conflict (MME)**

**by the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM)
from the 30th of August to the 3rd of September 2020 in Spiez, Switzerland**

Since 1999, Switzerland has had the honour of organizing the course on International 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 familiarize officers in the medical services of the armed forces with the rules and principles of LOAC and MME.

The Course on International Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) and the Course on Military Medical Ethics (MME) have been adapted since 2009 to a reduced duration of five days and will be held in 2020 from the 30th of August to the 3rd of September in Spiez. Their content has also been updated to reflect the challenges of present-day 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 to our courses. 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>

The preliminary notice, course announcement and the application form can be found in the enclosed letter.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Major General Andreas Stettbacher
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Preliminary notice of the 22nd Course on International Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) and the 8th 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 organizing their 22nd International Reference Course on Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) and the 8th Course on Military Medical Ethics in Times of Armed Conflict (MME) for Military Medical Officers **from the 30th of August to the 3rd of September 2020 in Spiez, Switzerland.**

The courses are under the aegis of the ICMM and the Surgeon General of the Swiss Armed Forces. The course program has been adapted to a 5-day schedule and the content has been updated to reflect the present-day 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 simultaneous translation provided into French.

Course Fee / Payment / Accommodation

- 1170.00 CHF (from 29.08. – 04.09.2020)
- 1295.00 CHF (+ additional night from 28.08. – 04.09.2020)
- This sum includes the accommodation, food and non-alcoholic beverages.
- 80.00 CHF for the course and course documentation.
- Cultural events and excursions with transfers are free of charge.

To confirm their registration, participants are kindly requested to pay in advance the course fee in its entirety in CHF, before the 20th of July 2020:

Account number: 227-231431.20H
Bank: UBS AG, Postfach, CH-3601 Thun
SWIFT/CI: UBS WCHZH80A
IBAN: CH60 0022 7227 23143120H

The payer (participant) will bear all of the transaction fees, in addition to the registration fees. Please note that in case of a no-show, half of the amount paid will be retained.

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 through the official way and will be 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 before the **20th of July 2020** to the address below. For belated applications, participation cannot be guaranteed.

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For detailed information see: <https://melac.ch/courses-workshops>