



5th Annual Workshop on Military Medical Ethics of the International Committee of Military Medicine

For the fifth 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 Ethics of Zurich University organise their annual joint Workshop on Military Medical Ethics. It will take place from **7-9 May 2015 at Forum Lilienberg** in Ermatingen/ Switzerland.

2015 Topic and Call for Papers

The main topic for the 2015 workshop will be **Ethics in Epidemics (Ebola)**, with a special focus on the involvement of military actors. Thus, we invite papers on topics addressing general ethical questions faced during epidemics such as Ebola, as well as from the list of topics below.

- The duty to treat
- Ethical aspects of the use of experimental treatment and research during epidemics
- Ethical justifications for infection management and containment measures such as forced treatment, and quarantine
- Presentation of recent case reports or case studies
- The involvement of military actors
- Principles associated with the allocation of scarce or limited resources

Any other topics of relevance for the topic and more generally on military medical ethics are also welcome as there might be an open session on one day.

Please send your paper proposals/ abstracts together with a short bibliography via email to cfp@melac.ch no later than **11th January 2015**.

You will be notified until the end of January 2015 whether your paper has been accepted. In that case, we will invite you as a speaker to our workshop and cover the conference fee and your travel expenses.

Conference proceedings

The results of the workshop will be published in a **conference volume**. All *invited speakers at the workshop are expected to contribute* to this volume and to hand in their papers in due time.

Proceedings from past workshops 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 7-9, 2015.

Places are limited and registration will be possible in early 2015.

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

In early 2015, you will find the workshop programme and the application form 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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