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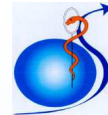
with the World Health Organization and other IO's

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International Organizations of interest to military health care



- **World Health Organization (WHO)**
- **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)**
- **UN AIDS**

- Intl. Ctee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- Other military medical organizations
- Other UN agencies (UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP)
- Intl. Society of Military Law and the Law of War
- Intl. Ctee for Military Sports (CISM)?
- Non Governmental Organizations?
- *Specific time-limited projects with third parties?*
- *Commercial Organizations*
- *OTHER SUGGESTIONS?*



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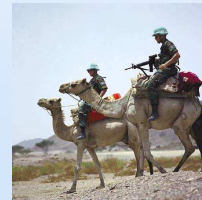
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Dealing with other International Organizations



- Formal arrangements at top level
- At regional level: consent Sec. Gen.
- Assurance of impartiality
- Restricted use of logo's

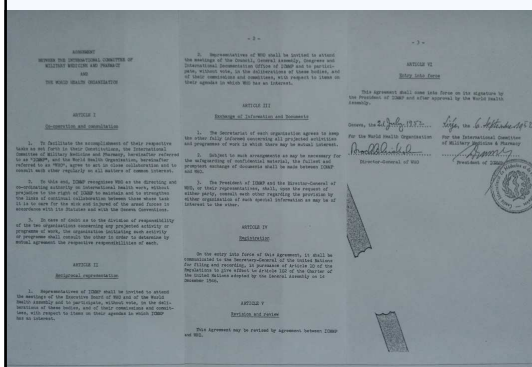
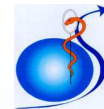


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ICMM – WHO cooperation



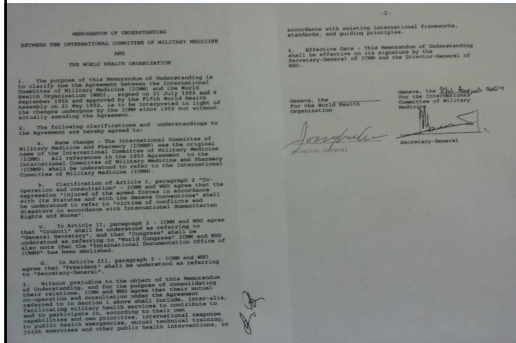
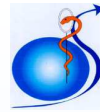
- 1952 MOU:
- - close cooperation and consultation on all matters of common interest;
- - reciprocal representation;
- - mutual provision of special information as may be of interest to the other.

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2004 Memorandum of Understanding Between the ICMM and the WHO



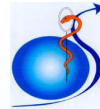
- .. Injured of the armed forces .. to be understood to refer to 'victims of conflicts and disasters..
- .. Mutual cooperation and consultation .. Include facilitating military health services to contribute to and to participate in, according to their own capabilities and own priorities, **international response to public health emergencies, mutual technical training, joint exercises and other public health interventions ...**

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ICMM - WHO Tactical Cooperation



- At the level of the Regions (pilot project in the European region, later also at other regions);
- Initial focus on outbreak management and public health.

WHO: **defense**—apart from the general military roles in Disaster Response—security and logistics—military health services have unique capabilities that can and should contribute to global public health under the IHR (2005) framework.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/emergencies/international-health-regulations/multisectoral-collaboration/>

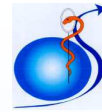
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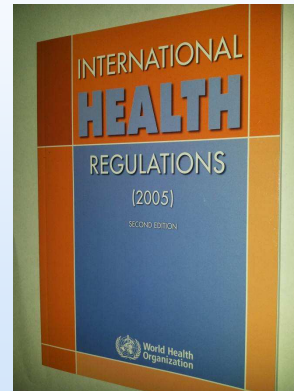
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2005 International Health Regulations and the military medical services



- Obligation to report potential hazards to public health through the National Focus Points (often at Ministries of Health)
- 2012 World Health Assembly: requirement for a multisectoral approach (i.e. involving for instance the military)
- Requirement for (stronger) awareness with militaries and international networking



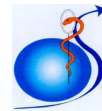
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present objectives of cooperation



- Increasing awareness of militaries about the impact their activities could have on the health of the general population;
- Increasing awareness about their role, tasks and possibilities in the prevention of (the spread of) infectious disease

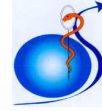
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ICMM – WHO joint activities update December 2013



- Intl. Forum on Emerging Infectious Disease (St Petersburg)
- Adaptation Website WHO Eurasia to reflect intensified civil-military cooperation;
- Expert meeting on implications IHR for the military (Copenhagen);
- WHO briefings about IHR at ICMM meetings (Bangkok, St Petersburg, Nouakchott, Amsterdam, Jeddah);
- WHO questionnaire on bacterial resistance (this congress);
- WHO – ICMM expert meeting on diarrhoea in the military (Sandhurst, GBR);
- Increased awareness of IHR in ICMM endorsed course on exotic infectious disease (Amsterdam, NLD)

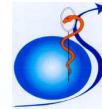
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Way ahead



- Continue with present activities
- implement this cooperation in other WHO/ICMM regions (with support of regional ICMM chairs and WHO).
- More involvement of military medical facilities in GOARN*- network?

* WHO Global Outbreak Alert and Response network

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Conclusions



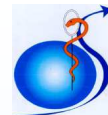
- Cooperation with other International Organizations is satisfactory; suggestions for other relationships are welcome;
- ICMM – WHO cooperation well on track,
- working on a regional scale with focus on outbreak management is the right way of doing things;
- Time is right for implementation in other regions

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recommendations



In view of the positive support from the International Working Group:

to endorse the activities of cooperation with other international organizations.

to endorse the ongoing project of cooperation between ICMM and WHO

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