

The 13th ICMM Workshop on Military Medical Ethics

The **13th ICMM Workshop on Military Medical Ethics** took place in Jongny s/Vevey, Switzerland, from the 19th to 22nd June 2024. It was, traditionally, organized by the ICMM Center of Reference for Education on International Humanitarian Law and Ethics and Zurich Center for Medical Ethics with great support of the Swiss Armed Forces Medical Services Directorate. Under the lead of COL. David Winkler, MD and Dr. phil. Daniel Messelken the very actual topic of this year' workshop was ***Artificial Intelligence and Big Data Ethics in Military and Humanitarian Healthcare***. There was a hybrid format of the meeting with 24 participants present in person and another 15 from around the globe on-line.

The workshop was opened by Major General Andreas Stettbacher, MD, Surgeon General of the Swiss Armed Forces in a very attractive, illustrative way when he was using ("secretly") a sophisticated technology able to translate his address in 40 languages, including Chinese. The workshop then was organized in 5 thematic sessions in which excellent speakers covered different aspects of the main theme e.g. from the technological (mathematical, cybernetic), philosophical, legal and humanitarian points of view. All the lectures prepared a platform for a deeper and detailed vivid discussion which followed. Presentations demonstrating practical use of Artificial Intelligence in humanitarian context were also given.

The workshop was carefully organized in a beautiful, quite environment offering all participants space and time for thinking and discussions about the topic. It has shown that AI can be and is of great help and good for many scientific and practical, operational disciplines in military medicine as well as in humanitarian medicine and for our modern way of life as such. On the other hand, a great potential for possible abuse of this technological development in danger for mankind also exists. Proceedings of the workshop with all presentations will be published and available in a book form in the near future.