



International Society for Military Law and the Law of War
‘Société Internationale de Droit Militaire et de Droit de la Guerre’

THE ‘SILENT LEGES INTER ARMA?’ CONFERENCE II

By the *Belgian Group* under the Auspices of the
International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

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Grand Hotel Casselbergh, Bruges
18-21 September 2018

Tuesday 18 September 2018

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| 12:00 – 14:00 | Arrival of the participants |
| 14:30 – 17:00 | Joint Meeting of the Managing Board & the Board of Directors (Board members only) |
| 14:30 – 17:30 | Registration |
| 18:00 – 19:30 | Welcome drink at the hotel lounge |

Wednesday 19 September 2018

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| 08:30 – 09:15 | Registration |
| 09:15 – 10:00 | <u>Opening of the conference</u> |

Opening speech by Ambassador Claude-France Arnould
Ambassador of France to Belgium & Former Chief Executive of
the European Defence Agency

Introduced by Mr. Ludwig Van Der Veken, President of the Belgian
Group & Secretary-General of the International Society for Military Law
and the Law of War

Colonel (ret.) Michael Meier, Special Assistant for Law of War Matters,
Office of the Army Judge Advocate General, United States

Commodore Frans Osinga, Professor, Doctor, Chair in War Studies.
Head of the Military Operational Art and Science Section at the Faculty
of Military Sciences of the Netherlands Defence Academy (TBC)

Dr. William H. Boothby, Associate Fellow Geneva Centre for Security
Policy

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch buffet

The International Law Applicable to Peace Operations

Protection of Civilians

13:30 – 15:15 Chair: Legal Advisor from the Federal Public Service for Foreign
Affairs, Belgium (TBC)

Mr. Alfons Vanheusden, Assistant Secretary-General of the International
Society for Military Law and the Law of War & Head of the Legal
Advisory Division, DG Legal Support, Belgian Ministry of Defence

Mrs. Hanna Bourgeois, PhD Candidate, Research Foundation - Flanders
(FWO), Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies & Institute for
International Law, KUL Leuven

16:00 - 18:30 Cultural event

Friday 21 September 2018

The International Law Applicable to Peace Operations - Continuation

Protection of the Environment

09:15 – 12:00 Chair: Mr. Baldwin De Vidts, Vice-President of the International
Institute of Humanitarian Law, San Remo

Dr. Lucile Maertens, University of Lausanne (invited)

Mrs Lone Kjelgaard, Senior Assistant Legal Adviser, NATO
Headquarters (TBC)

Speaker from the European External Action Service (EEAS) (TBC)

Closing remarks

Mr. Ludwig Van Der Veken, President of the Belgian Group &
Secretary-General of the International Society for Military Law and the
Law of War