



XIth Seminar for Legal Advisors of the Armed Forces
28 – 31 March 2017 – Stockholm, Sweden

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Dear Madam,
Dear Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War will organise its XIth International Seminar for Legal Advisors to the Armed Forces from 28 to 31 March 2017 in Stockholm, Sweden. We gratefully acknowledge the support provided by the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Sweden and the Swedish Defence University.

The central theme of this Seminar is: “Contemporary Challenges for Legal Advisors in International Military Operations” This central theme is divided into four sub-themes:

1. Use of Force in Contemporary Military Operations
2. Gender and Military Operations
3. Practical Issues for Legal Advisors in Military Operations
4. New Military Technologies and the Law

These themes will be elaborated upon during lectures in plenary and during working sessions, chaired by distinguished scholars and senior officers. Highly experienced speakers will address case law and specific operational situations.

In line with the successful seminars in Budapest (2002), Strasbourg (2005), Windhoek (2008), Riga (2010), Muenster (2013) and Galway (2014), this Seminar is intended for military legal advisors holding the ranks of captain to colonel and civilian experts with comparable civilian rank. Assuming a general knowledge of the law of armed conflict, the Seminar will further train the participants in various aspects of its practical implementation.

The language during the plenary sessions of the Seminar will be English. A reasonable command of this language is strongly recommended. Depending upon the number of Francophone speakers, French may be used during (parts of the) working sessions.

In order to ensure an interesting dialogue the maximum number of participants has been set at 80. You are kindly requested to register as quickly as possible, however **no later than 1 February 2017**. The participation fee amounts to € 395,- per person for members of the Society and € 425,- for non-members. This fee also covers coffee/tea during seminar sessions and several meals as stipulated in the programme. The Seminar does not offer any facilities or any programme for accompanying persons.

Please find enclosed the provisional programme for the Seminar as well as an application form. Details for the transfer of the participation fee and a special hotel registration form will be provided by the General Secretariat in Brussels after the application form has been received. The participation fee is due no later than 1 March 2017.

The venue for the Seminar is the Swedish Defence University, located at 37 Drottning Kristinas väg in Stockholm. For accommodation please see the attached application form. Direct flights to Stockholm Arlanda Airport are available from numerous European countries. A direct train will take you from the airport to the centre of Stockholm within 20 minutes.

The international composition of the student group will offer a truly unique opportunity to exchange experiences and ideas and will prepare participants for future international assignments. The International Society for Military Law and the Law of War very much welcomes you to this Seminar.

Yours respectfully,



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Attachments:

1. Provisional Seminar Programme
2. Application Form