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Medical Readiness – Europe's Strategic Blind Spot?

08 - 09 December 2026

Rhein-Mosel-Halle | Julius-Wegeler-Straße 4 | 56068 Koblenz, Germany

TUESDAY, 08 DECEMBER 2026

08:00	**Registration & morning networking break**
08:30	**CPM Welcome** ***Tobias Ehlke,*** *CEO, CPM Verlag GmbH (DEU)*
08:40	**Scientific Welcome Address** ***Col. (ret.) Dr. Gerald Kerr, MFMMI*** *(IRL)* & ***Brig. Gen. (ret.) Dr. Erwin Dhondt,*** *MD (BEL),* *Chairmen*
08:55	**Welcome Address from the German Armed Forces** ***Lieutenant General (MC) Dr. Ralf Hoffmann,*** *Surgeon General of the German Armed Forces (DEU)*
09:05	**Keynote** ***Secretary of State Dr. Raed Arafat, MD, MSc,*** *Chair of the NATO Joint Health Group,* *Head of the Department of Emergency Situations at the Ministry of Internal Affairs (ROU)*
09:25	**Keynote** ***Major General Marc Ongena, MSc,*** *Vice-chair of the Committee of the Chiefs of the Military Medical Services in NATO (COMEDS) (BEL)*
09:45	**Group Photo**
10:00	**Networking & coffee break**
10:30	**Disaster Medicine and the Humanitarian Perspective** ***Dr. John Quinn, MD*** *(USA)*
10:35	**TBA** ***tba***
11:00	**TXA autoinjector** *(Industrial presentation)* ***Daniela Rebmann,*** *ChemProtect.CZ s.r.o.*
11:25	**Canadian Medical Readiness: Blood, Damage Control Resuscitation and Forward Surgical Capability** ***Lt. Col. Dr. Andrew Beckett, CD, MD, MSc, FRCSC, FACS,*** *Royal Canadian Medical Service, Canadian Armed Forces,* *and St Michael's Hospital, Unity Health Toronto (CAN)*

11:50 **Health Industries and Security**
Lt. Gen. (ret.) Prof. Martin Bricknell, CB, PhD,
Professor in Conflict, Health and Military Medicine, King´s College, London (GBR)

12:15 **Mobile medical solutions - Rapidly deployed wherever needed** *(Industrial presentation)*
Dirk Fischer, *Disc-O-Bed EU GmbH*

12:40 **Networking lunch**

13:45 **WORKSHOP SESSION - every participant has to choose one** *(online registration opens soon!)*

STRATEGIC

- **NATO Medical Readiness from Point of Injury to Role 2**
  Interoperability Challenges for Damage Control Resuscitation in Large-Scale Combat Operations *(80min.)*
  Lead: Dr. John Quinn, MD (USA), with support of George Smolinski and Chelsea Payne

- ***Hospital Preparedness for Terror Incidents War and Disaster*** *(80min.)*
  Lead: Lt. Colonel (IDF MC) (ret.) Prof. Em. Dr. Pinchas (Pinny) Halpern, MD, PhD, former Chair of Emergency Medicine, Tel Aviv University and Medical Center; currently Chief Medical Officer, Magen David Adom National EMS, Tel Aviv, Israel; and Professor Dr. Marc Noppen, MD, PhD, former Chair (1996-2006) of the Interventional Pulmonology Clinic at and CEO (2006-2024) of the University Hospital of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB); currently independent healthcare consultant, and non-executive board member, Brussels, Belgium

HANDS-ON

- **SimTCCC – Experience Tactical Casualty Care in Mixed Reality Training**
  (60min.)
  Corinna Fasching, Hensoldt

- **Infusion Therapy in Tactical Medicine- Bringing a new approach to a complex problem**
  (60min.)
  Matt Harmon - SMSgt (RET), Flight Paramedic, FP-C, TP-C
  ZOLL Global Government-Military Strategic Initiatives and Business Development

- **From Point of Injury to Role 1: TCCC, MARCH & Damage Control Resuscitation** *(120min.)*
  Lt. Col. Dr. Josse, Maj Dr. Schnabel, Maj Dr. Wolf, Capt Dr. Luta, Capt Dr. Klotz, Dr. Maslyak (UKR)

15:05	**Force Fitness & Human Performance** ***Dr. BioMed. Sc. Kaat Goorts, PhD*** *(BEL)*
15:10	**Integrating Force Fitness and Human Performance Optimization in Global Force Readiness: The Role of Interdisciplinary Teaming, Education, and Training** ***Assist. Prof. Gloria H. Park, PhD, MAPP, CMPC,*** *Associate Director of Human Performance Research and Strategy and Department of Military and Emergency Medicine* ***Madeline Wacker, MS, BSN, RN,*** *Curriculum Designer and Training Lead,* *Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine, Inc., in support of the Center for Advanced Research in Military Optimization, Readiness and Rehabilitation (ARMORR), Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda MD, USA*
16:00	**Networking & coffee break**
16:30	**Rapidly Bridging the Gap between Human Performance Science and Operational Practice: a Pivotal Role for Human Performance Teams in the Netherlands Armed Forces** ***Pieter H. Helmhout, MSc PhD,*** *Health Scientist, Training Medicine & Training Physiology, Royal Netherlands Army Command (NLD)*
16:55	**Discussion Forum | Force Fitness**
17:15	**From Hemorrhage Control to Prolonged Field Care: An Integrated 100% Chitosan Platform** *(Industrial presentation)* ***Adrien Poncin,*** *Axiobiosolutions*
17:40	**From an unmet preparedness need to an available medical countermeasure: The ricin case** *(Industrial presentation)* ***Sylvain LEGRAND, Ph.D*** *Biodefense Product Manager, FABENTECH*
18:05	**PANEL DISCUSSION: The Experts Opinion** • *Johannes Schilling, Head of Unit HERA.02 – Dual Use and Civil-Military Cooperation, DG HERA, European Commission* • *Dr. Raed Arafat, Chair of the NATO Joint Health Group* • *Major General Marc Ongena, Vice-Chair, NATO – COMEDS* • *Tim Brooks-Birkett, Global Product & Business Development Manager, Thornhill Medical* • *Roy Shay, VP Biodefense, Rafa Laboratories Ltd.*
18:45 - 21:00	**Get Together**

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08:00	**Registration & morning networking break**
08:30	**Welcome to Day 2** ***Col. (ret.) Dr. Gerald Kerr, MFMMI*** *(IRL)* & ***Brig. Gen. (ret.) Dr. Erwin Dhondt,*** *MD (BEL), Chairmen*
08:40	**Keynote: Speeding up the Inovation of the future Battlefield** ***Brigadier General Dr. Jens Diehm, MD,*** *Director of the NATO Centre of Excellence for Military Medicine (MILMED COE) (DEU)*
09:00	**INDUSTRY | GDELS**
09:25	**Mental Health** ***Col. (ret.) Prof. Dr. Eric Vermetten, MD, PhD*** *(NLD)*
09:30	**Preparing Military Mental Health Professionals for War: Lessons from Training Ukrainian Psychologists** ***Commander (OF-4) Andreas Espetvedt Nordstrand, PhD,*** *Head of the Military Mental Health Section and Research Lead for Military Mental Health, Norwegian Armed Forces Joint Medical Services (FSAN). Associate Professor, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU); Affiliate Professor, Northern Arizona University (NAU)*
09:55	**INDUSTRY (TBA)** ***Eric Fang,*** *Ph.D., Sr. Director, Quanta Computer*
10:20	**Conflict Triage: Europe's Missing Protocol** ***Yana Amelchyts,*** *Founder and Chair, Institute for the Development of Military Mediation „PEGASUS" (UKR)*
10:45	**Networking & coffee break**
11:15	**The Way In, Not the Way Out: A Step-by-Step Model from Citizen to Soldier** ***Lt. Col. Volodymyr Konchyts,*** *Deputy Commander for Personnel Psychological Support, 101st Territorial Defense Brigade, Armed Forces of Ukraine (UKR)*
11:40	**Burn Care Beyond Borders: Lessons from Crans-Montana and the Treatment of Ukrainian Casualties in German Burn Centres** *(Industrial presentation)* ***Prof. Frank Siemers, MD, PhD,*** *Chief Physician, Department of Plastic and Hand Surgery & Burn Center, Polymedics Innovations, BG Klinikum Bergmannstrost Halle, Saale (GER)*

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12:05 **The Hunter Who Is Hunted: Mental Health of Drone Operators in Modern Warfare**
Capt. Serhii Berezin,
Head of the Combat Stress Control Team, 20th Separate Brigade of Unmanned Systems K-2, Armed Forces of Ukraine (UKR)

12:30 **Networking lunch + Poster Discussion**

OR Workshop
- ***Mitigating Multidrug-Resistant Organism Transmission Along the Trauma Evacuation Pathway: Protecting Healthcare Infrastructure, Preventing Downstream Systemic Infection, and Strengthening European Biosecurity Preparedness.*** *(60min.)*
  Lead: Capt. (DEU Navy) Dr. Christian Haggenmiller, MD, MedAd EUMS

13:50 **Combat Medical Care**
Lt. Col. Dr. Florent Josse, MD *(DEU)*

13:55 **Golden day is a myth: rethinking medical timelines and risk in large scale combat operation**
Major Dr. Stacy Webster *(UK)*

14:20 **When evacuation fails, your equipment must not:**
Hemorrhage control under hypothermia and extended wear times *(Industrial presentation)*
Siegfried Kruse,
CEO, Speed Care Mineral GmbH

14:45 **European medical preparation to major engagements and large scale combat operations**
Col Prof. Pierre Pasquier
French Military Medical Service (FRA)

15:10 **CELOX RAPID X-RAY GAUZE - Optimising Haemorrhage Control in Extreme Cold Weather Operations** *(Industrial presentation)*
Tim Berrow, *CELOX Medical*

15:35 **How to safe blood with REBOA in LSCO**
Dr. Kateryna Maslyak *(UKR)*

16:00 **A Kaleidoscope of Lessons Learned from Ukraine**
Iryna Rybinkina, *Anesthesiologist from Ukraine NGO (UKR)*

16:25 **Closing Remarks & Poster Award**