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presents

COMBAT AND DISASTER MEDICINE SYMPOSIUM 2026

📅 Saturday, 31 October 2026

📍 Cantonal Military Base Bern, Papiermühlestrasse 13 + 15, 3000
Bern 22, Switzerland

→ For physicians, medical students and healthcare practitioners
(no military background required)

Highlights

- International experts & dedicated Crans-Montana Fire Disaster sessions
- Hands-on workshops teaching fundamental skills in emergency and trauma care
- Networking Reception – Meet speakers, participants & industry partners

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



MORNING PROGRAMME - EXPERT LECTURES

Registration Opening & Exhibition Visit

**08:30 -
08:35**

Welcome Address

Lt David Kremer

**08:35 -
08:50**

Forward together!

Lieutenant General Benedikt Roos (Chief of the Swiss Armed Forces)

**08:53 -
09:08**

Medical Readiness in an Uncertain World: Strategic Impact of Swiss Medical Services

Major General Andreas Stettbacher (Surgeon General of the Swiss Armed Forces)

**09:11 -
09:31**

Strategic Horizons: Geopolitics in an Era of Permanent Disruption

Dr. Remo Reginold (Political Advisor and President of Swiss Institute for Global Affairs)

**09:35 -
09:55**

Conflict in Medicine in the 21st Century: New Challenges and What has Changed?

Dr. Enrique Steiger, MD (Co-Founder of Clinic Utoquai, Switzerland)

Coffee Break & Exhibition Visit (10:00 - 10:30)

**10:30 -
10:45**

Medical Solutions for Military Healthcare and Disaster Response

Zoé Schmid, KARL STORZ Endoskope Schweiz AG

**10:47 -
11:07**

Coordinating Care in Crisis - Experiences from a Real Mission

Dr. Richard Steffen, MD (Head of Anaesthesia, Pain Therapy and Intensive Care Clinic, Hôpital du Valais, Switzerland)

**11:08 -
11:28**

Staged Management of Severe Burns: Principles of Damage Control

Prof. Dr. Patrick Duhamel, MD (Professeur agrégé of Plastic and Burn Surgery, French Armed Forces Health Academy, École du Val-de-Grâce, Paris, France)

**11:29 -
11:49**

Topic to be announced

Prof. Dr. Bong-Sung Kim, MD (Director of the Center of Severe Burn Injuries at the Department of Plastic Surgery and Hand University Hospital Zurich, Switzerland)

**11:50 -
12:20**

When Systems Are Tested: Lessons from a Major Fire Disaster

Major General Andreas Stettbacher, Dr. Richard Steffen, MD, Prof. Dr. Patrick Duhamel, MD, Dr. med. Bong-Sung Kim

Lunch Break & Exhibition Visit (12:20 - 13:30)

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AFTERNOON PROGRAMME - HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS



Hands-on Workshops

13:30 -
15:00

War Casualty Triage Simulation - Prof. Dr. Paul Balandraud, MD (Head of the Department of General and Digestive Surgery Sainte-Anne Military Teaching Hospital, Toulon, France; Chair of Military Surgery Val-de-Grâce Military Teaching Hospital School, Paris, France)

13:30 -
16:30

TCCC (Tactical Combat Casualty Care) - pract. med. Tim Steck, MD (Founding Member and Co-President of Swiss Emergency Medicine Student Association)

Trauma Surgery - Dr. med. Arnaud Meylan (Deputy Senior Consultant at the Department of Orthopedics and Traumatology, Ensemble Hospitalier de la Côte, Switzerland)

Vascular Surgery - Dr. med. Matteo Bernasconi (Lead Consultant at the Department of Visceral Surgery, Ente Ospedaliero Cantonale, Ticino, Switzerland)

Neurosurgery - PD Dr. med. Michel Röthlisberger (Senior Consultant at the Department of Neurosurgery, University Hospital Basel, Switzerland); PD Dr. med. Julien Haemmerli (Senior Consultant at the Department of Neurosurgery, Cantonal Hospital Wintherthur, CH)

Burn Surgery - Prof. Dr. med. Bong-Sung Kim (Director of the Center of Severe Burn Injuries at the Department of Plastic Surgery and Hand University Hospital Zurich, Switzerland)

16:35 -
16:45

Closing Ceremony

Networking Reception (16:50 - 18:00)

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