

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

DRAFT PROGRAM

**Grand Hotel Casselbergh, Bruges
18-21 September 2018**

Tuesday 18 September 2018

- 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 reception

Wednesday 19 September 2018

- 08:30 – 09:15 Registration
- 09:15 – 10:00 *Opening of the conference*
- 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

Rights of Military Personnel in the EU Security and Defence Context

- 10:00 – 12:30 Chair: Mr. Emmanuel Jacob, President of EUROMIL
- Lieutenant Colonel Martine Hojka, Medical Advisor/Action Officer,
LOG Directorate – Resources Support, European Union Military Staff
(EUMS), European External Action Service (EEAS)
- Brigadier General (ret.) Jan Peter Spijk, Honorary President of the
International Society for Military Law and the Law of War
- Third speaker TBD
- 11:15 – 11:40 Group photo & Coffee/Tea

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch buffet

Use of Chemical Weapons: from Ypres to Idlib

14:00 – 17:15 Chair: Dr. William H. Boothby, Associate Fellow Geneva Centre for Security Policy

Mr. David Turns, Senior Lecturer in International Law & Armed Conflict, Cranfield University

Military Expert in the Removal and Disposal of Explosive Ordnance

Third speaker TBD

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee/Tea

18:45 – 20:15 Reception at the ‘Beerwall’ & speech by Prof. Dr. Wolff Heintschel von Heinegg, President of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War & Europa Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)

Free evening

Thursday 20 September 2018

Use of Weapons: Autonomous Weapons & Artificial Intelligence

09:15 – 12:30 Chair: Prof. Dr. Terry Gill, Netherlands Defence Academy & University of Amsterdam

Mr. Nicolas Lange, Legal Advisor, Head of the International Law Section, DG Legal Support, Belgian Ministry of Defence

Second and Third speaker TBD

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: 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

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

Second speaker TBD

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. 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

Three speakers: TBD

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