



**International Society for Military Law and the Law of War (ISMLW)**

**Irish Branch  
Annual Seminar**

**Athlone, Ireland  
24 Sep 2026**

**Organized with the support of the Irish Defence Forces Legal Service Corps  
Programme**

**Wednesday 23 Sep 2026**

1000-1500            Arrival of Participants & check-in at Sheraton Hotel Athlone.  
1500-1700            Meeting of Irish Branch of ISMLLW.

**Thursday 24 Sep 2026**

9.00 – 9.30            *Registration of Participants*

9.30 – 10.30           **Welcome & introduction to the scope, structure and approach of the Seminar**  
  
Col Richard Brennan, Director of the Irish Defence Forces Legal Service Corps  
Col Bill Nott (Retd), President of the Irish Branch of the ISMLLW and former DJAG

10.30 – 10.45           *Coffee break*

10.45 – 12.30           **Contemporary challenges in IHL and Cyber domains.**  
  
Dr. Jenny Maddocks, Lecturer in International law and Operational law at the University of Reading.  
Dr. David Turns, Lecturer in International Law and Operational law at the Swedish Defence University  
Colonel Richard Brennan, Director of Defence Forces Legal Service Corps.  
**Chair: Brigadier General Stephen Ryan, GOC 2 Bde.**

12.30 – 13.30           *Lunch break*

13.30 – 15.30

**International Humanitarian Law Considerations and Maritime Operations.**

Prof. Wolff Heintschell von Heinegg, Chair of Public Law and Public International law at  
Viadrina University, Germany

Lt Cmdr (Ret'd) Sean Hensler, Vice President, Strategy and Education at the Fozzie Miller  
Group

Lt Cdr Shane Mulcahy, Legal Officer Naval Service.

**Chair: Commodore Darragh Kirwan, FOCNS.**

15.30 – 16.00

**Closing Address and Wrap Up**

Prof. Wolff Heintschell von Heinegg

Col Richard Brennan.

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