# ICMM

International Committee of Military Medicine



# History

- The ICMM is an international and intergovernmental organization, constituted by more than 100 States.
- In 1920, after World War One had revealed the importance of a closer cooperation between the Armed Forces Medical Services worldwide, <u>Captain William S. BAINBRIDGE, MD</u> (US NAVY) and Commander Medical Officer Jules <u>VONCKEN, Belgium</u> suggested, at the 28<sup>th</sup> session of the US Military Officers Association (AMSUS), the creation of an <u>international organization of the Armed Forces Medical</u> <u>Services.</u>
- <u>The first international congress of military medicine and</u> <u>pharmacy was held in July 1921, in Brussels, Belgium</u>

#### Founders



General M.C. Jules VONCKEN, Belgium Founder and Secretary General of International Committee of Military Medicine from 1921 to 1975



Captain William S. BAINBRIDGE, MD (US NAVY) Founder of International Committee of Military Medicine

### 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting, Belgium, 1921



The Permanent Committee of the International Congresses of Military Medicine and Pharmacy was officially founded on July 21, 1921.

The founding countries were :

Belgium, Brazil, France, Great Britain, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and the United States of America.

International Assembly of the Health Services of the Armies, Navies and Air Forces. Liège - BELGIUM 18-21 July 1930

## Name changes

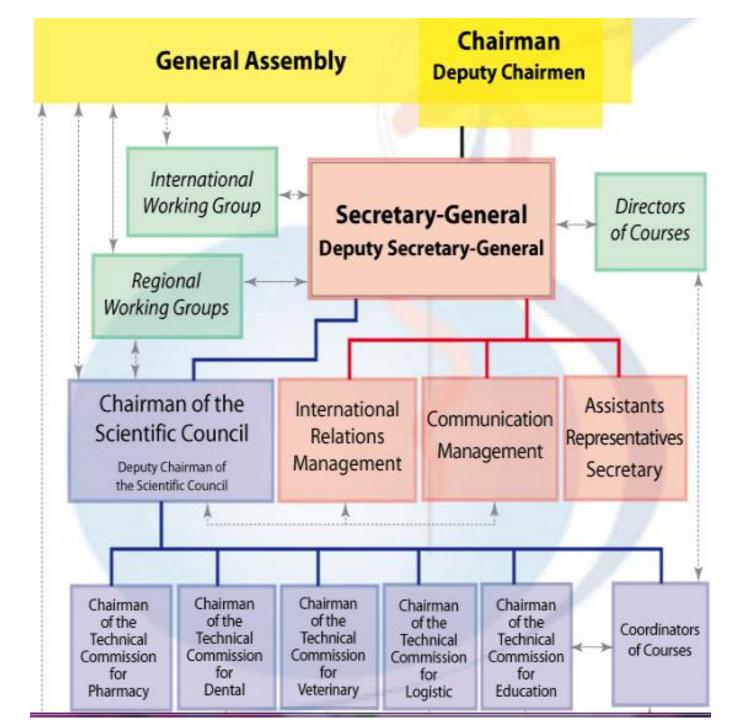
- On May 21, 1952, the World Health Organization recognized the Committee as an "international organization specialized in medico-military matters".
- On April 28, 1990, the Committee changed its name and became the INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF MILITARY MEDICINE (ICMM).

# Activities

- Military medicine as a whole
- Survey of techniques for assessing aptitudes
- Survey medicine
- Mass medicine
- Dentistry
- Military pharmacy
- Veterinary sciences
- Administration, organization and logistics of medical care missions.

# Goals

- To maintain and to strengthen the bonds between all medical services of Member States
- To promote medico-military scientific activities
- To participate in the development of the medical and medico-military setting of humanitarian operations.



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