

Dear SSPH+ Community,

Welcome to the April edition of the SSPH+ newsletter! We are excited to share some key opportunities and updates from across the SSPH+ community. Enjoy reading!

Upcoming Teaching and Education Activities

There are still a few spots left in the following SSPH+ IGC courses and Emerging Health Leaders courses! Don't miss your chance to sign up:

IGC Courses:

Epidemiological Concepts, Principles, and Methods: A Practice-oriented Introduction

- Dates: 12 - 16 May 2025
- Location: University of Lausanne
- Registration Deadline: 12 April 2025

Big Data in Public Health

- Dates: 19 - 23 May 2025
- Location: University of Lucerne
- Registration Deadline: 19 April 2025

Migration Health

- Dates: 26 - 28 May 2025
- Location: Swiss TPH (Hybrid, on-site or online)
- Registration Deadline: 26 April 2025

For more details and to register, please visit [IGC Course Program & More Info](#).

The SSPH+ Emerging Health Leaders: Skills Training and Leadership Courses

Customer Centricity & Storytelling: Perspective from the Communication Industry

Discover how to align your skills with customer motivations and craft compelling narratives to drive engagement and success.

- Date: 24 April 2025
- Instructor: Walter Stulzer, Chairman of the Board, Futureworks

Planning of a Campaign in the Health Field: Concepts and Strategies

Master the dynamics of healthcare campaigns and learn to design impactful initiatives tailored to diverse goals, audiences, and methods.

- Date: 30 June 2025
- Instructors: Benoit Gaillard, Swiss Labour Union Federation & Simon Zurich, Les Tailleurs

SSPH+ IGC students, Postdocs, and NRP 74 EHCL Alumni are eligible for the discounted course fee of 30 CHF. For more details and to register, visit: [Emerging Health Leaders: Skills Training & Leadership Courses](#).



Emerging Health Leaders: Skills Training & Leadership Courses

Empowering health care and public health professionals with essential skills and leadership expertise to shape the future of health care.

Customer Centricity & Storytelling: Perspective from the Communication Industry

Zürich, 24 April 2025

Walter Stulzer, Communication Industry

Discover how to align your skills with customer motivations and craft compelling narratives to drive engagement and success.



Planning of a campaign in the health field: concepts and strategies

Fribourg, 30 June 2025

Benoit Gaillard, Swiss Labour Union Federation
& Simon Zurich, Les Tailleurs

Master the dynamics of healthcare campaigns and learn to design impactful initiatives tailored to diverse goals, audiences, and methods.



The course fee is CHF 300 for all participants, with a reduced rate of CHF 30 for SSPH+ IGC students, Post-Docs and NRP 74 EHCL alumni. For more information, please visit: <https://ssphplus.ch/en/teaching-training/ssph-ehi-courses/>

SSPH+ EVENTS

Swiss Learning Health System (SLHS) Courses:

Health Policy in Switzerland

- Dates: 5 / 8 September 2025
- Lecturers: Ass.-Prof. David Weisstanner and guest speaker
- Location: University of Lucerne / Berne University of Applied Sciences and Arts and the Parliament Building
- Registration Deadline: 22 August 2025

Advancing Health Equity in Learning Health Systems

- Dates: 15 - 19 September 2025
- Lecturers: Various lecturers
- Location: University of Lucerne
- Registration Deadline: 18 August 2025

For more information, please visit: [SLHS Courses Overview](#).

Lugano Summer School Lectures: SSPH+ LSS Seminar Series

SSPH+ LSS is back with its popular **Seminar Series**, continuing to foster learning and exchange throughout the year, not just during the Summer School week. This year, the series will highlight the experiences and expertise of our Learning Hubs across the globe, presenting relevant projects for the entire public health community.

Upcoming seminars:

- **April 11, 12:30 - 13:30 CEST:** *Voices from Kosovo* - Public Perception of COVID-19 Preventive Measures: The Case of Kosovo Population
- **May 5, 12:00 - 13:00 CEST:** *Voices from Pakistan* - Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for Precision Dietary Assessment

- **June 12, 10:30 - 11:30 CEST:** *Voices from Vietnam* - Pandemic Preparedness in Vietnam: Health System Resilience and Areas for Improvement
- **July 2, 13:30 - 14:30 CEST:** *Voices from Zambia* - Enhancing Multi-Disciplinary Clinical Education in Zambia: The Solution to Health Workforce Shortages in Resource-Limited Settings



Seminars are **free** and open to the public! For more information, visit the [SSPH+ LSS Seminar Series page](#). To register and get the zoom link to participate in the seminars, click [here](#).

SSPH+ CALLS

SSPH+ Journals Open Calls

The International Journal of Public Health ([IJPH](#)) and Public Health Reviews ([PHR](#)) currently have the following open calls for papers:

- **Advances in public health leadership** (Summary Deadline: 31 May 2025)
- **The effects of wine in moderation in the context of mediterranean or other healthy diets** (Summary Deadline: 12 June 2025)
- **Evidence-based supported employment and education for individuals with psychiatric disabilities** (Summary Deadline: 30 June 2025)

- **The health of displaced people: a challenge for epidemiology and public health** (Submission deadline: June 30, 2025). Note: Manuscripts accepted by May 31, 2025, qualify for the “Rodolfo Saracci Best Paper Award” (CHF 3,000).
- **Artificial intelligence (AI) and public health** (Summary Deadline: September 30, 2025).

For more info about calls, please visit: [SSPH+ Open Calls](#).

SSPH+ PARTNER COURSES

FOPH & SSPH+ Workshop: Benefits & challenges of communicating long-term data in public health

SSPH+ and [the Federal Office of Public Health \(FOPH\)](#), [Health Institute of Evolutionary Medicine, University of Zurich](#) (Prof. Kaspar Staub), and [#PopHealthLab, University of Fribourg](#) (Prof. Arnaud Chiolero) are hosting a workshop on **June 6th, 2025, in Liebefeld**, focusing on the benefits and challenges of using long-term data in public health communication. Experts from public health, data science, policy, and media will discuss strategies to improve the way long-term data informs decision-making.

With only 40 spots available, early registration is encouraged before May 12th, 2025. For details and registration, click [here](#).

FLAN Annual Conference 2025: Food Law for a Healthier Future

The 3rd annual conference of the Food Law Academic Network (FLAN) will take place on **15–16 May 2025** at the **University of Neuchâtel**. This year’s program features keynotes, thematic sessions, and over 50 paper presentations, highlighting the role of food law in advancing public health, sustainability, and social equity.

For more details, visit: [FLAN Annual Conference 2025](#).

SSPH+ postdocs – Let's connect!

We are excited to introduce a dedicated webpage for SSPH+ postdocs, where we will share for training, networking, and collaboration opportunities. If you hold a doctoral degree (up to 8 years post-graduation) and are affiliated with an SSPH+ institution, you are invited to join the **SSPH+ postdocs community**! You can register for the SSPH+ postdocs mailing list or connect with us via our [LinkedIn group](#) - more details are available on [the SSPH+ postdocs webpage](#).

Last but not the least - did you hear the big news?

The SSPH+ Directorate is welcoming two new members! Starting in September 2025, **Prof. Murielle Bochud** and **Prof. Nicole Probst-Hensch** will join as [Academic Co-Directors](#). Their expertise in public health, epidemiology, and population-based research will help shape the future of SSPH+.

Additionally, [the SSPH+ Annual Report 2024](#) is now available! Dive into the highlights of the past year and discover the key milestones shaping our network.

Stay connected with us for more updates and insights!

You can follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) to stay up-to-date with our latest activities.