

Dear SSPH+ Community,

We are pleased to introduce the April edition of the SSPH+ Newsletter. This month's issue brings you the latest news from across our network, upcoming events, open calls, and opportunities for IGC students and postdocs. Enjoy reading!

SSPH+ COURSES

Upcoming SSPH+ IGC Courses in May 2026

Cancer Epidemiology: From Description to Prevention (basic)

- Dates: 12 May 2026
- Course format: 2-3 hour online course for SSPH+ IGC students
- Late Registration: 3 May 2026
- Course flyer: [here](#)

Big Data in Public Health (basic/intermediate) - 1 last place available

- Dates: 18 - 22 May 2026
- Course format: On site at University of Lucerne
- Late Registration: 2 May 2026
- Course flyer: [here](#)

For more information please visit [Course Program & More Info](#). All courses in April are fully booked. However, you may register for the waiting lists by emailing phdph@ssphplus.ch, as places may still become available.

NEW: IGC Writing Retreat – August 2026

Date: 26–28 August 2026 | Domaine du Hirtz, Wattwiller, France | Deadline: 26 May 2026

IGC PhD or MD students, and SSPH+ postdocs are invited to [the IGC Writing Retreat](#), a new initiative designed to support focused academic writing in a collaborative environment. The retreat will be led by scientific writing facilitator **Dr. Kali Tal**. Participants working on manuscripts, proposals, or theses will benefit from structured writing sessions, workshops, and feedback opportunities. Full participation awards 1 ECTS credit.



The participation fee is CHF 100 (accommodation and meals are included but travel not covered). Places are limited to 20 participants, and applicants must submit a short motivation letter during registration. [Register here.](#)

SSPH+ EVENTS

SSPH+ Annual Meeting 2026 - “Protecting Science – Protecting Health”

23-24 June 2026 | from noon to noon | University of Fribourg

We are looking forward to hosting more than 150 SSPH+ community members! The agenda is available [here](#).



The 35th SSPH+ Lugano Summer School (LSS) in Public Health Policy, Economics, and Management

17–22 August 2026 | Lugano & online

For over 30 years, the SSPH+ LSS has brought together practitioners, researchers, and students from around the world for a unique, collaborative learning experience. The 2026 programme will feature 12 highly interactive courses, 2 plenaries, and several networking events, designed to foster reflection, exchange, and the development of transformative ideas. Discover more on our [website](#).



Swiss Public Health Conference (SPHC) 2026 – Registration open

2–3 September 2026 | University of Lucerne

Registration for SPHC 2026 is open! We warmly invite researchers, practitioners, policy-makers, patient advocates, and everyone engaged in public health to join us in exploring how complexity enriches public health. For more info, please visit the [SPHC 2026](#). Students and PhD candidates benefit from a discounted registration fee **of CHF 100** for one or both days.

SSPH+ CALLS

SSPH+ 2026 Call for Proposals – Inter-University Activities

Deadline: 30 April 2026

SSPH+ has launched the 2026 call for proposals to support inter-university activities led by network partners. The aim of this call is to strengthen exchange, collaboration, and foster the overall SSPH+ community spirit. More information about the call and the submission form are available [here](#). Information on previously funded projects can be found [here](#).

Call for Young Researcher Editorial (YRE) Editors – Apply Now!

Deadline: 31 May 2026

The *Young Researcher Editorial (YRE)* series of the [International Journal of Public Health \(IJPH\)](#) is inviting applications for new editors. The role offers valuable experience in writing, reviewing, and understanding the editorial process, along with access to a professional publishing platform. Advanced PhD students from SSPH+-affiliated institutions with prior publication experience can apply. More info is available here: [Open Calls | SSPH+](#).

Call for Course Proposals – SSPH+ Inter-university Graduate Campus

Submission deadline: 17 May 2026

SSPH+ invites [faculty members](#) to submit course proposals for the Inter-university Graduate Campus (IGC) in the following areas:

- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Implementation Science
- Responsible Use of Generative AI in Research

Proposals involving early-career researchers in teaching or course development are especially encouraged. Please contact awalser@ssphplus.ch to receive detailed information about the course concepts, general guidelines, and a proposal template.

Call to lecture for the SSPH+/SwissCham Public Health Program

Deadline: 21 May 2026

SSPH+ invites you to apply as a lecturer for the Public Health Program, jointly organized by SSPH+ and the Swiss Mexican Chamber of Commerce ([SwissCham](#)), funded by SwissCham and Roche. The Program offers insights into the field of public health for its constituencies in Latin and South America and offers 6 2-hour online lectures on Thursdays in October-November 2026. For all information and to apply, see [SSPH+ Open Calls](#).

SSPH+ Journals Open Calls

- [Evidence-Based Supported Employment and Education for Individuals with Psychiatric Disabilities](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 31 May 2026
- [Metrics of One Health](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 31 May 2026
- [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) and Public Health](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 30 June 2026
- [Public Health Diplomacy in a Complex World](#) - Manuscript Deadline 30 June 2026
- [Armed Conflicts, Wars and Mental Health](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 31 July 2026
- [Urban Health in Transition: Advancing Evidence and Policy for Healthier Cities](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 31 July 2026
- [The effects of wine in moderation in the context of Mediterranean or other healthy diets](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 31 July 2026
- [Strengthening the Public Health Response to Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 15 January 2027

APC support for SSPH+ Affiliates

The International Journal of Public Health ([IJPH](#)) and Public Health Reviews ([PHR](#)) offer APC discounts for SSPH+ Affiliates. Manuscripts submitted during 2026 with successful peer-review and with at least one author affiliated with SSPH+ (at the time of submission) will receive a **50% APC discount**. You must complete an APC support application form at submission for either IJPH or PHR to apply for the discount. Find more information and the procedure [here](#).

SSPH+ PARTNER COURSES AND EVENTS

Development and Implementation of the New Prevention Strategy in Quebec

Monday, 27 April 2026 | 11:00–12:00 | Unisanté

Dr. Luc Boileau, medical expert at the [Institut national de santé publique du Québec](#), will deliver a seminar titled “Development and Implementation of the New Prevention Strategy in Quebec.” All details are available on [the Unisanté website](#).

Lecture Series: 40 Years of the Ottawa Charter in Switzerland – Health Promotion in Transition

Schule als Lebenswelt: Gesundheitsförderung system(at)isch gestalten

Tuesday, 30. April 2026 | 12.00-13.00 | online

- Andrea Zumbrunn, Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz (FHNW)
- Esther Kirchhoff, Pädagogische Hochschule Zürich
- Cornelia Conrad, RADIX Schweizerische Gesundheitsstiftung

SSPH+, together with the Special Interest Group on Health Promotion and Prevention of [Public Health Schweiz](#) and [Gesundheitsförderung Schweiz](#) is organizing an online public lecture series. Participation is free of charge. [Further information and registration here](#).

Invitation: Smarter Health Care Dialogue 2026

24 June 2026 at the University of Fribourg

Following the founding of the [Smarter Health Care](#) association in late 2025, the organization invites participants to join a dialogue on smart, connected, and integrated health care in Switzerland. The event will take place directly after the SSPH+ Annual Meeting.

The programme starts with [a joint SSPH+ & Smarter Health Care session](#) on Hospital at Home implementation in Basel-Landschaft and continues with presentations and group discussions on innovative integrated care models across Switzerland. Register [here](#).

Advancing Health Equity in Learning Health Systems

September 7–11, 2026 | the University of Lucerne & online | Deadline: 10 August 2026

Registration is now open for this five-day doctoral course taking place 7–11 September 2026 at University of Lucerne and online. Participants will explore health equity in Learning Health Systems through interactive sessions, community engagement, and practical tools for research, policy, and practice. Credits: 3 ECTS. The course is open to doctoral/postdoctoral researchers from the University of Lucerne, SSPH+, University of Bern, and external applicants. More info [here](#).

OTHER CALLS

15 years of Swiss and international longitudinal data on health care systems: open access to data of the International Health Policy (IHP) Survey by the Commonwealth Fund

The [Commonwealth Fund](#)'s International Health Policy ([IHP](#)) Survey has collected comparative data on healthcare systems across ten countries since 1998, with Switzerland participating since 2010 under the coordination of [the Federal Office of Public Health \(FOPH\)](#). Fifteen years of Swiss and international longitudinal data are now available free of charge for research purposes. Interested researchers can request access by submitting a brief application to the FOPH (max. 2 pages, details available in [EN](#) / [DE](#) / [FR](#) / [IT](#)).

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