

Dear SSPH+ Community,

We are pleased to share the August edition of the SSPH+ Newsletter, featuring the latest news and highlights from across our network, upcoming events, open calls, and other updates from the SSPH+ community. Enjoy reading!

SSPH+ COURSES

Currently, all IGC courses through September 2026 are **fully booked**. Nevertheless, we encourage you to join the waiting list, as last-minute cancellations occasionally occur and places may still become available. We would be delighted to offer any available slots to waiting list participants and ensure that as many students as possible can benefit from our courses. **To register for the waiting list, please contact phdph@ssphplus.ch.**

Upcoming courses in August & September:

- 2/3/4 & 7/8 Sept 2026 – Artificial Intelligence, Deep Learning & Healthcare – Online
- 14–18 Sept 2026 – Causal Inference for Population Health Sciences – Allschwil
- 24 September 2026 – A Practical Guide on how to Submit Review and Get your Paper Published in Public Health Journals – Online
- 13 October – Monitoring the Causes of Deaths: From Data Collection to Analyses (*1 spot still available*)
- 20–22 Oct 2026 – Introduction into Multilevel Modelling of Clustered Data (*Limited spaces still available*)

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

SSPH+ EVENTS

Swiss Public Health Conference (SPHC) 2026

2–3 September 2026 | University of Lucerne

The Swiss Public Health Conference 2026 embraces complexity as a strength rather than a challenge. The conference highlights contributions that examine how social values, cultural narratives, and structural conditions shape health, and how they may open new pathways toward justice, prevention, and participation. Join us to explore new perspectives, develop bold ideas, and

get powerful impulses for a healthy, just, and sustainable society! For more info, please visit the [SPHC 2026](#).

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

Gesundheitskompetenz als Schlüsselressource: Grundlagen, Bedeutung, Strategien

Donnerstag, 24. September 2026 | 12.00 - 13.00 Uhr | online

- Elena Alder & Anna-Sophie Beese, Careum
- Reiser Simone & Nicole Gysin, Schuldenprävention Zürich
- Alexandra Papastefanou, Kanton Vaud

Health Promotion in the Anthropocene: How to advance planetary health in times of ecological collapse?

Dienstag, 27. Oktober 2026 | 12.00 - 13.00 Uhr | online

- Bea Albermann, Universität Basel
- Andrea Bärlocher & Andrea Glässel, ZHAW

Professionalisierung in der Gesundheitsförderung: Ausbildungswege im Wandel

Mittwoch, 25. November 2026 | 12.00 - 13.00 Uhr | online

- Karin Nordström & Verena Biehl & Alice Inauen, ZHAW
- Settimio Monteverde & Julia Rehsmann, BFH

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](#).

SSPH+ JOURNALS OPEN CALLS

New SSPH+ Journals call on the theme of the 2027 Swiss Public Health Conference

[The Future of Health Professions: Investigating Skills, Norms and Infrastructures](#). Manuscript deadline: 30 November 2026

Other Open SSPH+ Journals Calls

- [Metrics of One Health](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 30 September 2026
- [Armed Conflicts, Wars and Mental Health](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 31 October 2026
- [Urban Health in Transition: Advancing Evidence and Policy for Healthier Cities](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 31 October 2026
- [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) and Public Health](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 31 December 2026
- [Public Health Diplomacy in a Complex World](#) - Manuscript Deadline 31 December 2026
- [Strengthening the Public Health Response to Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 15 January 2027
- [Public Health Education and Training for the 21st Century](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 14 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, EVENTS, AND CALLS

Smarter Health Care: The Meikirch Model

7 September, from 12:00 to 13:00 | Online

The webinar will discuss the question: “How can we take a holistic approach to health, and what would this mean for the future of our healthcare system?” Milo Puhan, Urs Zannoni and Ursula Zybach will discuss the new perspectives the Meikirch Model can offer for prevention, public health and integrated care, as well as how this approach could be implemented in Switzerland. The webinar will be held in German. [Learn more and register here](#).

Call for Abstracts for the 2026 ASPHER Young Researchers Forum (YRF)

The YRF is open for submission from postgraduate students, postdoctoral researchers and early career researchers from any field of public health. Participants present their original research through oral or poster-pitch presentations and receive constructive feedback from experienced public health researchers and peers. The 2026 YRF will be held on Tuesday 10 November in Bilbao, Spain as part of the EPH pre-conferences, including a networking lunch. **The deadline for submissions is 15 September 2026.** [Learn more here](#). Abstract submissions to be sent to youngresearchersforum@aspher.org.

Free Online Course: ICF-StARS (Fall 2026)

21 Sept – 25 Oct 2026 | Swiss Paraplegic Research and the University of Lucerne

Registration is now open for the free online ICF-StARS course – this self-paced course (25 hours, equivalent to 1 ECTS) introduces the fundamentals of functioning and standardized reporting using the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF). The course is designed for healthcare professionals, researchers, students, quality managers, and others working with functioning data. More information and registration are available [here](#).

Free Online Course: Ethics, Law & Governance for Climate and Environmental Action in Public Health

Dates: 23 September–2 December 2026

Time: Wednesdays, 16:30–18:00 CET

Format: Live virtual course

Accreditation: APHEA-accredited CTEE course with CPD points and the opportunity to earn a certificate

This course is organized by ASPHER and the European Climate and Health Observatory. Through 10 live virtual sessions, the course will explore climate justice and human rights, European and international law, mitigation and adaptation, climate-resilient health systems, governance, communication and public health advocacy. [Learn more and register here](#).

Call to apply for the Frontiers Planet Prize 2027

The Frontiers Planet Prize awards a National Champion for each participating country and offers three prizes of CHF 1 million each to three International Champions, selected by an independent Jury of 100. The prize welcomes breakthrough research across all disciplines, on the condition it is focused on **planetary boundaries** and presents original research findings that help to reduce the destabilization of the Earths' system. For all information and to apply, [see here](#).

Masterclass in Implementation Science 2026

2 October – 14 November 2026 | Online & Zurich

Registration is open for the Masterclass in Implementation Science 2026, offering participants an introduction to the principles and practice of implementation science. The programme explores how to accelerate the uptake of research evidence into healthcare practice and address the de-implementation of low-value care. More information and registration are available [here](#).

Call for Posters: Geneva Health Forum 2026

10–12 November 2026 | Geneva

The Geneva Health Forum 2026 is inviting researchers, healthcare professionals, policymakers, NGOs, students, and other global health stakeholders to share their research, innovations, projects, or practical experiences related to the conference theme: **Rethinking Cooperation in Global Health**. The deadline for poster submission is 1 September 2026.

The conference will focus on rethinking cooperation in global health, with thematic areas including innovative collaborations, health promotion and community engagement, and access to healthcare in conflict and crisis settings. Accepted posters will be showcased throughout the conference, with opportunities to compete for **the Most Persuasive Poster Award** and, for students, **the Science Speed Talk**. More information and submission [details are available here](#).

Other upcoming events previously advertised in our newsletter:

Symposium - Education Initiative on Unconscious Bias in Health Care

- 01 September 2026 | 09:30 - 16:30 | University of Bern
- More info [here](#).

From Knowledge to Impact: Transformational Learning in Global Health

- 09 September 2026 | Swiss TPH
- More info [here](#).

Advancing Health Equity in Learning Health Systems

- 7–11 September 2026 | University of Lucerne & online | Deadline: 10 August 2026
- More info [here](#).

LIFE events

- 17 September 2026 | University of Lucerne
- More info [here \(LIFE B. Braun Lecture\)](#) and [here \(LIFE Forum Rehabilitation\)](#)

SAMW symposium on: “Welche Entscheidungen für das Schweizer Gesundheitssystem?”

- 24 September 2026 | Eventforum Bern
- More info [here](#).

Swiss Forum for the Ecological Transformation of the Healthcare System

- 17 November 2026 | Lausanne
- More info [here](#).

2nd Zurich Population Research Conference 2027

- 1-2 February 2026 | Zurich
- More info [here](#).

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