

Dear SSPH+ Community,

Welcome to the latest edition of our SSPH+ newsletter! As we embark on an exciting year, we are pleased to share some key updates and upcoming opportunities with you. Mark your calendars and stay connected – we look forward to continuing this journey together with our public health community.

In this edition, you will find:

- SSPH+ Emerging Health Leaders (EHL) – Skills Training and Leadership Courses
- Upcoming Events
- Latest News
- IJPH & PHR Call for Papers
- Current Job Offers at SSPH+ Partner Institutions

We hope you find this information valuable. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Happy reading!

Best regards, SSPH+ Directorate Office

SSPH+ Emerging Health Leaders (EHL): Skills Training and Leadership Courses

You are invited to participate in the last two SSPH+ Emerging Health Leaders (EHL) courses, designed to provide skills training for professionals in the field of health care and public health and offer specific leadership training for future health leaders.

- **Thursday, 24 April 2025, Zürich – Customer Centricity & Storytelling: Perspective from the Communication Industry** by Walter Stulzer (Communication Industry)
- **Tuesday, 30 June 2025, Fribourg – Planning of a campaign in the health field: concepts and strategies** by Benoit Gaillard (Swiss Labour Union Federation) & Simon Zurich (Les Tailleurs)

Registration for courses of the EHL is [here](#). Please note that there are limited spaces available.



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](https://ssphplus.ch/en/teaching-training/ssph-ehl-courses/), Post-Docs and [NRP 74 EHCL alumni](https://ssphplus.ch/en/teaching-training/ssph-ehl-courses/). For more information, please visit: <https://ssphplus.ch/en/teaching-training/ssph-ehl-courses/>

The cost of each course is CHF 300.-. However, for SSPH+ IGC students, post-doc students* and alumni of the NRP 74 Emerging Health Care Leaders Programme (EHCL), the course cost is CHF 30.- per course with a code**.

*A post-doc is an individual who holds a PhD (up to 8 years after its completion) and is affiliated with an SSPH+ institute or in the team of an SSPH+ faculty member.

**For code for registration as SSPH+ IGC student, post-doc or alumni of EHCL programme, contact: mdavidovic@ssphplus.ch.

Upcoming events

- **SSPH+ Annual Meeting 2025, 4-5 June 2025** (from noon to noon) will be hosted by the Bern University of Applied Sciences (BFH). This year, SSPH+ proudly celebrates 20 years of shaping public health together! Join us in marking this milestone! See the tentative program [here](#).
- **SSPH+ Lugano Summer School (LSS) 2025** in Public Health Policy, Economics, and Management, 18-23 August 2025, Lugano & online. Learn more about the courses and registration [here](#).

Applications for the LSS 2025 Scholarships Programme are officially open! In its commitment to support the public health workforce to respond constructively to challenges of the public health sector, the Swiss Plexus Programme is offering online, hubs, full onsite, and partial onsite scholarships to participate in the SSPH+ LSS 2025, which will take place in Lugano and online from 18-23 August. The deadline for applications is March 5, 2025. More info [here](#).

- **Swiss Public Health Conference 2025** on Mental Health and Wellbeing: Investing in Mental Wealth, 10-11 September 2025, Lugano. More info [here](#).

Latest news

- **SSPH+ Open Letter on the planned deletion of the “Wissenschaftsmagazin”** We would like to inform you that we have sent an open letter to those responsible at SRF to express our concern about their plans to weaken science journalism. You are welcome to use our letter and/or sign the following online petition: <https://openpetition.eu!/sciencejournalism>. See SSPH+ Open Letter [here](#).
- **The 5th European Summer School in Evidence-Based Public Health 2025** hosted by the Pettenkofer School of Public Health at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU) from 21 to 25 July 2025. More info [here](#).
- **First Joint Symposium on "Emerging Viruses and New Vaccines – From Research to Public Health"** organized by the Geneva Centre for Emerging Viral Diseases and the Centre for Vaccinology will take place from April 7-9, 2025, at Campus Biotech in Geneva, Switzerland. More info [here](#).

IJPH & PHR Call for Papers

The SSPH+ International Journal of Public Health (IJPH) and Public Health Reviews (PHR) have three opened call for papers: More info [here](#).

- **The Health of Displaced People: A Challenge for Epidemiology and Public Health**

This call is led and funded by the European Educational Programme in Epidemiology (EEPE) in collaboration with SSPH+, and combined with the “Rodolfo Saracci Best Paper Award 2025”. The

best paper will receive a cash award (CHF 3'000). The manuscript submission deadline is June 30, 2025.

- **Evidence-Based Supported Employment and Education for Individuals with Psychiatric Disabilities**

The call for papers is open until September 30, 2025.

- **The Effects of Wine in Moderation in the Context of Mediterranean or Other Healthy Diets**

The call for papers is open until December 12, 2025.

Latest job offers at SSPH+ Partner Institutions

- **Postdoctoral Researcher** (100%) at the Institute of Evolutionary Medicine, University of Zurich, from July 2025 or by agreement
- **Research Fellow/Research Associate** (80-100%) at the University Centre for General and Public Health, Unisanté, from April 2025
- **PhD student in Life Course Epidemiology** of Cancer in the Population Health Laboratory of the University of Fribourg, from July 2025 or by agreement

Check out our regularly updated job database [here](#).

Does your institute or faculty have an open position? Let us know at mdavidovic@ssphplus.ch, and we will promote it on our webpage!

SSPH+ Postdoc Community

Join our growing SSPH+ postdoc* network! Subscribe to the SSPH+ Postdoc Email List by sending your name, surname, and current affiliation to mdavidovic@ssphplus.ch. You can also connect with other postdocs by joining the [SSPH+ Post-doc LinkedIn Group!](#)

**An individual who holds a PhD (up to 8 years after its completion) and is affiliated with an SSPH+ university or institution or in the team of an SSPH+ faculty member.*

Upcoming Events for Postdocs: SSPH+ Annual Meeting 2025 – Day 2, 5 June 2025 | 09:00–10:00

Workshop: Centering Equity and Justice in Research

This session will provide early career researchers with practical strategies to integrate equity and justice into their work by addressing biases, fostering inclusivity, and aligning research with societal challenges.

Stay Connected with SSPH+

After careful consideration, we have decided to close the SSPH+ X (Twitter) account to focus on more engaging communication channels.

Please follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and visit our [website](#) for the latest updates.