

Dear SSPH+ Community,

Welcome to the February edition of the SSPH+ Newsletter, which shares important updates, upcoming events, and new opportunities at SSPH+.

## SSPH+ COURSES

### Upcoming SSPH+ IGC Courses in April 2026

#### **Applied Bayesian Methods in Epidemiology and Public Health (Intermediate)**

- Dates: 14–16 April 2026
- Location: University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI)
- Registration deadline: 14 March 2026
- Course flyer: [here](#)

#### **Understanding Social Inequalities and Social Problems in Health (Basic)**

- Dates: 20–22 April 2026
- Location: University of Fribourg and Swiss TPH
- Registration deadline: 20 March 2026
- Course flyer: [here](#)

#### **Epidemiological Concepts, Principles, and Methods: A Practice-oriented Introduction (Basic)**

- Dates: 27 April – 1 May 2026
- Location: University of Lausanne, Unisanté
- Course format: On site
- Registration deadline: 27 March 2026
- Course flyer: [here](#)

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

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

Thursday, 16 April 2026 | Lucerne, Switzerland

We are pleased to invite you to the first Emerging Health Leaders (EHL) course in 2026 – "Leading, Communicating and Sustaining Yourself in Complex Work Environments". You are welcome to join us for a transformative day with leadership expert **Carl Emerson** (InsideOut Solutions) and learn how to build the leadership, communication, and self-management skills needed to thrive in complex, high-pressure professional environments. More info & registration: [Emerging Health Leaders: Skills Training & Leadership Courses | SSPH+](#). SSPH+ IGC students, Postdocs, and NRP 74 EHCL alumni can attend at a reduced fee of CHF 30 (regular fee: CHF 300). Please contact [mdavidovic@ssphplus.ch](mailto:mdavidovic@ssphplus.ch) to receive the code.

## 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.

Join us at the next EHL course:



**Carl Emerson**  
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**Luzern, Switzerland**

**Thursday, 16 April 2026 (all day event)**



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 info, please visit: <https://ssphplus.ch/>

## SSPH+ EVENTS

### SSPH+ Annual Meeting 2026

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

With our Annual Meeting motto "**Protecting Science – Protecting Health**" we reaffirm our mission to advance rigorous, independent science that informs policy and upholds public health in Switzerland. Sessions cover topics on: protecting public health evidence, negotiation strategies for translating public health science to policy and the white paper and health promotion initiative. The

meeting agenda is available [here](#), and the registration information has been sent to our community members in a separate email.



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## **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. Guided by the principle of mutual learning for change, the LSS is a global platform where education, innovation, and collaboration come together with the main aim of advancing global public health. The 2026 programme features 12 highly interactive courses, 2 plenaries, and several networking events, all designed to foster reflection, exchange, and the development of transformational ideas. More info is available on our [website](#).

The Swiss Plexus Programme is offering online, hub, full onsite, and partial onsite scholarships to attend the SSPH+ LSS 2026. Details on eligibility, scholarship formats, and application steps are available in [the guidelines document](#). Application deadline: March 1, 2026 at 23:30 CET.



# SSPH+ LUGANO SUMMER SCHOOL

IN PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY, ECONOMICS,  
AND MANAGEMENT

35TH EDITION  
**17-22 AUGUST 2026**  
IN LUGANO AND ONLINE



## Swiss Public Health Conference 2026

2–3 September 2026 | University of Lucerne

Registration for SPHC 2026 opens tomorrow! 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 full details and registration information, please visit the [SPHC 2026 website](#). Please note that students and PhD candidates benefit from a discounted registration fee of CHF 100 for one or both days.

## SSPH+ CALLS

### SSPH+ Journals Open Calls

Important Update: SSPH+ affiliates will continue to receive APC discounts from the two SSPH+ Journals this year. Manuscripts submitted to IJPH or PHR 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. For full details, see [here](#).

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

- [Armed Conflicts, Wars and Mental Health](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 31 July 2026
- [Public Health Diplomacy in a Complex World](#) - Manuscript Deadline 30 June 2026
- [Urban Health in Transition: Advancing Evidence and Policy for Healthier Cities](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 31 March 2026
- [Evidence-Based Supported Employment and Education for Individuals with Psychiatric Disabilities](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 31 March 2026
- [Advances in Public Health Leadership](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 28 February 2026
- [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) and Public Health](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 30 June 2026
- [Metrics of One Health](#) - Abstract Deadline: 15 March 2026 | Manuscript Deadline: 31 May 2026
- [Strengthening the Public Health Response to Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 15 January 2027

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## **SSPH+ 2026 Call for Proposals – Inter-University Activities**

Deadline: 30 April 2026

SSPH+ is pleased to launch 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 the overall SSPH+ spirit. More information about the call and the submission form are available [here](#). Information on previously funded projects can be found [here](#).

## **SSPH+ PARTNER COURSES AND EVENTS**

### **LIFE B. Braun Lecture with Prof. Lawrence O. Gostin (Georgetown University)**

19 February 2026 | 12:15 CET | University of Lucerne

The University of Lucerne warmly invites you to the next LIFE B. Braun Lecture with Prof. Lawrence O. Gostin (Georgetown University), part of an ongoing series that fosters dialogue on health, functioning, and wellbeing. [More info.](#)

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

Advocacy und Health in All Policies: *Politisches Handeln in der Gesundheitsförderung*

24 February 2026 | 12.00-13.00 | online

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.](#)

## **Do Scientists lose Control over Scientific Publishing? It depends on you!**

03 March 2026 | 16:15-17:15h | Swiss TPH

Join us at lecture by Prof. Dr. med. et PhD Nino Künzli "Do Scientists lose Control over Scientific Publishing? It depends on you!". For more info, [click here](#).

## **Population Health Monitoring Meeting**

5 March 2026 | The Swiss Federal Statistical Office in Neuchâtel

Organized by the OBSAN, PHS/SSPH+, and the #PopHealthlab, this year's meeting will be centered around the theme: Health Equity Report: From Data to Analysis. Click [here](#) for the program, and register by 24 February 2026.

## **Causal Inference Symposium**

18 March 2026 | University of Fribourg

The Causal Inference Symposium focuses on Causal Machine Learning and its applications in health sciences and health economics. More information [here](#).

## **The ORPHEUS 2026 Conference**

26–28 May 2026 | Budapest, Hungary

The conference invites academic leaders, doctoral programme directors, supervisors, quality-assurance professionals, and PhD candidates to engage in an in-depth exploration of: “Sustainable Networks Through Interdisciplinary Partnerships – The Key to Quality Enhancements in Doctoral Education”. ORPHEUS offers **8 scholarships of €500** to cover the costs of travel, registration and accommodation to PhD researchers. Selection is based on abstract submissions (deadline 22 March). For more info, please visit [semmelweispremium.hu/orpheus2026](https://semmelweispremium.hu/orpheus2026).

### **ASPHER 1st European Congress on Education and Training in Public Health**

15-18 July 2026 | Milan, Italy

The ASPHER 1st European Congress on Education and Training in Public Health aims to advance the quality and capacity of public health education across Europe and will bring together leaders, educators, and professionals committed to shaping the future of the field. [The call for abstracts is open until 28 February 2026.](#)

### **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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