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SSPH+ HIGHLIGHT

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

The SSPH+ Annual Meeting 2026, held on 23–24 June at the University of Fribourg, brought together more than 170 participants from across the Swiss public health community. The event provided a valuable platform for sharing research, exchanging ideas, building collaborations, and celebrating achievements. Thank you to all participants, speakers, moderators, partners, and contributors who made the meeting a memorable success. Photos from the event are available [here](#).

We are already looking ahead to the next edition: **the SSPH+ Annual Meeting 2027** will take place on **9–10 June 2027** at **SUPSI Campus Mendrisio** under the theme “One Health: From Global to Local South.” We hope to see you there!



The poster for the SSPH+ Annual Meeting 2027 features a background image of a modern building interior with a staircase. The text is as follows:

SSPH+
Annual meeting
09-10.06.2027

 **“One Health:
from global to local South”**

Campus SUPSI Mendrisio
Via Flora Ruchat-Roncati 15
CH-6850 Mendrisio

How to reach us

 **By train**
The Campus is directly at the railway station in Mendrisio

Save the date

Logos of partner institutions: EPFL, ETH zürich, HES-SO, SUPSI, Universität Basel, UNI PR, UNIVERSITÉ DE GENÈVE, Universität Luzern, unine, Universität Zürich, and zhw.

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:

- 26–28 Aug 2026 – IGC Writing Retreat – Wattwiller, France
- 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

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

SSPH+ EVENTS

Swiss Public Health Conference (SPHC) 2026 – Registration open

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](#).

Students and PhD candidates benefit from a discounted registration fee of CHF 100 for one or both days.



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

- [The effects of wine in moderation in the context of Mediterranean or other healthy diets](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 31 July 2026
- [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

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](#).

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: “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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