

Dear SSPH+ Community,

We are pleased to share the May edition of the SSPH+ Newsletter, featuring recent highlights from across our network, upcoming events and open calls. 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.**

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

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](#).



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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

Call for Course Proposals by Postdocs (2–3hrs, online)

Deadline: 31 May 2026

SSPH+ invites postdoctoral researchers and early-career scientists to submit proposals for a 2–3 hour online course for PhD and MD students enrolled in the IGC. Eligible applicants must work under the supervision of a SSPH+ Faculty Member and have obtained their PhD within the past 8 years. For further information on the course concept and proposal guidelines, please visit [SSPH+ Open Calls](#).

Call to lecture for the SSPH+/SwissCham Public Health Program (2hrs, paid CHF 800)

Deadline has been extended: 04 June 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](#).

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+](#).

SSPH+ Journals Open Calls

- [Evidence-Based Supported Employment and Education for Individuals with Psychiatric Disabilities](#) - 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
- [Metrics of One Health](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 30 September 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

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

Partizipation in der Gesundheitsförderung: Prinzip, Prozess, Praxis

Wednesday, 27 May 2026 | 12.00-13.00 | online

- Chloé Saas, Gesundheitsförderung Schweiz (FR)
- Remo Schraner, University of Basel (DE)

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.](#)



The Sleeping Beast: Tackling Diseases in their Dormant Stages

4 June 2026 | Swiss TPH

Swiss TPH Symposium “The Sleeping Beast: Tackling Diseases in their Dormant Stages” focuses on diseases in dormant stages and their public health relevance. Registration deadline: 28 May 2026. More info [here](#).

Invitation: Smarter Health Care Dialogue 2026

24 June 2026 | 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](#) “Smart, connected, and integrated” on *Hospital at Home Roll-out in Basel-Landschaft* and continues with presentations and group discussions on innovative integrated care models across Switzerland. Register [here](#).

From Knowledge to Impact: Transformational Learning in Global Health

09 September 2026 | Swiss TPH

Swiss TPH Symposium “From Knowledge to Impact: Transformational Learning in Global Health” marks the 30th anniversary of the [tropEd network](#) and explores how knowledge can be translated into impact in global health. Join us [here](#).

Advancing Health Equity in Learning Health Systems

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

Join and explore health equity in Learning Health Systems through interactive sessions, community engagement, and practical tools for research, policy, and practice. This five-day doctoral course is open to doctoral/postdoctoral researchers from the University of Lucerne, SSPH+, University of Bern, and external applicants. More info [here](#).

Save the date - Upcoming LIFE events

17 September 2026 | University of Lucerne

Two LIFE events will take place at the University of Lucerne (free of charge):

- **LIFE B. Braun Lecture** (12:15–13:15) by Marco D’Angelo, Vice Director and Head of Health and Social Affairs at the Swiss Federal Statistical Office, on “Information flows in the Swiss healthcare system: the interplay of actors and processes. Perspectives for integrating functioning as a third health indicator.”
- **LIFE Forum Rehabilitation** (14:00–17:30, followed by a networking apéro) on “Functioning as a key health indicator – opportunities for practice, policy, and research.” The forum brings together experts from practice, research, and policy.

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

24 September 2026 | [Eventforum Bern](#)

The Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences (SAMW) invites to a symposium on decision-making in the Swiss healthcare system, focusing on how to manage increasing needs in a context of limited resources. The event brings together perspectives from policy, ethics, and healthcare practice. Further program details and registration is available [here](#).

Swiss Forum for the Ecological Transformation of the Healthcare System

17 November 2026 | Lausanne

[The ETHICH Consortium](#) is pleased to announce the next Swiss Forum for the Ecological Transformation of the Healthcare System. Registration opens in early June, with key dates and details available on the [website](#).

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