

Dear SSPH+ Community,

Welcome to the October edition of the SSPH+ Newsletter! As autumn settles in, we are busy with new projects, collaborations, and preparations for the year ahead. In this issue, we are happy to share a few highlights, updates, and upcoming events from across our network. Enjoy the read!

SSPH+ COURSES

Registration for the IGC courses 2026 is officially open!

Registration for the Inter-university Graduate Campus (IGC) courses 2026 is officially open as of 16 October 2025 at 14:00 (CET). All IGC Students and SSPH+ Postdocs are invited to register early to secure their places in next year's courses.

Registration fee:

- IGC Students: CHF 30 per course (up to the defense)
- SSPH+ Postdocs: CHF 30 per course, with proof of SSPH+ affiliation uploaded in the registration tool

Registration link: <https://www.conftool.com/ssph-phd-courses2026>

Further details and the registration code have been sent to all IGC Students and SSPH+ Postdocs via email. For more information and 2026 course program, please visit the [official IGC Courses 2026 webpage](#). We look forward to your participation in the IGC Courses 2026!

Note: the remaining courses in 2025 are all fully booked, but you are welcome to register for the waiting lists by email to phdph@ssphplus.ch.

SSPH+ EVENTS – SAVE THE DATE

SSPH+ Annual Meeting 2026

We are excited to announce that our next Annual Meeting 2026, themed “**Protecting Science – Protecting Health**”, will be hosted by the University of Fribourg on June 23–24, 2026, from noon to noon. Mark your calendars - we look forward to seeing you there!

Swiss Public Health Conference 2026

Swiss Public Health Conference 2026 is happening on September 2–3, 2026 in Lucerne and it will be dedicated to the topic “**Public Health and the Beauty of Complexity**”. The call for abstracts will open in November 2025, with a submission deadline of February 1, 2026.

SSPH+ Lugano Summer School in Public Health 2026

We hope you will join us in celebrating 35 years of mutual learning for change. We will meet both on-site in Lugano and online, from 17 to 22 August 2026!

Stay tuned for more information: [SSPH+ Events](#).

SSPH+ CALLS

SSPH+ Journals Open Calls

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: 1 February 2026
- [Disaster Health Convergence: Better Integration of Public Health and Disaster Medicine](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 13 November 2025
- [The effects of wine in moderation in the context of Mediterranean or other healthy diets](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 12 December 2025
- [Urban Health in Transition: Advancing Evidence and Policy for Healthier](#) Cities - Abstract Deadline: 31 October 2025 | Manuscript Deadline: 31 March 2026

- [Evidence-Based Supported Employment and Education for Individuals with Psychiatric Disabilities](#) – Manuscript Deadline: 31 December 2025
- [Advances in Public Health Leadership](#) – Manuscript Deadline: 30 November 2025
- [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) and Public Health](#) - Manuscript Deadline: 31 December 2025

Call for contributions for a lecture series– 40 Years of the Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion

Submission Deadline: 30 October 2025

In 2026, the world marks the 40th anniversary of the *Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion* – a milestone document that continues to serve as the global foundation for a holistic approach to health promotion, addressing both social and environmental determinants of health.

To mark this occasion, *Health Promotion and Prevention Working Group* of [the Swiss Society of Public Health](#) is hosting a year-long lecture series exploring the development, implementation, and future prospects of the Ottawa Charter in Switzerland.

Universities, universities of applied sciences, and health promotion institutions in Switzerland are invited to submit concepts and topic proposals by 30 October 2025. More information about the call and planned key topics, you can find [here](#).

Call for Course Proposals: Advanced Survey Methods for Population Health

Submission Deadline: 31 October 2025

The SSPH+ Inter-university Graduate Campus (IGC) is excited to invite course proposals for a new IGC course: **Advanced Survey Methods for Population Health**

This course will be part of the official IGC program. The Academic Board of the IGC will review all submissions and select the proposal that best aligns with the program's educational goals and structural requirements.

We especially encourage proposals that involve early-career researchers – either as part of the teaching team or in a leading role in course development. You can submit proposal via email to: awalser@ssphplus.ch. More information is available [here](#).

Call for Short Online Course Proposals - SSPH+ Postdocs and Early-Career Researchers

Submission Deadline: 31 October 2025

SSPH+ is committed to supporting the development of postdocs and early-career researchers by encouraging their engagement in teaching. We are pleased to announce the **4th call for new course proposals**. We invite postdocs and early-career scientists from SSPH+ partner institutes* to propose online courses of 2–3 hours aimed at PhD and MD students enrolled in the SSPH+ Inter-university Graduate Campus (IGC). For more info, please visit [here](#).

**Eligible applicants are those who earned their PhD within the last 8 years and are affiliated with a SSPH+ partner institute or working within the team of a SSPH+ Faculty Member.*

SSPH+ PARTNER COURSES

4th International Meeting on Teaching Epidemiology

19–20 January 2026 | RAA-G-01, Rämistrasse 59, Zurich

Registration is now open for [the 4th International Meeting on Teaching Epidemiology](#), themed “*Innovative Approaches to Teaching Epidemiology – A Lived Experience*.”

This year's meeting focuses on hands-on, practice-oriented teaching methods that bring epidemiological concepts to life through case-based simulations, role-play, and the use of AI tools. Participants will experience these methods as learners and leave with fresh ideas and materials for their own teaching.

Scholarships available: The Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Prevention Institute (EBPI) offers 10 EpiTeaching Scholarships for participants from low- and middle-income countries, covering travel (up to CHF 1500) and registration fees. More info & registration: [Event website](#).

LIFE Winter School on Health and Well-being

17–19 February 2026 | Lucerne University, Lucerne

Registration is now open for the [LIFE Winter School on Health and Well-being](#), themed “Strengthening Health and Well-being for Human Flourishing.”

This three-day program for PhD students and early-career researchers explores how health systems, services, and policies can foster human flourishing. Participants will engage in lectures, interactive workshops, and hands-on labs, learning to integrate well-being and functioning into research and practice.

Scholarships available: grants cover travel and accommodation (up to CHF 800 for Europe, CHF 2000 for non-Europe participants). Apply by 15 December 2025 with a motivation letter, CV, and proof of enrollment/employment. More info & registration: [Event website](#)

JOBS

Postdoc in Global Mental Health and Implementation Science, University of Zürich

- Start Date: January 2026 or by mutual agreement
- Deadline to apply: 30 October 2025

PhD Position in Global Mental Health, University of Zürich

- Start Date: January 2026 or by mutual agreement
- Deadline to apply: 30 October 2025

Head of Research, Swiss TPH

- Start Date: March 2026

Head of Platforms, Swiss TPH

- **Start Date:** March 2026

More info about job opportunities: [Jobs](#).

Do you know for a currently open role within SSPH+ community? Send us more info at info@ssphplus.ch and we will be happy to upload it at the SSPH+ website.

Let's Connect!

SSPH+ IGC Holiday Celebration – Join the Festivities!

The SSPH+ IGC student and postdoc representatives invite all PhD and MD students and postdocs to celebrate Christmas and the New Year together. Enjoy games, fun activities, and share holiday traditions from around the world. Let's end the year on a joyful note!

- Date: December 4, 2025
- Time: 17:00 – 18:00 (CET)
- Format: Online
- [Register now](#) to join the fun!



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SWISS SCHOOL OF
PUBLIC HEALTH

JOIN US FOR A

*Christmas around
the world*

ONLINE EVENT

DECEMBER **4** 5:00 PM CET

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENT:

- Discover and share Christmas traditions from around the world;
- Connect and network with fellow PhDs and MD students and Post-Docs from IGC SSPH+;
- Enjoy games and fun activities.

HOW TO JOIN:

Scan the QR code, register now & share your Christmas cheer!



SSPH+ Online Community is Growing – thank you for your support!

Over the past 10 months, our SSPH+ LinkedIn community has grown by more than 1'500 new followers – an 86% increase! A big thank you to everyone who engages with and shares our content. Your support helps us reach more people passionate about public health. Let's keep

growing together – follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) , and invite your colleagues and friends to join the SSPH+ network!

Did you know that SSPH+ has planted a forest?

Through Treedom, our SSPH+ Forest now includes 48 trees worldwide, gifted as prizes for top PhD articles, best Swiss Public Health Conference abstracts, and new SSPH+ Honorary Fellows.

Each tree is geolocated and cared for by local farmers, supporting both the environment and local communities. With every new tree, we celebrate achievement while contributing to a sustainable future. Visit and explore [the SSPH+ Forest!](#)