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Dear SSPH+ Community,

We are pleased to share the October edition of the SSPH+ Newsletter. This issue brings you the latest news and highlights from across our network, upcoming events, new opportunities, and other updates from the SSPH+ community. As the autumn semester continues, we hope you enjoy exploring the latest developments and wish you an enjoyable read!

SSPH+ HIGHLIGHTS

39th Residential Summer Course in Epidemiology – 2027

The European Educational Programme in Epidemiology (EEPE) will hold its **39th Residential Summer Course in Epidemiology from 14 June to 2 July 2027**, near Florence, Italy. Designed for epidemiologists, public health professionals, statisticians, and clinicians, the three-week programme covers epidemiological study design and statistical analysis.

A series of **specialized courses will follow from 5–9 July 2027**, offering advanced training in time series methods, genetic and epigenetic epidemiology, computational epidemiology, quantitative bias analysis, perinatal and early-life epidemiology, and GIS in epidemiology. These modules can be attended independently of the main course.

Courses are taught in English by experts from European universities and research institutes, combining intensive learning with the cultural experience of Florence and Tuscany. The registration will open on 02 November 2026 – find more info here.

SSPH+ Lugano Summer School 2027

Save the date for the 36th edition, taking place from 16–21 August 2027 in Lugano and online. Programme updates will be shared in the coming months, with registration opening in January 2027.



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Swiss Public Health Conference 2027

SAVE THE DATE: We are already looking forward to the next edition, taking place in **Sion on 31 August–1 September 2027**. The call for abstracts will open on 2 November 2026!



SSPH+ IGC COURSES

Registration for the course year 2027 of the SSPH+ Inter-university Graduate Campus is now open! We are especially excited to offer six new courses in 2027:

- Medical Care Epidemiology: From Variation to Low-Value Care
- Implementation Science: Translating Evidence to Real-World Impact
- Advanced Survey Methods for Population Health
- Responsible Use of Generative AI in Public Health Research
- Public Mental Health: From Mental Illness to Wellbeing
- Implementation Science for Harm Reduction: History, Frameworks, and Methods (short online course)

Explore the full course program here and register here. External participants are welcome to register, subject to availability.

Upcoming IGC course in 2026 with available places:

Visualization and Modeling for Public Health Surveillance (intermediate/advanced) – 2 *places available*

- Dates: 23 - 25 November 2026
- Course format: On site at University of Lausanne

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- Registration: until 23 October 2026
- Course flyer: here

For further details and to register, please visit the Course Program & More Info.

Currently, all other IGC courses until end of 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. **To register for the waiting list, please contact phdph@ssphplus.ch**.

SSPH+ CALLS

The SSPH+ IGC course proposals

We are very pleased to announce 4 calls for the SSPH+ IGC course proposals:

- **Missing Data in Health Research: Mechanisms, Methods, and Applications**
- **Introduction into GIS for Public Health**
- **Health Misinformation and Information Quality in Public Health**
- **Applied Bayesian Methods in Epidemiology and Public Health**

Detailed information about the course concepts, general guidelines, and a proposal template are available here.

The courses will be part of the SSPH+ IGC course program. The Academic Board of the IGC will evaluate all submissions and select the proposals that best meet the educational goals and structural requirements of the IGC program. We particularly welcome proposals that involve early-career researchers — either by including them in the teaching team or through their leadership in the course development. Please send your course proposal **by 30 November 2026** to awalser@ssphplus.ch.

SSPH+ EVENTS

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

Health Promotion in the Anthropocene: How to advance planetary health in times of ecological collapse?

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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

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: 15 January 2027

Other Open SSPH+ Journals Calls

- Metrics of One Health - Manuscript Deadline: 31 October 2026
- Urban Health in Transition: Advancing Evidence and Policy for Healthier Cities - Manuscript Deadline: 31 October 2026
- Armed Conflicts, Wars and Mental Health - Manuscript Deadline: 31 December 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

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The SSPH+ 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

From Research to Policy: Digital Technologies and Healthcare

Date: 23 October 2026
Time: 09:00–17:30, followed by an apéro
Location: Ateliers Bollwerkstadt, Bern
Organised by Reatch, this one-day training course will explore how research at the intersection of digital technologies and healthcare can inform policymaking in Switzerland. Participants will gain insights into the Swiss political system, learn to translate research into policy recommendations, and work on real-world challenges such as AI in diagnostics and health data security. The course is open to researchers, practitioners and innovators at all career stages, with no prior policy experience required. **Places are limited to 22 participants. Fees start at CHF 50 for academics.** Register for the course here.

Smarter Health Care Webinar: The Body Stress Model and Interprofessional Collaboration

Date: 2 November 2026
Time: 12:00–13:00 CET
Format: Online via Microsoft Teams (in German)

Organized by the Smarter Health Care Association, this webinar will bring together **Milo Puhan, Stefan Büchi and Monika Reber** to discuss how the body stress model can improve the care of people with psychosomatic complaints. The discussion will explore its role in diagnosis and treatment, how it can facilitate collaboration between primary care, psychiatry and physiotherapy, and the benefits of an integrated approach for patients and the healthcare system. **Registration is open.** Register for the webinar here.

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18th Annual Conference of the Swiss Society of Sport Science (4S)

Dates: 10–11 February 2027
Location: Basel, Switzerland
Format: In-person conference

The 18th Annual Conference of the Swiss Society of Sport Science (4S), hosted by the Department of Sport, Exercise and Health (DSBG) at the University of Basel, will explore the theme "*If exercise is medicine: What comes next? – New directions in exercise and sport science.*" The conference will bring together researchers and practitioners in sport and exercise science, with contributions on physical activity and public health, prevention, health promotion, health inequalities, and population health particularly welcome. **The Call for Abstracts is open until 31 October 2026.** Learn more about the conference and submit your abstract here.

Shaping the Future of Advanced Practice Nursing Research in Switzerland – A National Collaborative Initiative

Date: 11 March 2027
Time: 09:00–17:00 CET
Format: On-site symposium at University Hospital Zurich (USZ)

This national symposium will bring together stakeholders from research, clinical practice and health policy to shape the future of Advanced Practice Nursing (APN) research in Switzerland. The morning session will be open to all and feature international perspectives on APN research strategies and health-system impact, followed by a panel discussion on challenges and opportunities in the Swiss context. In the afternoon, invitation-only co-design workshops will bring together diverse stakeholders to refine research priorities and identify outcomes relevant to Switzerland. The initiative aims to establish a shared national APN research programme and strengthen collaboration across research and practice. **Participation is free of charge.** The programme and registration details will be available soon. Find out more about the symposium here.

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Other upcoming events, as previously advertised in our newsletters:

Free Online Course: Ethics, Law & Governance for Climate and Environmental Action in Public Health

- 23 September–2 December 2026 | Wednesdays, 16:30–18:00 CET | Online
- More info here

Geneva Health Forum 2026 – Registration open

- 10–12 November 2026 | Geneva
- More info here

Swiss Forum for the Ecological Transformation of the Healthcare System

- 17 November 2026 | Lausanne
- More info here

Conference: National Health Promotion Conference 2027 – Digital Health Promotion: Desired and Undesired Side Effects

- Wednesday, 27 January 2027 | Kursaal Bern
- More info here

2nd Zurich Population Research Conference 2027

- 1-2 February 2026 | Zurich
- More info here

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