

Dear SSPH+ Community,

Welcome to the September edition of the SSPH+ Newsletter!

The late summer months have been full of activity for our community, with exciting events such as the SSPH+ Lugano Summer School in Public Health and the Swiss Public Health Conference. We are delighted to share updates and news from across our network. In this issue, you will find recent highlights as well as a preview of upcoming activities and events. Enjoy reading!

Big Announcement: New SSPH+ Academic Director (from October 1, 2025)

During the two-day SSPH+ Directorate retreat in Geneva, members discussed future developments and activities. This meeting also marked the last Directorate session for **Prof. Antoine Flahault**, as he will be moving to Paris, where he has been appointed Full Professor at Paris City University for the next five years. We warmly thank Antoine for his valuable contributions and wish him the very best in this new chapter.

The Directorate follows a rotating chair system with a one-year mandate. As **Prof. Luca Crivelli** steps down as Academic Director, we extend our deep gratitude for his tremendous efforts over the past year. We are pleased to announce that **Prof. Viktor von Wyl** will take over as the new Academic Director starting October 1, 2025. We look forward to his leadership in the coming year.



SSPH+ COURSES

Upcoming SSPH+ IGC Courses in October and November with some places left

[Introduction to the Statistical Software R](#) (basic)

- Dates: 08-10 October 2025
- Location: Swiss TPH, Allschwil
- Late Registration Deadline: 5 October 2025

[GIS for Public Health](#) (2 places left)

- Dates: 17-21 November 2025
- Location: Swiss TPH
- Registration Deadline: 17 October 2025

For more details and to register, please visit [Course Program & More Info](#).

Note: Courses that are fully booked are not included in the list above, but you still have a chance to join by registering on the waiting list via email at phdph@ssphplus.ch.

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

Date: Friday, 24 October 2025 | Time: 09.30-17.30 | Place: Memox, Basel

We are excited to invite you to the upcoming Emerging Health Leaders (EHL) course: **Real Influence: Trust, Presence & Power**.

Join us for a transformative day with leadership expert **Carl Emerson** (InsideOut Solutions) and gain powerful, science-backed tools to build trust, influence authentically, and lead with presence. For more details and to register, please visit the [Emerging Health Leaders: Skills Training & Leadership Courses | SSPH+](#).

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
InsideOut Solutions

Real Influence: Trust, Presence & Power

Unlock your leadership impact by mastering the psychology of influence, emotional agility, and the courage to lead with presence.



Basel, Switzerland



Friday, 24 October 2025, 09.30-17.30
(all day event)



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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/>

Note: SSPH+ IGC students, Postdocs, and NRP 74 EHCL Alumni are eligible for the discounted course fee of 30 CHF.

SSPH+ EVENTS

Swiss Public Health Conference 2025 – Highlights

Over 400 public health professionals gathered in Lugano on 10–11 September 2025 to discuss “**Mental Health and Well-being: Investing in Mental Wealth.**” The conference featured inspiring



keynotes, lively poster sessions, and the SSPH+ Best PhD Abstract and Poster Awards. It provided a vibrant platform for dialogue between research, policy, and practice, highlighting new perspectives and strategies for strengthening mental health and wellbeing in Switzerland and beyond.

Read the full [conference insights report](#).

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: 30 September 2025
- [Advances in Public Health Leadership](#) – Abstract Deadline: 31 August 2025 | Manuscript Deadline: 30 November 2025
- [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) and Public Health](#) - Abstract Deadline: 30 September 2025 | Manuscript Deadline: 31 December 2025

For more info about calls, please visit: [SSPH+ Open Calls](#).

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

One Week Medical School 2025

17–21 November 2025 | Geneva University Hospitals | 2 ECTS credits

The Doctoral Program in Global Health invites you to the **One Week Medical School (OWMS)**, an intensive course designed for professionals and doctoral students working in health-related fields but without prior medical training. The program is in French.

Fees:

- CHF 1,500 (external participants)
- CHF 1,100 (SSPH+ members and partner institutions)

Organized by the **University of Geneva's Institute of Global Health** in collaboration with the Geneva University Hospitals, the program offers professionals and doctoral students without prior medical training an innovative look at how doctors approach daily challenges. Click [here](#) for registration and details.

6th Fribourg Winter School in Data Analytics & Machine Learning

02–13 February 2026 | University of Fribourg

The University of Fribourg will host the 6th Winter School in Data Analytics and Machine Learning from February 2 to 13, 2026. The program offers one- to three-day courses covering both introductory and advanced data analytics and machine learning topics, with training in Python, R, Julia, and Knime. SSPH+ students benefit from a discounted price (for more information, please reach out to the organizers).

Registration is open until January 26, 2026. Further information [here](#).

2nd Swiss Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) Network Symposium

Date: 22 November 2025 | Time: 09.30-17.30 | Place: Bern

The **2nd Swiss PPIE Network Symposium** and the founding of the Swiss PPIE Network Association takes place on 22nd November 2025 in Bern. [More info](#).

Let's Connect!

Stay connected with us for more updates and insights! You can follow SSPH+ on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) to stay up-to-date with our latest activities.

If you are a postdoc in public health and looking for training, networking, and collaboration opportunities, please check out [SSPH+ Postdocs](#) | [SSPH+](#).