

# MOVING FORWARD WITH SSPH+

**Jubilee Online Faculty Meeting 2020  
Tue 16 & Wed 17 June on Zoom**

**Block A: SSPH+ - Where do we stay, where do we go “On the Move”?**

**This is Session A2 / A3 –  
Tue 16.6.2020 - 10:30-12:15h  
Break 11:15-11:30h**

Session Moderators: Nino Künzli, Luca Crivelli, Antoine Flahault

## **Where do we go? Developing the SSPH+ Strategy 2023-2028**

**AUDIENCE: SSPH+ Faculty members**

**PDF of these slides:  
see online, the usual «Faculty Meeting» link**

## Why SSPH+ strategy discussion?

- Current Strategy was approved by Foundation Board in May 2015
  - New financial concept developed in 2016/17, adopted for the period 2018-2022
  - Since then, SSPH+ has seen major changes, expansion and... COVID-19
  - New financial concept (2023-2028) to be submitted to universities early 2022
  - The financial concept 2023-2028 must rely on the strategy
- Foundation Board agreed on the following tentative plan and schedule:

### Procedure and time plan of strategic development

Phase	Activity	Who (lead)	When
A	✓ Discussion of the prime pillars of the SSPH+ strategy	Foundation Board (FB)	May 8 2020
B	<b>Discussion of the strategic pillars as proposed by the Foundation Board</b>	<b>Faculty Meeting (FB invited)</b>	<b>Jun 2020</b>
C	Online survey based on proposals of above discussions	Directorate Office	Aug/Sept 2020
D	Drafting of strategy based on above	Directorate	Oct 2020
E	Discussion of and main decisions about proposed draft	Foundation Board	Dec 2020
F	Fine-tuning Strategy; development of Funding Concept 2023-2027	Directorate	Jan-Apr 2021
G	Final adoption of Strategy 2023-2027 and discussion of Funding Concept	Foundation Board	May 2021
H	Final inputs and discussions	Faculty Meeting	June 2021
I	Adoption of Funding Concept 2023-2027	Foundation Board	Dec 2021
J	Preparation of activities & agreements with all partner universities	Directorate Office	Spring 2022

# MISSION STATEMENT SSPH+



1. Reinforce **identity of public health** as interdisciplinary & professional field of science.
2. Promote and maintain **skilled public health workforce** at local, national and international level through high quality education and training.
3. Strengthen **link between research and practice** and foster partnerships among the public health constituencies to identify & address public health challenges and **to influence research, training and policy making**.
4. Act as umbrella and network of the academic partner institutions for tasks and activities for which a **national coordination is necessary or where the critical mass at a single institution is lacking**.

**... given the Mission Statement... SSPH+ has three pillars to support the SSPH+ network partners:**

**Inter-  
university  
research**

**Training  
& Education**

**Science to  
Practice &  
Policy**

# Major outcome of SSPH+ Foundation Board group work (May 2020)

## Discussion points were:

1. Should the strategic pillars be kept / strengthened / given up?
2. What type of activities - if any- should be developed under this pillar? How should activities be adapted in the post-COVID-19 era?
3. Should the SSPH+ strategy also build on other concepts (beyond the pillars discussed today)?

### Inter- university research

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## Main conclusions of 5 break-out group discussions:

1. All three pillars were considered relevant – suggestions see next slide
2. The strategy should have one general unifying theme, e.g. :

- Sustainable development goals - SDG
- Planetary health
- Environmental Health
- Health Promotion
- ...the next superbug

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# Major outcome of SSPH+ Foundation Board group work (May 2020)

**The Board came up with the idea that SSPH+ strategy 2023-2028 could run under some overarching, unifying theme / umbrella topic.**

It was not yet discussed how or whether this would shape the priorities of all activities, the collaboration among the network and other issues. Putting all the open questions aside, in general terms:

Do you agree to put the SSPH+ strategy 2023-2027 under some unifying umbrella theme?

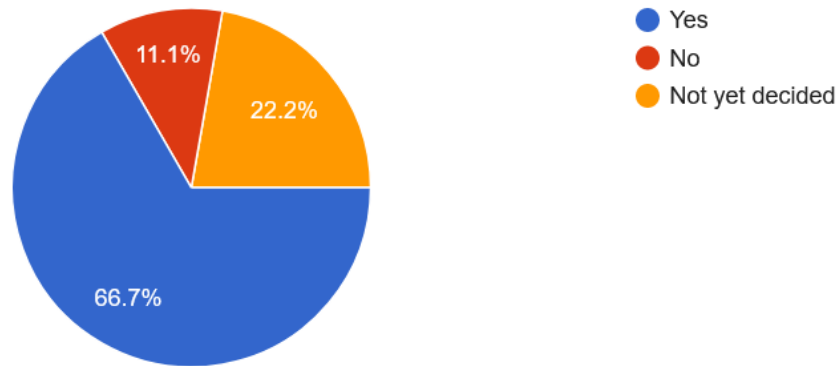
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# Unifying strategic SSPH+ Theme

## Result of the survey

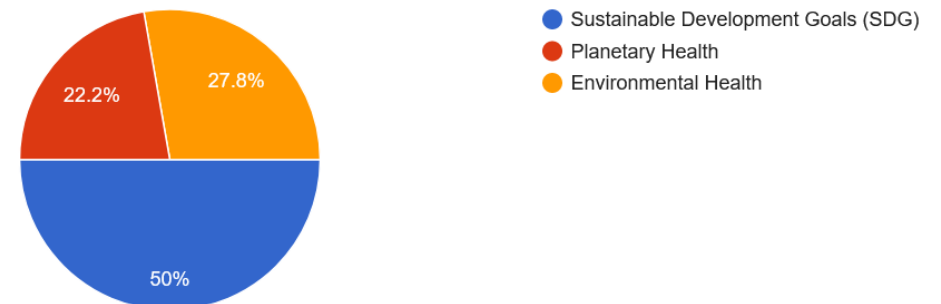
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18 responses



QUESTION 2: Which one of the three themes listed by the SSPH+ Foundation Board is your favourite?

18 responses



# SUMMARY of SSPH+ Foundation Board group work notes

## Research

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# Organisation and objective of break-out group work

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**B 13:15-14:45** Parallel Sessions B (max. 90')


B1 13:15-14:45 **IGC Academic Board meeting** Audience: Upon invitation  
Chair/Moderator: Thomas Abel/Ann Walser [Link Session B1](#)  
Zoom Coordinator: Jorgen Bauwens

B2 13:15-14:00 **Post-graduate training coordinator workshop**  Audience: All  
Chair/Moderator: Bettina Schwind/Jean-François Etter [Link Session B2](#)

14:45-15:00 VIRTUAL COFFEE BREAK - 15'

**C 15:00-16:15** Parallel Sessions C (max. 75')

C1 15:00-16:15 **SSPH+ IGC PhD students meeting** Audience: IGC PhD students  
Chair/Moderator: Thomas Abel/Ann Walser [Link Session C1](#)

C2 15:00-16:15 **Using PROFILES to promote public health in medical schools**  Audience: Medical background preferred  
Chair/Moderator: Julia Bohlius/Emiliano Albanese [Link Session C2](#)  
Preparation Material: [PROFILES video](#), [PROFILES](#) and [SCLO](#)

16:15-16:30 VIRTUAL COFFEE BREAK - 15'



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# JUBILEE SESSION D

16:30-18:30h



**Vision and views - SURPRISE 4U from PhD students Uni Zurich (moderator: Rolf Heusser)**



**ScienceFlashTalk Competition**



**Jubilee Speech by  
SSPH+ Honorary Fellow  
Ruth Dreifuss  
Former Swiss Federal Council**

(from 17:45)

followed by a jubilee "Apéro"

(BRING YOUR DRINK TO zoom-TOAST)

