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WELCOME

to SSPH+ Faculty members, Fellows, PhD Students, Postdocs, Program Coordinators, and Guests!

SSPH+ ANNUAL MEETING 2025

"BREAKING WALLS"

Bern University of Applied Sciences (BFH)

4-5 June 2025 from 12:30-12:30

Marking 20 years - let's celebrate together!



WELCOME on behalf of SSPH+ Directorate

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WELCOME on behalf of BFH



Day 2 / 5 June 2025





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Session A1. Introduction and new initiatives



Interuniversity research Teaching & Education

Science to Practice & Policy

See 2024 annual report (QR Code available on your name tag): https://ssphplus.ch/en/reports-documents/annual-reports/2024-annual-report/



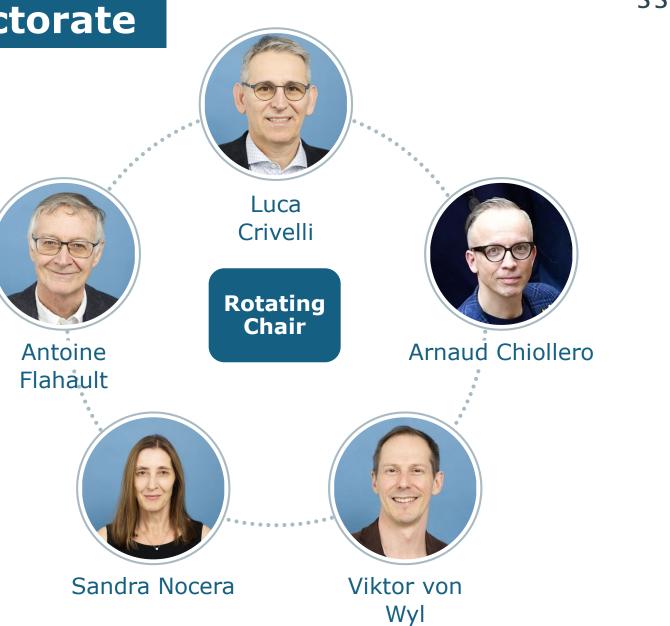
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General Developments



SSPH+ Directorate

- Each has specific responsibilities according to competencies and interests
- 1 Vice Director is administration





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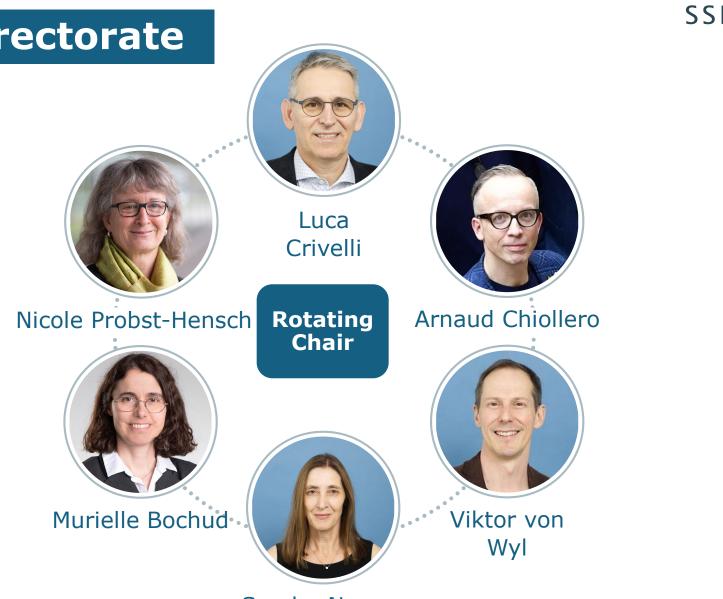
Suzanne Suggs



SSPH+ Directorate

As of Sept 2025

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Sandra Nocera



Milo Puhan



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7 July 2005: Agreement between 6 universities (Basel, Bern, Genève, Lausanne, Zürich and USI) Jan 2008: "Swiss School of Public Health" Foundation - funded by SUC / swissuniversities until 2017 Uni Neuchatel and Uni Lucerne join (until 2014) Jan 2019: ZHAW and SUPSI join Jan 2020: BFH and Uni Fribourg join



SSPH+ is a community of will

Bern University of Applied Sciences (BFH) University of Fribourg 8 **14 Universities** École Polytechnique Fédérale de 2 University of Geneva 9 Lausanne (EPFL) **1** Faculty 13 14 3 6 3 ETH Zurich (ETHZ) University of Lausanne 10 **40+ Disciplines** 4 Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) University of Lucerne 11 for Public Health University of Applied Sciences and 5 Arts of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI) University of Neuchâtel 12 Sciences 10 2 University of Applied Sciences and 6 University of Zurich 13 Arts Western Switzerland (HES-SO) 6 270+ Faculty 4 5 & SSPH+ partner HES-SO universities Zürcher Hochschule für members Angewandte Wissenschaften (ZHAW) 7 University of Basel

Jan 2023: EPFL joins (Bern left)

Jan 2024: HES-SO joins

Dec 2024: ETH Zurich joins

Call for ideas: how could SSPH+ support US scientists?



alea All European Academies

'A threat to Democracy': Trump continues bashing Harvard amid attacks on major institutions

The president called for the firing of a member of Harvard's legal counsel with ties to his businesses.

ALLEA STATEMENT ON THREATS TO ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION IN THE UNITED STATES

- 150. Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences
- 151. Swiss School of Public Health
- 152. Swiss Science Council



SSPH+ Strategy 2023-2027: Moving Health Forward



Vision

To promote equitable health through higher education, research and knowledge transfer.

We focus our **Mision** on three strategic pillars:



SSPH+ fosters high-quality higher education and training collaborations to enable a skilled public health workforce locally, nationally and internationally.

SSPH+ facilitates and promotes interdisciplinary, trans-institutional research to strengthen public health nationally and internationally.

SSPH+ supports the translation and dissemination of public health science to policy, practice and the public.



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Inter-university Research



Update SSPH+ Journals





Christopher Woodrow Managing Editor Head Editorial Office Swiss TPH



Sunghea Park Editorial Assistant Editorial Office Swiss TPH

- Independent «Society Journals», owned by SSPH+
- Published by Frontiers (Lausanne)
- Independent Editorial Office (Swiss TPH)
- Gold Open Access with rigorous peer review
- 100+ leading scientists as Editors
- Many editors from SSPH+ (THANK YOU!)
- Post-pandemic drop of Impact Factors (...like most public health journals...)
- Income from modest APC fees covers ALL costs of the journals (incl. staff, admin overhead, editor honoraria, fee waivers for SSPH+ and others, Frontiers' publishing services, YRE PhD training program of IJPH etc.)



Nino Künzli SSPH+ Directorate Journal representative & Supervisor Editorial Office Co-Editor in Chief (IJPH)





Interuniversity

research

Thank you for standing up for SSPH+ journals

Shape and lead high quality publishing

- Submit your best articles to IJPH and PHR encourage others to do so
- Engage in peer review
- Propose and lead «Special Issues» to strategically shape content and quality of our journals
 → contact <u>Christopher.Woodrow@Swisstph.ch</u>

Challenge defamations – defend Gold Open Access publishing in front of...

- Your PhD Students
- Colleagues
- Librarians
- Funders (SNSF)
- Academies
- etc.









Let's shape the future of |JPH & PHR (2028+):



BACKGROUND

Interuniversity research

> SSPH+ has to either renew or quit the current publishing contract with Frontiers by Dec 2027. \rightarrow SSPH+ must evaluate and decide where the journey goes 2028+. Today we discuss 2 of 5 issues:

- 1. Can SSPH+ become the publisher of its journals? The pros and cons of an interesting trend (Moderator: Christopher Woodrow)
- No fees for readers <u>and</u> authors is "Diamond Open Access" a realistic option for the SSPH+ journals? (Moderator: Nino Künzli)

DAY 1: Session B3 @ 14:00-15:00 SSPH+ Journals – Future Directions Christopher Woodrow (Swiss TPH) and Nino Künzli (SSPH+)

PS: Interested in joining «Working Group Journals 2028+» to shape the future of the SSPH+ journals? → let Snocera@ssphplus.ch know Inter-

university research

New insights on causes of the decline in youth well-being Julia Dratva (ZHAW) & Annette Fahr (FOPH) DAY 2: Session J @ 11:15-12:00 Mental Health in Students Julia Dratva (ZHAW), Emiliano Albanese (USI) & Georg Bauer (UZH)

 Also for FOPH the decline in youth well-being is of big concern (session C).

DAY 1: Session C @ 15:30-16:15

Mental Health in Youth and Students

 The mental health of students is an important concern for the SSPH+ Faculty; members of the SSPH+ Faculty have successfully applied for funding for a project on this topic in 2024 as part of the annual call for inter-university collaboration activities (session J).









Swiss Public Health Conference 2025

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Swiss Public Health Conference 2025 - Past -



Swiss Public Health Conference 2025

University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland

SUPSI

Swiss Mental Health Network Conference

10 - 11 September 2025, Lugano



Mental Health and Wellbeing: Investing in Mental Wealth



Interuniversity research

Swiss Academic Leaders in Dialogue

Talk with two distinguished leaders whose role is shaping the future of science, education, and healthcare in Switzerland: exploring the strategic challenges in front of us and identifying areas of fruitful collaboration with the public health community



DAY 1: Session D @ 16:15-17:00 Swiss Academic Leaders in Dialogue Luca Crivelli (SSPH+) in dialogue with Arnaud Perrier (SAMS) and Luciana Vaccaro (swissuniversities)





Interuniversity research

Knowledge Transfer in Public Health

- Building on the results of the SNSF Agora project
 "Bridging the Gap', the session will explore how the transfer of experiential knowledge from the past pandemics functions and how it might be improved.
- The goal of the workshop is to present and explore a framework, based on a systemic design approach, which helps to co-create future scenarios for managing potential pandemics.





DAY 2: Session H2 @ 09:00-10:00

Knowledge Transfer in Public Health: Coming to the Future, Coming from the Past Kaspar Staub (UZH) and Felicitas Högger Niedermann (ZHAW)



The aim of this project is to **increase the awareness** for and the availability of **Open Access lay abstracts in Switzerland**. We will develop a prototypical evaluation of a lay abstract procedure for high-quality open access articles from these journals:

- International Journal of Public Health
- Public Health Reviews
- Swiss Medical Weekly
- MedienPädagogik
- Funded by swissuniversities



DAY 2: Session H3 @ 09:00-10:00 Accessible Science: Science Communication for a Lay Audience Colette Schneider Stingelin (ZHAW), Christopher Woodrow (Swiss TPH) and Maša Davidović (SSPH+)

Interuniversity research

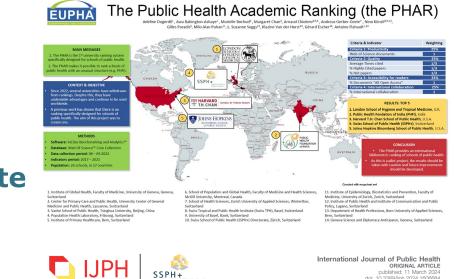
The PHAR - Ranking International Schools of Public Health (SPHs)

- In 2024, the PHAR ranked 26 SPHs
- In 2025, collaboration between
 - Institute of Global Health (UNIGE)
 - EssentialTech (EPFL)
- Software: InCites®, Web of Science®, Clarivate
- Extension to 100+ SPHs

Weighted sum of 6 indicators: (Web of Science documents \times 1) + (Average times cited \times $\frac{1}{3}$) + (% Highly cited papers \times $\frac{1}{3}$) + (% Hot papers \times $\frac{1}{3}$) + (% All open access documents \times 1) + (% International collaborations \times 1)

7 rankings: World, Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, North America, Oceania





A New Model for Ranking Schools of Public Health: The Public Health Academic Ranking

Adeline Dugerdil¹⁺, Awa Babington-Ashaye¹, Murielle Bochud², Margaret Chan³, Arnaud Chiolero^{4,5,6}, Andreas Gerber-Grote⁷, Nino Künzl^{8,9,10}, Gilles Paradis⁶, Milo Alan Puhan¹¹, L. Suzanne Suggs¹², Klazine Van der Horst¹³, Gérard Escher¹⁴ and Antoine Flahault^{1,10}



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Education & Training

Teaching & Education

SSPH+ PhD training - Inter Graduate Campus (IGC)

Idea

- To provide high-level PhD public health training across Switzerland
- To give broad access to the inter-university SSPH+ research and teaching faculty network in Switzerland

Structure

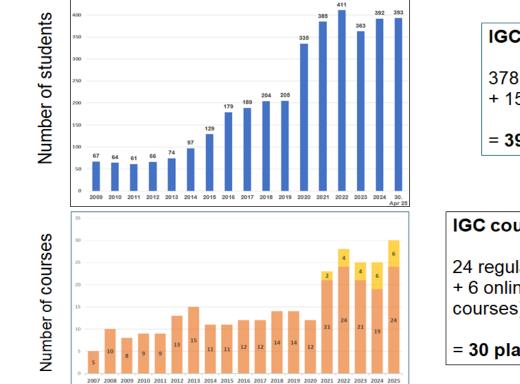
- IGC students (390+) from all partner universities
- IGC academic board with 2 members from each partner university and with student representatives
- $_{\odot}~$ IGC coordination by Ann Walser

Content/ Benefits

- IGC course program to provide training in all aspects of public health sciences
- $_{\odot}~$ IGC student events and other SSPH+ network opportunities



PhD training - IGC (cont.)



IGC students per 30 April 2025:

- 378 enrolled PhD and MD students
- + 15 new graduates in 2025
- = 393 IGC students

IGC courses planned for 2025:

24 regular courses (3-5 day courses) + 6 online courses by postdocs (2h courses)

= 30 planned IGC courses

Day 1: Session B1 @ 14:00-15:00; IGC Students Meeting Session E1 @ 17:00-18:00; Career Speed Dating Event

Teaching

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Education





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Collaboration with GLOHRA (German Alliance for Global Health Research)

Idea:

- Fieldtrip for 20 PhD students and postdocs to international organizations in Geneva (WHO, Campus Biotech, UNICEF, DNDi, Alliance for Health Policy and Systems,...)
- Organized one year by GLOHRA, the other by SSPH+
- GLOHRA year: 16 GLOHRA students and postdocs, 4 IGC students and postdocs, 2 GLOHRA coordinators
- SSPH+ year: 16 IGC students and postdocs, 4 GLOHRA students and postdocs, 2 SSPH+ coordinators

Budget:

- Ca. 20'000 CHF total costs per year for 5-day fieldtrip
- Travel costs, accommodation (shared bedrooms), food
- GLOHRA pays the total costs in 2026)
- SSPH+ pays the total costs in 2027

Benefits for SSPH+ and IGC students and postdocs:

- International collaboration with a partner in the global health field
- Network opportunities for early career researchers with diverse disciplinary backgrounds*
- Contacts to international organizations in Geneva already established by GLOHRA



* GLOHRA research areas: biomedicine, public health, social sciences and humanities, engineering and other sciences





Gain an understanding what planetary health is and its relevance to public health sciences research, practice and policy.

take our survey by	 2- SSPH+ PhD students: are invited to play the "tipping point" game today from 16:15 to 17:00 in room 303 → a fun & educational experience that promotes systems thinking, critical thinking, negotiation, & teamwork, to find solutions to manage limited resources effectively and efficiently!
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Day 2: Session I @ 10:30-11:15 **Planetary Health** Suzanne Suggs (USI), Jan Fehr (UZH), Simon Rüegg (UZH)



Interprofessionality, Health Workforce Shortage and Capacity Building



Horizon scoping at FOPH Directorate meeting on 3 June 2025:

There is an urgent need for national coordination of measures to combat the shortage of health professionals!

A holistic view of the training of healthcare professionals is necessary in order to:

- promote interprofessionality
- eliminate possible disincentives
- coordinate curricula across professions
- draft a primary care planning across health professions

Day 1: Session B2 @ 14:00-15:00

Collaborative Capacity Building for Health Promotion Professionals in Switzerland (Cap4HP) Karin Nordström (ZHAW)

Session B4 @ 14:00-15:00 Networking for a Sustainable Health Workforce Tiziana Sala (SUPSI, CNHW), Sabine Hahn (BFH, CNHW)



Teaching Education

MSCA-COFUND-2025 Proposal (new GlobalP3HS)

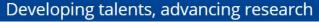


- SSPH+ is applying again for the MSCA COFUND to offer **36** new doctoral fellowships at one of the SSPH+ partner universities
- > The application deadline is **24 June 2025**, and notification of funding from the EU is expected in November 2025

> Key features of the new GlobalP3HS are:

- **Mobility Rule:** Students must come from **abroad** (**mobility rule**), i.e. they must not have spent more than 12 months at a Swiss institution (for work or study purpose) in the 3 years before starting their PhD under GlobalP3HS
- **Employment:** Students must be employed for a maximum of 48 months on the basis of the SNSF regulations
- **Co-funding:** GlobalP3HS will run under a **CO-FUNDING scheme**. The EU provides a fixed amount of **EUR 3'300** per student month. The funds required by the host institution/supervisor for 48 months are estimated at around CHF 106'500 per student, calculated with average social charges of 16% and including the costs for the GlobalP3HS manager (and depending on the Euro-CHF exchange rate).

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions





European

34th Edition!

Teaching & Education

SSPH+ Lugano Summer School



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18-23 August 2025

- 14 courses
- 2 plenaries
- Several networking events!



Go to Program

Call for scholarships: 604 applications (of which 532 valid)

Successful application for Leading House South Asia!

www.ssph-lugano-summerschool.ch

SUPSI





Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute Schweizerisches Tropen- und Public Health-In



Watch out for Call for Lecturers! Contact: mdavidovic@ssphplus.ch

MD

SSPH+ Public Health Program 2025 with Swiss Chambers LatAM

Key features:

Teaching

Education

- 6 sessions taught online by SSPH+ faculty
- 2 hours in October from 17:00-19:00, and in November from 16:00-18:00
- In English (translated to Spanish)
- Participants are from Mexico, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, Uruguay, Chile

Proposed topics are:

- 1. Public-Private Collaboration for Universal Health: Driving Innovation and Equitable Access
- 2. Early Diagnosis and Data-Driven Health: Keys to a Smarter System
- 3. Cancer as a Global Priority: New Models for Prevention, Detection, and Treatment
- 4. The New Silent Challenge: Non-Communicable Diseases in the Digital Age
- 5. Health System Resilience: Rapid Diagnostics and Preparedness for Emerging Global Threats
- 6. Collaboration for Innovation in Health: Driving Impactful Change





THE LATIN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN SWITZERLAND





WHO IS A SSPH+ POSTDOC?

"An individual who holds a PhD (up to 8 years after its completion and is affiliated with an SSPH+ university or institution or in the team of an SSPH+ faculty member"

SSPH+ Postdocs Steering Comittee





Andrea



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Maša Davidović (SSPH+)

AegerterSiqeca(ZHAW)(UNIBAS)

Viktoria Gastens (UNIFR)

Peter Fleur Raguindin Hierink (UNILU) (UNIGE)

OUR GOALS:

To strengthen SSPH+ postdoc community

To foster collaboration

To provide tailored training opportunities

To facilitate networking within & beyond our network



For more info, please visit https://ssphplus.ch/en/about/postdocs/

Day 1: Session E1 @ 17:00-18:00; Career Speed Dating Event

Day 2: Session H1 @ 09:00-10:00; Centering Equity and Justice: Practical Strategies for and by Early Career Researchers

Postdoc Corner: Find us in the hall!

Teaching & Education

E-VACTS (online learning tool on vaccination)



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https://e-vacts.ch/

E-VACTS

Willkommen bei E-VACTS - die Schweizer E-Learning Plattform zum Thema Impfen für Gesundheitsfach- und Lehrpersonen

Möchten Sie Grundlagen zum Thema Impfen erwerben, oder Ihre Kompetenzen vertiefen und erweitern? Bilden Sie Gesundheitsfachpersonen aus und möchten Ihr Unterrichtsmaterial ergänzen?



Lernen starten

Um Lernfortschritte zu speichern, als Dozent/-in Inhalte anzupassen, oder Zertifikate zu erhalten, loggen Sie sich ein. Bei einer Anmeldung speichern wir Ihren Namen und die E-mail-Adresse.

Für mehr Informationen zum Umgang mit Ihren Daten



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Science to Practice & Policy

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Swiss Public Health Conference 2026



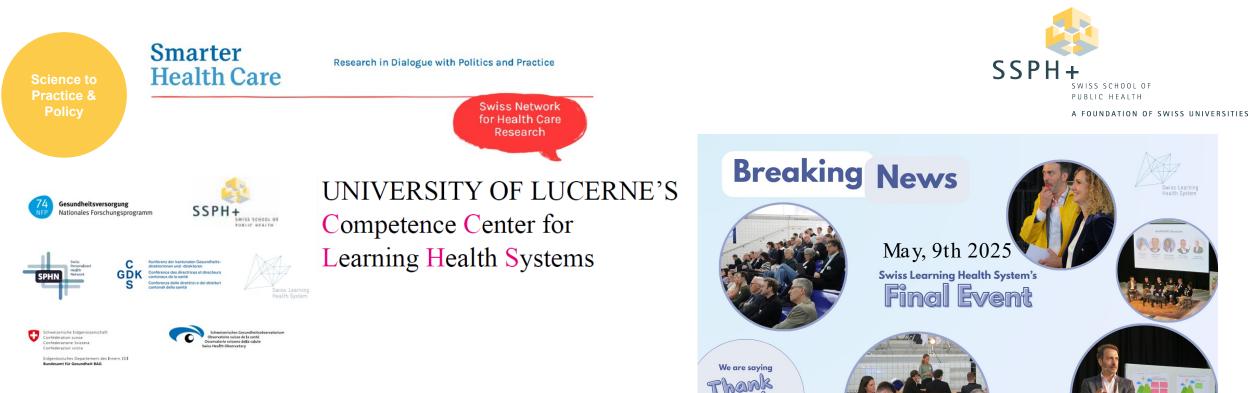


Public Health and the Beauty of Complexity A Transformative Dialogue between the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences

2-3 September 2026, Lucerne

Call for Abstracts opens in November 2025 (with deadline for submission on 1 February 2026)

SSPH+ Award for the 3 best PhD abstracts (for oral presentation): CHF 500 each!



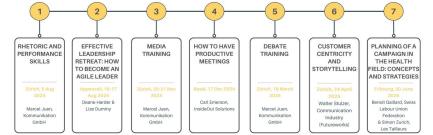
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Aims: ensuring the sustainability of HSR in Switzerland and fostering knowledge transfer between research, policy, and practice (home for HSR young talents)

Funding:

- Membership fees from professional and practice associations
- Search for additional funding by foundations / other donors

SSPH+ EMERGING HEALTH LEADERS: SKILLS TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP COURSES





- ➤ IOP4CH (the Imaging and Omics Platform for Swiss Citizen Health) was resubmitted to swissuniversities Research Infrastructures Call → with support from vice-rectors research and FOPH (in progress)
- Report by the FOPH and other federal offices to the Federal Council on the feasibility, management and financing of a cohort is suspended for financial reasons
- ➤ Public Health scientists are now in the lead to lobby for a national cohort → lobbying activities for parliamentarians with the help of an agency started with a kick-off workshop on 27 May 2025
- Contact to other relevant groups and initiatives (e.g., Swiss Personalized Health Network, Swiss Brain Health) to avoid fragmentation



Claudio Bassetti (UNIBE)



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Up next: Parallel Sessions 14:00-15:00

B 14:00-15:00	Parallel Sessions		
B1 14:00-15:00	IGC Students Meeting ④	Audience: IGC PhD Students, new IGC Alumni Keynote/Moderation: Arnaud Chiolero & Ann Walser (SSPH+, UNIFR), Joachim Marti (UNIL)	Hörsaal 003
B2 14:00-15:00	Collaborative Capacity Building for Health Promotion Professionals in Switzerland (cap4HP) ④	Audience: All interested Keynote/Moderation: Karin Nordström (ZHAW)	303
B3 14:00-15:00	SSPH+ Journals - Future Directions ④	Audience: All interested Keynote/Moderation: Christopher Woodrow (Swiss TPH), Nino Künzli (SSPH+)	304
B4 14:00-15:00	Networking for a Sustainable Health Workforce (i)	Audience: All interested Keynote/Moderation: Tiziana Sala (SUPSI, CNHW), Sabine Hahn (BFH, CNHW)	306



COFFEE BREAK 15:00-15:30

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Up next:

		15:00-15:30	COFFEE BREAK - 30'		Foyer 007
	c	15:30-16:15	New insights on causes of the decline in youth well- being ①	Audience: All Keynote/Moderation: Julia Dratva (ZHAW) & Annette Fahr (FOPH)	Hörsaal 004
	D	16:15-17:00	Swiss Academic Leaders in Dialogue	Audience: All Keynote/Moderation: Luca Crivelli (SSPH+) in dialogue with Arnaud Perrier (SAMS) and Luciana Vaccaro (swissuniversities)	Hörsaal 004
	E	17:00-17:30	One brain, one health, one life: The Swiss Brain Health Plan ①	Audience: All Keynote/Moderation: Claudio Bassetti (UNIBE)	Hörsaal 004
E	∃1	17:00-18:00	Career Speed Dating Event ④	Audience: PhD students and Post-docs Keynote/Moderation: Student representatives	Hörsaal 003

Apéro (Roof Top/Mensa)



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Dinner at Restaurant Röschtigrabe (invited persons)



Restaurant Röschtigrabe Bärenplatz 11 3011 Bern



... & see you tomorrow!



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Enjoyed your day? Let us know!