**SSPH+ FACULTY MEETING 2022: 14-15.06 (12:30- 12:30), University of Zürich, Rämistrasse 59**

**SESSION GUIDE**

**SESSION E1/E2: “Linking scientific expertise with action - not just in pandemics”, 15.06, 08:30- 11:30am**

Format: E1: Panel session of 30 mins followed by E2: 50-minute group discussion with short summary in plenary

Number of participants: Open to all - ; 8 Groups of 5-8

Session Moderator: Emily Reeves, SSPH+

**Context:** The need for close connections between science and decision makers and action became very obvious in the pandemic.Indeed, SSPH+ established some successful and agile ties between the public health science community and those at the front who had to take action and decisions to steer the public health crisis. However, the need to strengthen the link between the academic community and leaders in action is crucial in all public health sciences domains relevant to the federal and local public health agencies in Switzerland, be it in dealing with the epidemic of non-communicable diseases, health of children and families, prevention and health promotion or the proper development of sustainable health systems and environments, to name a few. In response to the pandemic, SSPH+ launched Corona Immunitas to understand the development of immunity as one element in the decision making. In the FOPH mandate of the SSPH+ Covid Platform, experts of the network review scientific domains to assist FOPH in steering assessments and decisions related to the pandemic. Other ideas proposed for the Platform such as regular zoom discussions on specific topics did not materialize. None of the existing or ad hoc initiatives provide a sustainable solution to guarantee the linking of public health research expertise with decisions and actions taken at the local or national forefront – neither in case of public health emergencies nor for endemic or emerging challenges.

**Objectives:** In the first part of this session (E1), panelists shall feature their lessons learned and visions for better and reliable ties between science and the world of policy, decision making and action. The outcome-oriented group discussion (E2) shall bring up concepts, ideas, and challenges about how the national SSPH+ network should strengthen this link in all public health sciences domains relevant to the federal and local public health agencies. How could SSPH+ establish and secure this link? What would be needed to be successful both in public health emergencies and long-term public health challenges? How could this be organized to be tailored to the federal, cantonal or local needs? What are opportunities and threats in establishing those missing links?

**Structure:** Emily Reeves introduces session E1 and the panelists and describes what will take place in the session. The on-site or on video statements (3-mins) of each panelist will serve as an input for the E2 group discussion. Attendees will then be broken up into 8 discussion groups (5-8 persons). Each group has a Group Moderator and Rapporteur (see below).

**GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**SESSION E2: “Linking scientific expertise with action- beyond the pandemic”, 15.06, 08:30- 10:00am**

Format: 50-minute group discussion

Number of participants: 5-8 persons in 8 groups

Material provided in advance: This info

Group moderators: Indicated below

Rapporteurs: Indicated below, reporting to (ereeves@ssphplus.ch) (using this document)

**Group 4, (room RAA- E-27):**

Moderator: Sabine Rohrmann

Rapporteur: Sarah Mantwill

**Group 3, (room RAA-E-21):**

Moderator: Jan Fehr

Rapporteur: Jorgen Bauwens

**Group 1, (room RAA-E-08):**

Moderator: L. Suzanne Suggs

Rapporteur: Benedetta Armocida

**Group 2, (room RAA-E-12):**

Moderator: Georg Bauer

Rapporteur: Nicole Bender

**Group 5, (room RAA-E-29):**

Moderator: Andreas Balthasar

Rapporteur: Anke Berger

**Group 8: (room RAA- lichthof/outdoor)**

Moderator: Taulant Muka

Rapporteur: Arnaud Chiolero

**Group 7, (room RAA-G15):**

Moderator: Emily Reeves

Rapporteur: David Beran

**Group 6, (room RAA-G01):**

Moderator: Julia Dratva

Rapporteur: Maria Katapodi

**WE RECOMMEND FOCUSING THE DISCUSSION ON THE RESPECTIVE QUESTION**

**How to work:**

Please reflect on the session and discuss the questions outlined below

* The assigned Group Moderator makes sure that the discussions are on target (see the specified questions) and are fair. The group moderator should also make sure the group work finishes in time (50 mins).
* The assigned Rapporteur may use this WORD document to keep notes about the discussions, including decisions, agreements, disagreements etc. At the end of the session, the Rapporteur is asked to summarize the response/suggestions or agreements/disagreements directly in this file and sends it to [ereeves@ssphplus.ch](mailto:ereeves@ssphplus.ch). In the Plenary the rapporteur may summarize only the essence of the discussion, adding in particular aspects not already mentioned by other groups.

**Please fill in the names of the participants of this group:**

**QUESTION:** *How could SSPH+ establish a sustainable link between public health sciences and those at the front of policies and actions? Make sure solutions are tailored to the needs of federal, cantonal, or local decision makers. Please provide specific examples to support your answers where possible. Please also consider thoughts and inputs provided by the panelists which you may further develop or debate.*

1. *In your discussion, makes sure to be also explicit about issues such as: what opportunities or initiatives are you aware in support of establishing the missing link between public health sciences and policy/action?*
2. *What challenges to establishing this missing link do you identify?*
3. *What would be needed (also in terms of governance) to successfully strengthen the missing link?*
4. *Do solutions differ for public health emergencies versus long-term public health challenges?*

**NOTES OF THE RAPPORTEUR**

(Group Nr:

Please provide the names of your group members:

DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

**Thank you for your contributions!**