

# SSPH+ ANNUAL MEETING 2026

## “PROTECTING SCIENCE – PROTECTING HEALTH”

### WELCOME

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

**23-24 June 2026 from 12:30-12:30**



UNIVERSITÉ DE FRIBOURG  
UNIVERSITÄT FREIBURG

# WELCOME of the behalf of the **SSPH+** Directorate



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Academic Director



**Arnaud Chiollero**  
Academic Co-Director



**Nicole Probst-Hensch**  
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**Luca Crivelli**  
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**Sandra Nocera**  
Administrative Director

# Meet the SSPH+ Team

## SSPH+ Directorate Office



**Jorgen Bauwen**  
 Program Manager



**Emily Reeves**  
 Project Manager



**Maša Davidović**  
 Project Manager



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**Emilia Campello**  
 SSPH+ Lugano Summer  
 School Manager



**Ann Walser**  
 SSPH+ Inter-  
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 Campus Manager



**Nino Künzli**  
 Chair SSPH+ Journals



**Sarah Mantwill**  
 Smarter Health Care  
 Manager



**Christopher Woodrow**  
 Managing Editor, SSPH+  
 Journals

# WELCOME on behalf of UNIFR



**Chantal Martin Sölch**  
(Vice-Rector, University of Fribourg)



**Thank you for hosting us!**



**Arnaud Chiolero**  
(University of Fribourg / SSPH+)

**Day 1:**

**WHY PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS MORE PSYCHOLOGY SCIENCES**

**17:15-17.45**

**Implications for health promotion, behavior change, and primary care**

Joseph Deiss  
Auditorium  
(Pérolles 22)

Chantal Martin-Sölch (Vice-Rector, University of Fribourg)

*Everyone welcome*

# Introduction and New SSPH+ Initiatives



SSPH+

SWISS SCHOOL OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH

A FOUNDATION OF SWISS UNIVERSITIES

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

Jan 2023: EPFL joins (Uni Bern left)

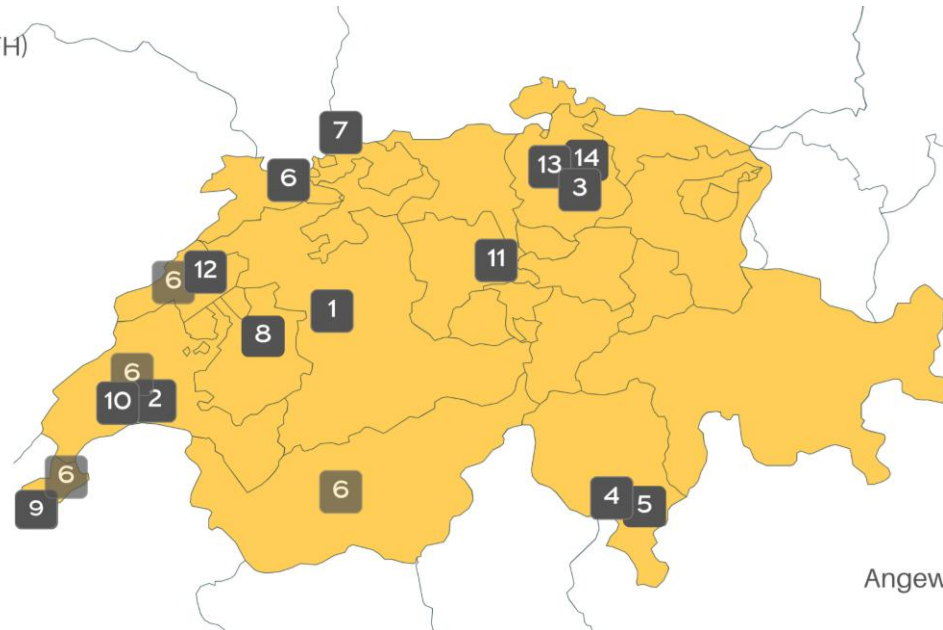
Jan 2024: HES-SO joins

Dec 2025: ETH Zurich joins

**SSPH+ is a community of will**

**14 Universities**  
**1 Faculty**  
**40+ Disciplines**  
for Public Health  
Sciences  
**270+ Faculty**  
members  
**400+ PhD students**

- 1 Bern University of Applied Sciences (BFH)
- 2 École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)
- 3 ETH Zurich (ETHZ)
- 4 Università della Svizzera italiana (USI)
- 5 University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI)
- 6 University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland (HES-SO) & SSPH+ partner HES-SO universities
- 7 University of Basel



- University of Fribourg 8
- University of Geneva 9
- University of Lausanne 10
- University of Lucerne 11
- University of Neuchâtel 12
- University of Zurich 13
- Zürcher Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften (ZHAW) 14

# SSPH+ Strategy 2023-2027: Moving Health Forward

## Vision

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

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

Teaching &  
Education

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

Inter-  
university  
Research

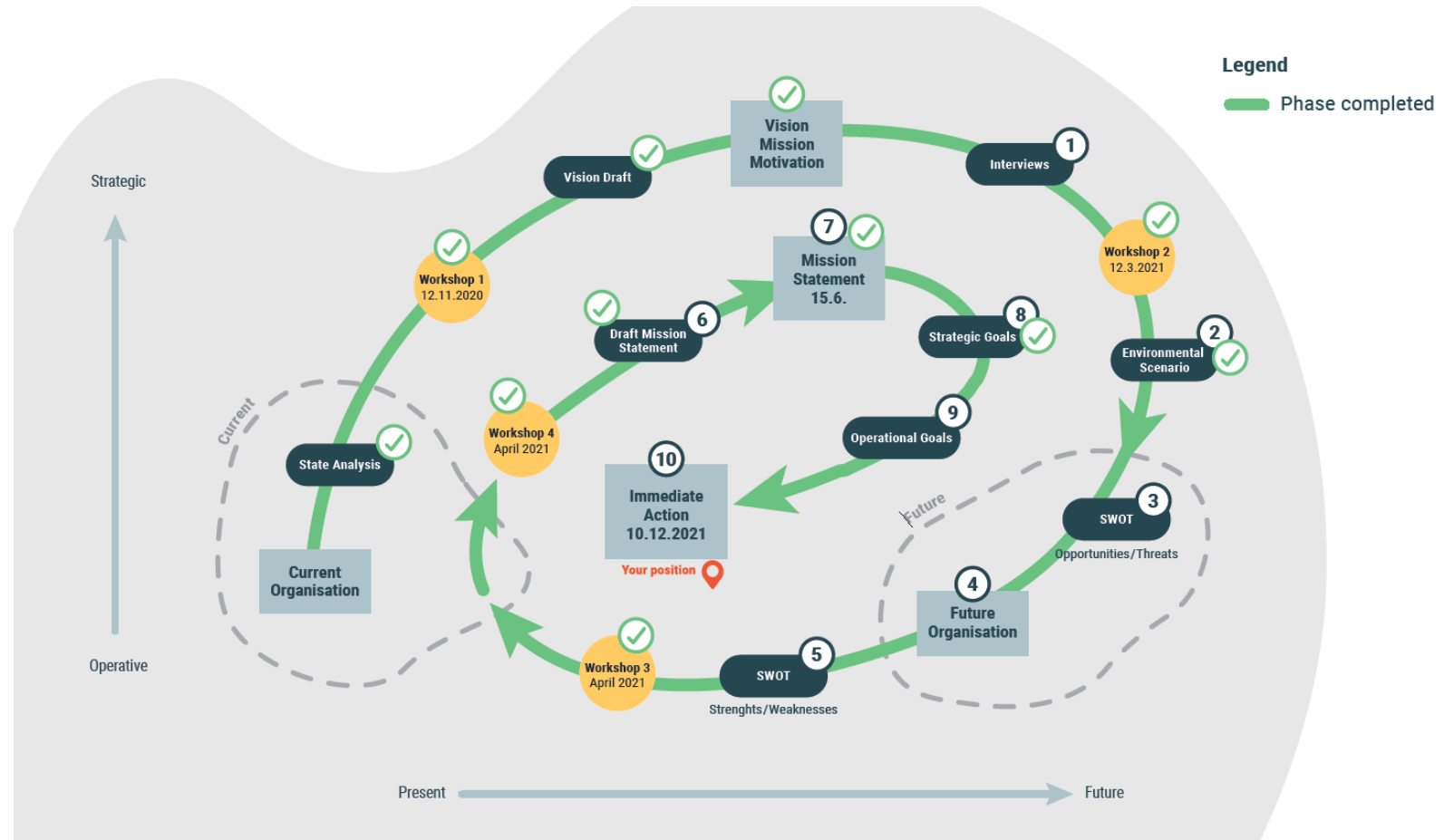
SSPH+ facilitates and promotes interdisciplinary, trans-institutional research to strengthen public health nationally and internationally.

Science to  
Policy &  
Practice

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

# SSPH+ Strategy 2023-2027: Moving Health Forward (cont.)

The current Strategy 2023-2027 was developed with an agency through an 18-month collaborative process (see graph)



# New SSPH+ Strategy 2028-2032 (cont.)

➤ Lean process for new Strategy 2028-2032:

**Retain the good - Integrate new trends - Focus on actions**



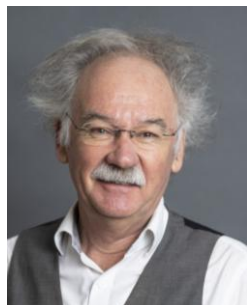
# Update: SSPH+ Journals



**Christopher Woodrow**  
 Managing Editor  
 Head Editorial Office  
 Swiss TPH



**Sunghea Park**  
 Editorial Assistant  
 Editorial Office Swiss TPH



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

- Independent «Society Journals», owned by SSPH+
- Independent Editorial Office (Swiss TPH), Published by Frontiers (Lausanne)
- Gold Open Access with rigorous peer review
- 100+ leading scientists as Editors, many from SSPH+ (Thank you!)
- Income from modest APC fees covers ALL costs

## News from the Editorial Office:

- Editors donated over CHF 60'000 from 2023-2025 Honoraria payments to our GLOBEQUITY LMIC APC fee waiver scheme!
- SSPH+ board approved Journal Steering Committee decision to postpone evaluation of Frontiers collaboration to 2028, extending contract for two years until the end of 2029
- 2025 JIF increase for both PHR (5.2) and IJPH (3.2)



# Thank you for standing up for SSPH+ journals

## Shape and lead high quality publishing

Reduced APC FEES for SSPH+ affiliates 😊

- 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 [Christopher.Woodrow@Swisstph.ch](mailto:Christopher.Woodrow@Swisstph.ch)

Day 1:	PARALLEL SESSION
<b>14:00-15:00</b>  Room E040 (ground floor)	<b>FRAUD IN SCIENTIFIC PUBLISHING: HOW CAN IT BE PREVENTED?</b> Christopher Woodrow (Swiss TPH) and Nino Künzli (SSPH+)  with Marie Soulière (Frontiers), and Bernhard Sabel (Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg, co-author of <u>Reformation of science publishing: the Stockholm Declaration</u> )  <i>All interested welcome</i>

Read the Stockholm Declaration here:



# New Call for Papers from IJPH/PHR:

on the theme of the **2027 Swiss Public Health Conference** in Sion, August 31 to September 1, “The future of healthcare professionals: from challenges to solutions”



CALL FOR PAPERS

The Future of Health Professions:  
Investigating Skills,  
Norms and  
Infrastructures

 International Journal  
of Public Health

Open for Submissions >

## Call Editors

**Netty Bos-Veneman:** University of Groningen, Netherlands

**Luca Chiapperino:** HES-SO Valais-Wallis, Switzerland

**Gabriel Gulis:** University of Southern Denmark, Denmark

**Melanie Kistler-Fischbacher:** HES-SO Valais-Wallis, Switzerland

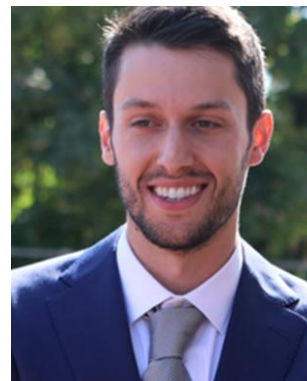
**Andrea Madarasova Geckova:** Pavol Jozef Šafárik University, Slovakia

**Paulo Sousa:** NOVA Lisbon, Portugal

# Protecting Science – Protecting Health

We received several applications for keynote and parallel sessions from the SSPH+ community on this meeting's theme

# Protecting Public Health Evidence



**Trust** is not a passive by-product of good science, **but a value** that must be actively cultivated, especially in a world where misinformation, geopolitical tensions, and political polarization increasingly undermine the authority of scientific knowledge.

## Day 1: PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH EVIDENCE

**15:30-16:30**

Joseph Deiss  
Auditorium  
(Pérolles 22)

**Introduction** by Arnaud Chiolerio (SSPH+ / University of Fribourg)

**Truth and trust in sciences** by Yves Flückiger (Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences)

**Misinformation and the erosion of trust** by Federico Germani (University of Zurich)

*Everyone welcome*

## Day 2: PARALLEL SESSION

**09:00 – 10:00**

Room F207  
(2nd floor)

**Infodemics and the challenge of misinformation for public health**

Federico Germani (University of Zurich)

*All interested welcome*

# From Public Health Science to Policy -

## Negotiation Strategies



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Later in the afternoon we will  
showcase two examples!

### Day 1:

### FROM PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCE TO POLICY - NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES

16:30 – 17:15

#### Swiss Cohort and Biobank: lessons learnt

Nicole Probst-Hensch (SSPH+ / Swiss TPH)

Joseph Deiss  
Auditorium  
(Pérolles 22)

#### Experience from the HPV-caused cancer elimination in Switzerland

L. Suzanne Suggs (Università della Svizzera italiana) and Bettina Maeschli (Public Health Schweiz)

#### Questions & Answers

*Everyone welcome*

# White Paper in Prevention and Health Promotion



## Day 2:

## WHITE PAPER AND HEALTH PROMOTION INITIATIVE

**08:30 – 09:00**

Nicole Probst-Hensch (SSPH+ / Swiss TPH),  
Murielle Bochud (SSPH+ / University of Lausanne),  
Luca Crivelli (SSPH+ / SUPSI)

Joseph Deiss  
Auditorium  
(Pérolles 22)

*Everyone welcome*

### The goal is to:

- Create broad understanding among politicians and associated stakeholders for prevention and health promotion
- Funding for prevention and health promotion should not be seen as a cost, but as an investment in the future → **“healthy people across the life course are the foundation of a healthy economy”**
- Strengthen existing activities
- Focus on strategy and framework conditions, rather than on specific substantive recommendations

**Core group** with representatives from: SAMW, Gesundheitsförderung Schweiz, SSPH+ & Experts

# Scientists and Public-Political Engagement



**Day 2:**

**PARALLEL SESSION**

**09:00 – 10:00**

**How to engage with the public and politics as scientists**

Room D230  
(2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Andreas Stoller (University of Fribourg) and  
Janik Mutter (Reatch)

*All interested welcome*

Scientists are expected to actively engage with the public and political spheres to demonstrate the value of science and build trust. The session focuses on how scientists can:

- Distinguish between scientific and political communication
- Understand science's role in society and politics
- Engage via media, public talks, and collaboration with institutions and civil society
- Advocate for science with integrity and credibility

# Scientific Integrity

Inter-  
university  
research

Science to  
Practice &  
Policy



This session examines how interdisciplinary collaboration can strengthen scientific integrity and public trust in public health decisions. Using cases of industrial pollution experts from science, law, sociology, and civil society present different perspectives to highlight key challenges and opportunities.

## Day 2:

## PARALLEL SESSION

**09:00 – 10:00**

**Interdisciplinary approaches to scientific integrity - Lessons from the management of industrial pollution for public health**

Room E040  
(Ground floor)

Christelle Oltramare and Aurélie Berthet (University of Lausanne, Unisanté)

*All interested welcome*

# Evidence to Table



By combining rigorous evidence with practical cooking and food-literacy skills, the session will lead to participants thinking about clearer communication strategies, stronger behaviour-change approaches, and practical ideas for developing trustworthy, nuanced interventions that protect population well-being.

<b>Day 1:</b>	<b>PARALLEL SESSION</b>
<b>14:00 – 15:00</b>	<b>Using Evidence-Based Culinary Nutrition to Reduce Reliance on Ultra-Processed Foods</b>
Room F207 (2nd floor)	Joyce Haddad (BFH) <i>All interested welcome</i>

# AI, Trust & the Future of Health Promotion



The objective of the workshop is to explore conditions for "**Responsible AI in health promotion**" that safeguard population health and maintain societal trust in scientific advancements.

We argue that protecting population health in an AI and big-data era requires including non-personal health data, such as social determinants and population indicators, within a coherent conceptual frame.

## Day 1:

## PARALLEL SESSION

14:00 – 15:00

### AI in Health Promotion: Navigating Opportunities, Integrity, and Trust

Viktor Von Wyl (SSPH+ / University of Zürich) and Jorgen Bauwens (SSPH+)

Room D230  
(2nd floor)

&

### Beyond Personal Data: Redefining Health Data for Population Health and AI

Yejin Lee (University of Geneva, Institute of Global Health)

*All interested welcome*

# SSPH+ Flagships

# PhD training – Inter-university 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 (400+) from all partner universities
- IGC academic board with 2 members from each partner university and with student and postdoc representatives
- IGC coordination by Ann Walser

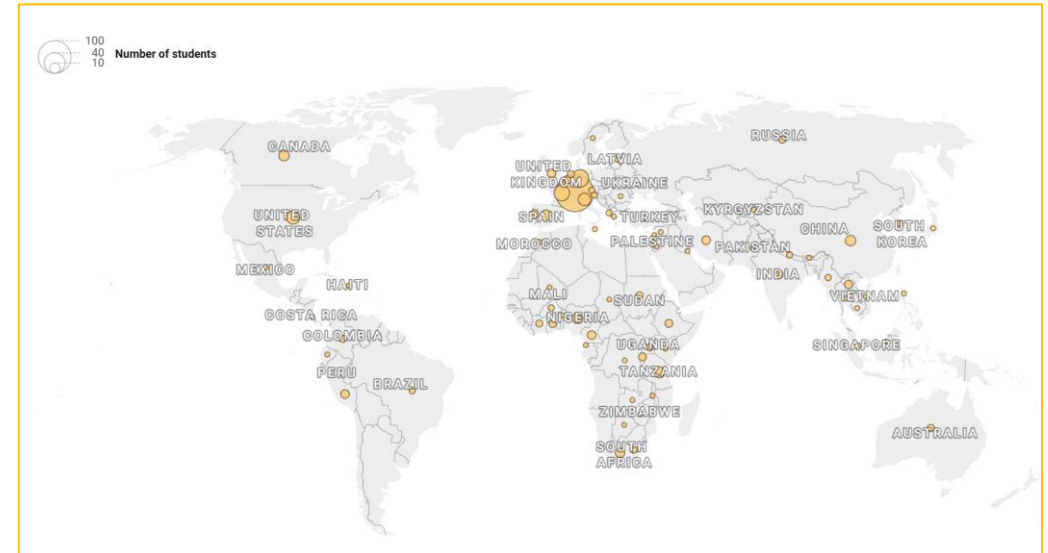
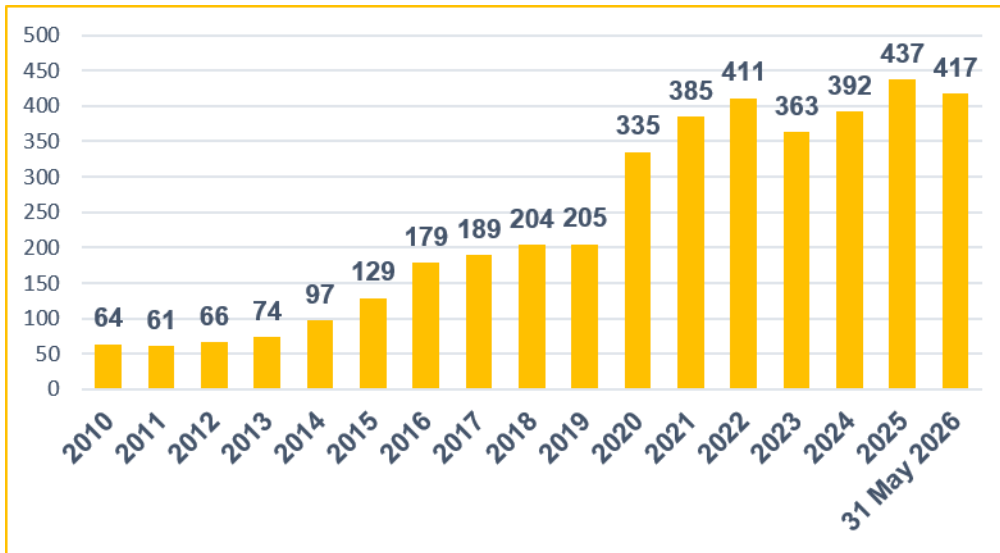
## Content/ Benefits

- IGC course program to provide training in all aspects of public health sciences
- IGC student events and other SSPH+ network opportunities

# PhD training - IGC (cont.)

417 IGC Students (31 May 2026)

> 75 nationalities



**Day 1: PARALLEL SESSION**

**14:00 – 15:00 IGC Students Meeting with speed talks and celebration of our new IGC alumni**

Arnaud Chiolero and Ann Walser (SSPH+ / University of Fribourg)

Room E230  
(2nd floor)

*For IGC PhD and MD Students, new IGC Alumni, and Postdocs*

## IGC Courses, Events, Collaborations

### Courses

- 25-30 courses
- 3-5 day courses covering all aspects of public health sciences
- Short online courses, taught by postdocs (2-3h courses)
- Writing retreat for PhD students

### Events

- Annual Students Meeting with speed talks of new IGC graduates
- Career Speed Dating events with “business angels”
- GLOHRA – SSPH+ Fieldtrip to Geneva
- Christmas events

### Collaborations

- Coordinators of local PhD programs of the partner universities
- GLOHRA (German Alliance for Global Health Research)
- ORPHEUS PhD student forum

# PhD training - IGC (cont.)

**Day 1: CAREER SPEED DATING & APÉRO**  
**18:00 – 19:00** The SSPH+ IGC Student Representatives  
*For registered participants*



**For SSPH+ IGC PhD and MD  
students, postdocs, and alumni**

Join an open Q&A session with experienced professionals from public health research and practice and discuss questions related to your career planning!



**Manuela Oetterli**

Public Health Expert and  
Managing Director at  
Interface Politikstudien  
Forschung Beratung AG



**Martin Rösli**

Professor in Environmental  
Epidemiology (University of  
Basel) and Head of the  
Environmental Exposures and  
Health Unit at Swiss TPH



**Gisela Michel**

Professor in Health and  
Social Behavior and Co-  
Director PhD Program in  
Health Sciences at the  
University of Lucerne

# SSPH+ Post-Doc Group

## 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 Committee

SSPH+ Postdoc Steering Committee



Andrea Aegerter  
ZHAW



Flaka Siqueca  
University of Basel



Peter Raguindin  
University of Lucerne



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IGC Academic Board  
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Joyce Haddad  
BFH

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Emily Reeves  
SSPH+ Directorate Office



Davidović Maša  
SSPH+ Directorate Office

## 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: CAREER SPEED DATING & APÉRO

**18:00 – 19:00** The SSPH+ IGC Student Representatives

*For registered participants*

### Day 2: PARALLEL SESSION

**09:00 – 10:00** Postdoc & Project Manager: Collaborating with people and managing projects

Room E230 (2nd floor)  
Dima Touhami (University of Luzern)

*For late SSPH+ PhD Students, postdocs and IGC Alumni*



**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

**Day 2:**

**JOINT SESSION: SSPH+ & SMARTER HEALTH CARE**

**11:30 – 12:30**

**Smart, connected and integrated: Hospital at Home roll-out in Basel-Landschaft**

Joseph Deiss  
Auditorium  
(Pérolles 22)

Milo Puhan (University of Zurich) and Severin Pöchtrager (senior physician at Kantonsspital BL) in in dialogue with:

- Thomi Jourdan (Member of the Cantonal Government of BL)
- Jina Hochrein (Nurse, Hospital at Home Clinic Arlesheim)
- Elisa Heising (Doctor, Hospital at Home Zollikerberg)

*Everyone welcome*

**13.15 – 16:00**

**Partner Event:** Smarter Health Care Dialogue „Smart, connected and integrated“

In German,  
translation  
available!

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

Room E230 (2nd floor)	Room D230 (2nd floor)	Room F207 (2nd floor)	Room E040 (Ground floor)
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**COFFEE BREAK 15:00 – 15:30**

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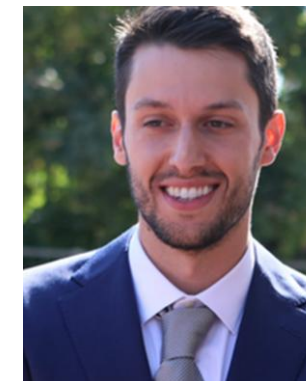
**Arnaud Chiolero**

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Professor at Uni Fribourg)



**Yves Flückiger**

(President of Swiss Academies  
of Arts and Sciences)



**Federico Germani**

(Senior Researcher at Uni  
Zurich)

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Joseph Deiss  
Auditorium  
(Pérolles 22)

**Discussion with the audience**

*Everyone welcome*

# From Public Health Science to Policy



**Nicole Probst-Hensch**  
(Academic Co-Director SSPH+,  
Professor at Uni Basel)



**L. Suzanne Suggs**  
(Vice-President SSPH+,  
Professor at USI)



**Bettina Maeschli**  
(Director Public Health  
Schweiz)

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	<b>Questions &amp; Answers</b>
	<i>Everyone welcome</i>

# Why Public Health needs more Psychology Sciences



**Chantal Martin-Sölch**

(Vice-Rector, University of Fribourg,  
SSPH+ Board member)

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## Celebration of 2026 SSPH+ Honorary Fellows

We are honored to award the 2026 SSPH+ Honorary Fellow title to 4 pioneers in **cancer prevention**



**Christine Bouchardy**



**Monica Castiglione**



**Giorgio Nosedà**



**Reto Obrist**

Studienprotokolle  
und  
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Zu den Studien

Oncosuisse  
Die gemeinsame  
Stimme der  
Schweizer  
Krebsorganisationen

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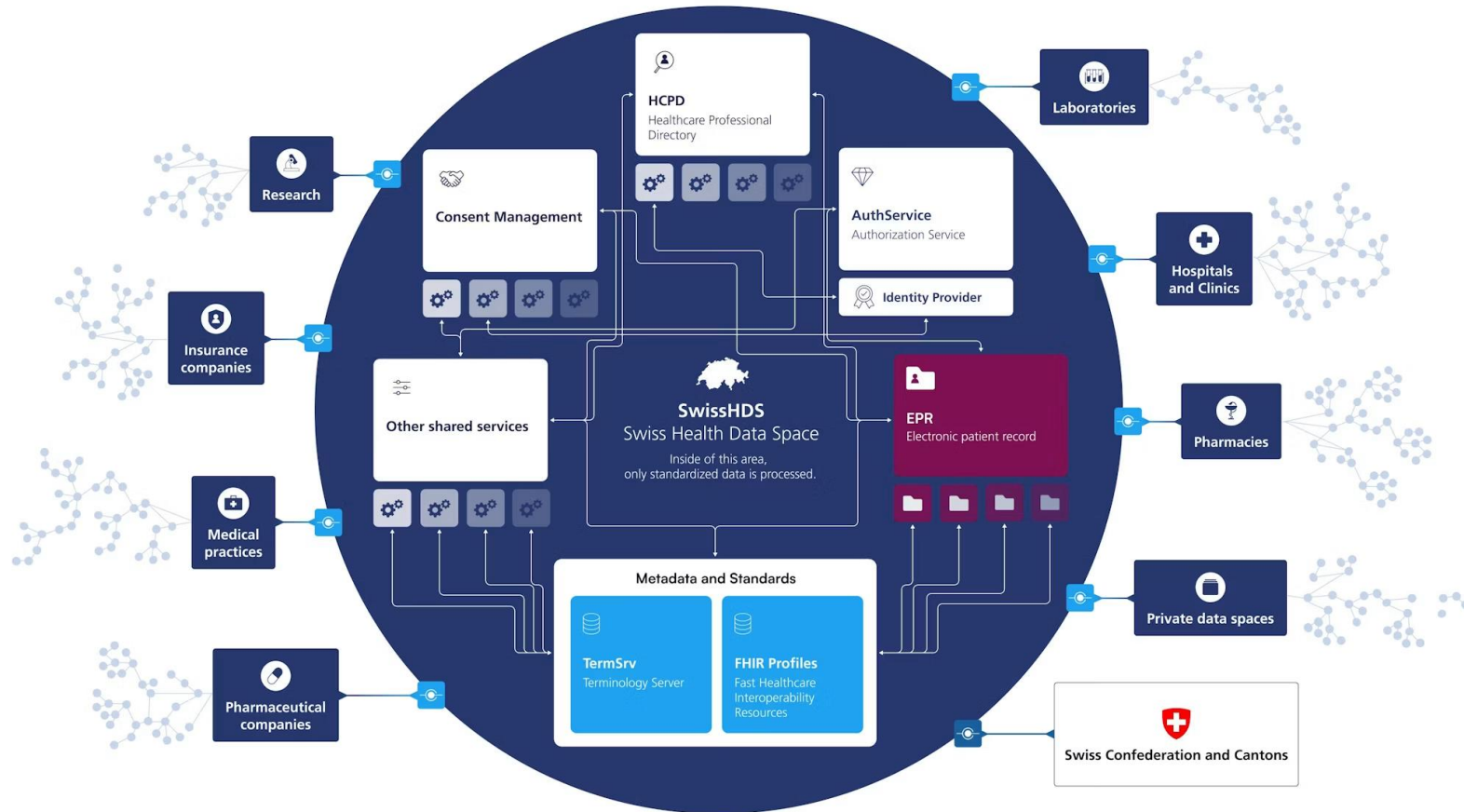
**Swiss Personalized Health Network (SPHN)**  
SPHN macht Gesundheitsdaten interoperabel und wiederverwendbar für die Forschung in der Schweiz



2nd monitoring meeting | 19.09.2023

Swiss Personalized Oncology  
National Data Stream

Prof. Olivier Michielin, MS, MD-PhD  
Prof. Bernd Bodenmiller, PhD





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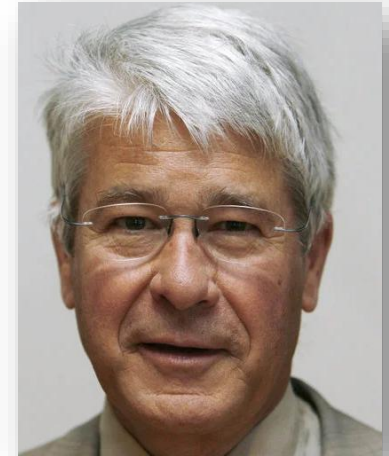
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**Giorgio Nosedà**



**Reto Obrist**



**Apéro, 18:00-19:00**

**Dinner, from 19:30 at Restaurant L'Aigle Noir**  
*(invited persons)*



Restaurant L'Aigle Noir  
Rue des Alpes 10  
1700 Fribourg



**... & see you tomorrow!**



**Enjoyed your day? Let us know!**