**COURSE**

*Journal Editing in Health Sciences 2022*

A SSPH+ partner course

**DESCRIPTION**

Scientists review articles and handle manuscript peer reviews, and thus determine what is published in scientific journals. To support high quality decisions and peer review, they need to understand the editorial decision-making processes. This course offers theoretical background and practical training in evaluating manuscripts. Participants will learn to take responsible decisions as editors and reviewers, at all stages of peer-review.

The course is composed of interactive lectures, single studies, and supervised group work with real-world examples from an interdisciplinary public health journal. Participants will perform a wide range of hands-on exercises taking on the roles of editors-in-chief, manuscript handling editors and reviewers.

The course is held online (ZOOM).

**LEARNING GOALS**

The course concentrates on the tasks and responsibilities of editors. It prepares for an appointment as associate editor. Participants will learn

- Pre-screening, peer-reviewing, taking editorial decisions
- Evaluating revisions and point-by-point responses of authors
- Communicating decisions to editors and authors
- Understanding best practice guidelines, and how to handle misconduct
- New trends in peer-review and scientific publishing
- About editorial strategies

**TARGET GROUPS**

Postdocs and other researchers, advanced PhD students (last year of PhD only) from all disciplines of health sciences, including epidemiology, public health, clinical research, nursing science and others.

**WORKLOAD**

~25-30 working hours distributed over 6 weeks, 1.0 ECTS

**DATES, TIME**

Begin: 17 October 2022, end: 25 November 2022, 6 phases:

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**REQUIREMENTS**

- Participants have published at least 2 first authored, peer-reviewed articles
- Full attendance to the three online classes
- Delivery of all self-study tasks
- Please reserve time for self-studies before registration:

**TEACHERS**

Prof. Nino Künzli, MD, PhD, Co-Editor in Chief International Journal of Public Health, Director Swiss School of Public Health, Researcher Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute

Anke Berger, PhD, Managing Editor International Journal of Public Health, Public Health Reviews, Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute

**FEES**

- Advanced PhD students (last year) enrolled in the SSPH+ Inter-university Graduate Campus (IGC) or in PhD programs with a free access agreement with IGC
  - 30 CHF
- Advanced PhD students (last year) from other universities
  - 425 CHF
- Other researchers affiliated with universities or academic institutions
  - 750 CHF
- All other participants (private companies etc.)
  - 900 CHF

**REGISTRATION**

By 14 October 2022, register here: [https://www.conftool.com/ssph-phd-courses2022/](https://www.conftool.com/ssph-phd-courses2022/)

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