
March-April 2023 ASPHER Newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Reflections from President Carlo Signorelli delivered on 03 May at the Opening Ceremony of the 17th World Congress on Public Health, Rome, Italy.

Dear Authorities, Dear Colleagues and Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have been working on this World Congress on Public Health since 2016. Let me therefore share with you the satisfaction and also the emotion for having organized an event with 3,000 delegates in person and thank all who have collaborated over the past seven years to make it possible, through various organisational phases, when manoeuvring to an online event in 2020 due to pandemic restrictions, to arriving at today's grand opening ceremony with so many of you here.

The organisation of this congress has allowed me to participate in various meetings and events on all continents, from Havana to Taipei, from Kampala to Melbourne, from Sofia to Washington DC. In all of these happenings, before and even more after the pandemic, the importance of public health and the public health workforce has emerged; the irreplaceable role of public health to guard politicians and health policymakers to make the best possible decisions, and the strategic role of public health professionals who must be – now more than ever – trained in the best way.

That is why today I am delighted and honoured to be on this stand as President of ASPHER, the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region, whose fundamental mission is threefold. Firstly, in the evidence-based development and continued revision of public health curricula, teaching and training methods, and support to its member institutions – there will be several workshops led by ASPHER during this World Congress contributing to these efforts. Secondly, to sustain public health capacity building with best standards of public health education and training, scientific research and practice, and support the professionalisation of the public health workforce. And thirdly, in a field that is cross-sectoral, multidisciplinary, and interprofessional in spirit, to build coalitions with other programmes and organisations.

Working with others is a mainstay for ASPHER, featuring prominently in the Association's active collaboration in this event – first and foremost with the official launch of the Global Network for Academic Public Health (GNAPH), bringing associations of schools of public health together from around the world, and whose constitution is expected to be signed in a session later this afternoon. We look forward to the continued partnership with the World Federation of Public Health Associations, for GNAPH and its regional schools' networks to act as partners in future World Congresses. Please consider following the ASPHER and GNAPH sessions scheduled in the Congress programme, as well as the plenary session 7 on skills and capacity for health improvement to which both are contributing.

ASPHER is also a partner to and a member of the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA). Recognizing the adversities we face in a World in Turmoil, the Association together with EPHA will be calling for concerted action globally, reflecting both global and local considerations, on Public Health Advocacy. We will do so with a manifesto for systematic cooperation and collaboration of all who support Public Health's core values. I urge you to join the

ASPHER-EPHA session today to answer the call and sign the manifesto for People and Planet, for Evidence, for Trust, for Partnership, and for Investment. We must act now!

Carlo Signorelli
President, ASPHER

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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

ASPHER Secretariat is thrilled to be welcoming you to Rome this week for the [17th World Congress on Public Health \(WCPH\)](#)! Please take a moment to [check here for more information about the ASPHER General Assembly](#) on 03 May. And (if attending) be sure to stop by the ASPHER booth when you have some free time during the week. We would love to take the opportunity to catch up with all our members who are on site in Italy!

As outlined in the president's message, [ASPHER has an exciting agenda put together for the WCPH](#) organised with the Global Network for Academic Public Health (GNAPH) to bring the importance of public health education and training to the global stage. ASPHER has collaborated with the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) session devoted to Public Health Advocacy and putting the Glocal into public health along with a manifesto for call to action. And not least of all there are several ASPHER workshops stemming from the Association's regular activities: updating core competencies in field epidemiology; climate change and health; Covid-19 task force; and health equity & social justice.

We already mentioned the ASPHER booth and we are delighted to have the team from University College Dublin with us in Rome to launch registrations for the [ASPHER Deans' & Directors' Retreat](#) to be held in Dublin from 31 August – 02 September. Come chat with them about the Retreat – where we will be enjoying some milestone developments and having a great time with members. **We will be kicking off registration in person at the booth but you may now register also online via the [Retreat website](#). #ASPHER2023**

While at the Dublin Retreat, we will celebrate the [2023 ASPHER Award](#) winners. Nominations remain open – don't miss the opportunity to put forward deserving colleagues and institutions for the Andrija Stampar Medal; Teaching and Practice Excellence Award; Research Excellence Award; and Early Career Excellence Award. Send your nominations to us by 14 May to office@aspher.org.

Before the Retreat, we are looking forward to the [2023 edition of ASSETS](#), the ASPHER Mentoring Summer School from 03-06 July in Brussels. It will be coordinated this year by [ASPHER Intern Arianna Maviglia](#), with several outstanding faculty on board. ASPHER is proud of our interns, the ASPHER fellows contributing to core content agenda, and ASPHER Young Professionals (YPs) who keep regular forum under Executive Board Member Ines Siepman. New exciting developments focusing on the next generation are on the way!

World events and crises reflect continuing turmoil, and along with the ongoing Ukraine conflict, we have been horrified with recent [developments in Sudan](#). **Building on momentum in Rome, ASPHER task forces will be evolving to provide greater scope and rapid response with the [Covid-19 Task Force](#) moving towards broader emergency response and the [Task Force on](#)**

[War taking on more issues stemming from conflicts and the Professionalisation of the Public Health Workforce Task Force](#) making advances.

However, ASPHER remains positive in public health's mission delivering the best future for the health of people and the planet. This is perhaps best epitomised by the role and actions of the [World Health Organization, which celebrated its 75th anniversary](#) this year on World Health Day on 07 April. Happy birthday WHO!

The Association is travelling for several recent and upcoming missions to strengthen our presence and collaboration. We were happy to join the recent International Association of National Public Health Institutes ([IANPHI Europe annual meeting](#)) in Lisbon from 20-21 April and see our partnership flourishing – we look forward to getting together with IANPHI again in Rome! We also joined the [WHO technical consultation for building a global curriculum for infodemic management](#) hosted by ASPHER member University of Belgrade. Looking ahead, ASPHER is further set to join the [LEPH conference](#) from 21-23 May with past-President John Middleton participating, and the European [Climate and Health](#) Observatory Partnership meeting on 24-25 May with ASPHER's senior lead on climate and health - Laurent Chambaud, contributing on the development of training, research and advocacy at the European level.

Otherwise, we bring you ASPHER news from [SEEEPHI Project](#) and the [Working Group on Economic Evaluation in Europe](#), and would like to note education efforts with [Salzburg OMI](#) continuing our relevant links. We hope you will also read with interest about [Members'](#) and [Partners'](#) exciting news and [opportunities](#). Take note that the office should be a bit more relaxed when we return after WCPH and we expect to get back to sending our newsletter on a monthly basis – be sure to send your items to Lore at lore.leighton@aspher.org to be included!

See you in Rome! Ciao,

ASPHER Secretariat

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ASPHER GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT WCPH 2023 - ROME

03 May 2023 from 10:00-12:30 CEST

Tarragona Room, Ergife Palace Hotel & Conference Center, Rome, Italy

The ASPHER General Assembly will be held in Rome, Italy on 03 June 2023 from 10:00-12:30 CEST in the context of the World Congress on Public Health 2023.

This will be the first in person General Assembly since 2019 and an important one with elections for ASPHER President and Executive Board. We look forward to having a good representation of ASPHER members on site - to also take part in one of the biggest Public Health events of the year!

[Register for the ASPHER General Assembly 2023 here.](#)

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ASPHER SESSIONS AT WCPH 2023 - ROME

ASPHER is proud to partner with the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) and the Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health (SItI) for the [17th World Congress on Public Health](#) to be held in Rome from 02-06 May 2023.

Over 3,000 public health professionals and researchers, policymakers, and students will convene for the momentous event. [Learn more about WCPH2023 here.](#)

[Download the WCPH Programme here.](#)



Jointly organised by



ASPHER has teamed up with our sister organisations from around the World through the Global Network for Academic Public Health (GNAPH) to bring public health education and training front and centre during the World Congress. We would like the event in Rome to set a precedent so that regional GNAPH networks become essential partners in future Congresses.

Don't miss out on GNAPH and other ASPHER sessions while at WCPH2023!

Wednesday 03 May, 09:00 - 10:00, Room Massalia

Workshop: What does the future of public health need to know about climate-health?

Wednesday 03 May, 09:00 - 10:00, Room Efeso

Oral Communication: War & peace in public health education & training - a scoping review

Wednesday 03 May, 10:00 - 12:30, Room Tarragona

ASPHER General Assembly

Wednesday 03 May, 12:30 - 13:30, Room Massalia

Workshop: From national to international/global health policy making: Lessons learned from ASPHER's COVID-19 Task Force

Wednesday 03 May, 16:00 - 17:30, Room Pola

ASPHER - EPHA Session: Advancing the Glocal Public Health Advocacy

Wednesday 03 May, 18:30 - 19:30, Room Tarragona

GNAPH Session 1: Global collaboration in academic public health

Thursday 04 May, 09:00 - 10:30, Room Tarragona

GNAPH Session 2: Ethics and Academic Public Health

Thursday 04 May, 16:30 - 18:00, Room Massalia

GNAPH Session 3: Innovations in academic public health – where do we go next?

Friday 05 May, 10:00 - 11:00, Room Tarragona

GNAPH Session 4: Capacity building & professionalization of the PH workforce - Part 1

Friday 05 May, 11:30 - 12:30, Room Mylasa

Workshop: Actions for counteracting vaccine hesitancy: a deep dive into three multicentre projects conducted in Europe

Friday 05 May, 11:30 - 13:00, Room Tarragona

GNAPH Session 5: Capacity building & professionalization of the PH workforce - Part 2

Friday 05 May, 11:30 - 12:30, Room Pergamo

Workshop: Updated ECDC Core Competencies in Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology: Processes, outcomes and opportunities for international academic collaboration

Friday 05 May, 14:30 - 15:30, Room Leptis Magna

**Plenary 7: Skills and Capacity for Health Improvement:
Growing the Global Public Health Workforce**

Friday 05 May, 17:00 - 18:00, Room Mylasa

Workshop: The way forward: strengthening health equity through social justice-based approaches in public health education

JOIN THE GLOBAL NETWORK FOR ACADEMIC PUBLIC HEALTH SESSIONS



3 May, 18:30-19:30 CET, Sala Tarragona ***Global collaboration in academic public health***

This session will discuss the importance of global collaboration in academic public health and introduce the Global Network for Academic Public Health, an alliance of seven regional associations that represent schools and programs of public health worldwide. The purpose of the Global Network is to enhance academic public health worldwide through mutual learning and collaborations between academic public health institutions globally in order to improve and protect the health of people and the planet.

4 May, 9:00-10:30 CET, Sala Tarragona ***Ethics and academic public health***

This session will discuss public health ethics from the perspective of academic public health. Public health ethics is a core cross cutting competency for good public health practice, but ethics has not been widely taught in schools of public health or other training spaces. The session will provide an opportunity to reflect, consult, share and consider options for collaboration to further advance the discourse, scholarship and practice of public health ethics to promote and protect the public's health.

4 May, 16:30-18:00 CET, Sala Massalia ***Innovations in academic public health – where do we go next?***

This session will discuss innovations in, and the future of, academic public health. The first part of the session will showcase three examples of innovations in training the next generation of public health professionals. The second part of the session will be a workshop to teach creativity and innovation in public health curricula via design thinking.

5 May, 10:00-11:00 CET, Sala Tarragona ***Capacity building and professionalization of the public health workforce – Part 1***

This session will focus on building the capacity of the public health workforce globally. It will present the WHO roadmap on National workforce capacity to implement the essential public health functions including a focus on emergency preparedness and response, as well as how partners can be involved. Perspectives on building capacity will be shared from the perspectives of national public health institutes and academic public health.

5 May, 11:30-13:00 CET, Sala Tarragona ***Capacity building and professionalization of the public health workforce – Part 2***

This session follows on Part 1 and showcases initiatives that align with the WHO roadmap on National workforce capacity to implement the essential public health functions including a focus on emergency preparedness and response. The session will highlight building public health workforce capacity and professionalization is being addressed in the context of different countries and regions.



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CALL FOR ASPHER AWARD NOMINATIONS

ASPHER's call for 2023 award nominations is still open! Keep reading for more details and nominate your colleagues and peers for one of the four ASPHER awards listed below!

Send us your nomination/s accompanied by a short endorsement letter to office@aspher.org by midnight 14 May 2023.

[Download the full Award call and criteria here.](#)



Andrija Štampar Medal

The Andrija Štampar Medal recognizes outstanding lifetime achievements in the public health teaching, research or practices of an esteemed individual within the public health community. Nominees do not need to be a current or past faculty member of an ASPHER member school.

Nominations should include a description of the nominee's outstanding contributions in: demonstrating leadership in advancing health equity, member-focus, diversity, integrity, corporate-citizenship, Europe-centred global outlook and/or meaningful work (ASPHER core values) in the fields of academic public health research, teaching and practice; demonstrating national and/or international visibility of the accomplishments within and outside scientific community; lasting, equitable and sustainable contributions in advancing public health teaching, community-building, implementation and research.

ASPHER Research Excellence Award

This award recognizes outstanding achievements in public health research. It is given annually to an individual – on behalf of their research team – primarily affiliated with an ASPHER member school.

Nominations should include a description of the nominee's outstanding contributions in: demonstrating leadership in advancing health equity, member-focus, diversity, integrity, corporate-citizenship, Europe-centred global outlook and/or meaningful work (ASPHER core values) in the field of academic public health research; outstanding exemplary and documented

scholarly accomplishments in the form of a notable record of success; innovative research advancing the research mission of the field of public health and improving the health of communities they serve; demonstrating national and/or international visibility of the accomplishments.

ASPHER Teaching & Practice Excellence Award

This award recognizes outstanding achievements in public health teaching and practice of a Programme or School of Public Health within the ASPHER community. It is given to an ASPHER member school or ASPHER-member programme of public health.

Nominations should include a description of the nominated SPH outstanding contributions in: demonstrating leadership in advancing health equity, member-focus, diversity, integrity, corporate-citizenship, Europe-centred global outlook and/or meaningful work (ASPHER core values) in the field of academic public health teaching or practice; documented engagement beyond the immediate School of Public Health (SPH), e.g. through collaborative work with several SPHs (within the ASPHER community); demonstrating national and/or international visibility of the institution; innovative, creative efforts in education or practice to overcome obstacles (e.g. political, societal, teaching-related) in challenging settings.

ASPHER Early Career Excellence Award

This award recognizes outstanding achievements in the field of teaching, research, or practice of early career individuals. It is given annually to a maximum of five individuals that are primarily affiliated with an ASPHER member school. Early career positions considered for this award include up to assistant/associate professors.

Nominations should include a description of the nominee's outstanding contributions in: demonstrating leadership in advancing health equity, member-focus, diversity, integrity, corporate-citizenship, Europe-centred global outlook and/or meaningful work (ASPHER core values) in the field of academic public health teaching, research or practice; outstanding exemplary and documented scholarly accomplishments in form of a notable record of success; innovative research, teaching or practice advancing the mission of the field of public health and improving the health of communities they serve.

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ASPHER DEANS & DIRECTORS RETREAT 2023

31 August - 02 September 2023, Dublin

ASPHER and the UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science welcome you to the annual ASPHER Deans' and Directors' Retreat taking place at University College Dublin, Ireland, from 31 August to 02 September, 2023

You can meet the ASPHER UCD Retreat 2023 Team at the World Congress of Public Health (ASPHER booth) in Rome, Italy - 02-06 May.

Learn more and register at <https://dublin2023.aspher.org/> #ASPHER 2023

ASPHER Deans' & Directors' Retreat

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One hundred thousand welcomes to UCD and Ireland



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ASPHER NEXT GENERATION PLATFORM UPDATES

Announcing ASSETS 2023 ASPHER Mentoring Summer School

Monday-Thursday 03-06 July, Brussels

The Andrija Stampar Summer Educational & Tutoring School (ASSETS) offers an exclusive educational mentoring programme tailored to initiate fruitful learning experiences. ASSETS seeks to strengthen public health professionals in their field of expertise and professional identity through the concept of career mentoring from distinguished and recognized experts in the field of public health. Instead of a classical school with multiple lectures, each participant brings a schematic idea, about a practical experience, project, thesis or career challenge within the public health and/or health system scope that can be presented in class in front of the experts and their peers. These presentations thus create the input of the subsequent real-world problem based mentoring session.

Ambitious early career public health professionals (whether from academia/junior faculty and advanced students, or graduates in city/regional administration, national civil service, private sector or others) who wish to attain confidence and career guidance in the field of public health are encouraged to apply.

Fees (with discount to ASPHER members) include the ASSETS 2023 programme & material, pre-event contact and coaching, welcome reception (Monday), festive dinner (Wednesday), and lunches (2). Travel and accommodation are not included



The poster features the ASPHER logo at the top left, which includes a stylized head with gears and the text 'ASPHER The Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region'. The main title 'ANNOUNCING ASSETS 2023 ASPHER MENTORING SUMMER SCHOOL' is centered in large white letters, with the dates 'Monday-Thursday 03-06 July, Brussels' below it. An illustration shows three people (two men and one woman) in a meeting around a table, with gears and a speech bubble in the background. The text 'Who is ASSETS for?' is followed by a description of the program. Below that, 'What does ASSETS offer?' is followed by a description of the mentoring sessions. The 'ASSETS 2023 Core Faculty' section lists three professors with their titles and affiliations. A QR code is on the right with the text 'Learn more' above it. At the bottom, an email address is provided for inquiries.

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ANNOUNCING ASSETS 2023 ASPHER MENTORING SUMMER SCHOOL

Monday-Thursday 03-06 July, Brussels

Who is ASSETS for?

ASSETS is for ambitious early career public health professionals who wish to attain confidence and build their capacity.

What does ASSETS offer?

ASSETS offers an exclusive educational mentoring programme tailored to strengthen public health professionals in their field of expertise and professional identity. Each participant presents a schematic idea about a practical experience, project, thesis or career challenge to recognized public health experts and their peers, engaging in real-world problem based mentoring sessions.

ASSETS 2023 Core Faculty

Prof Jose M Martin-Moreno
ASSETS Director
University of Valencia, Spain

Prof Selma Šogorić
Andrija Štampar School of Public Health, Croatia

Prof John Middleton
ASPHER Immediate Past President, United Kingdom

Learn more



Email assets2023@apher.org if you are interested.

ASPHER Intern: Arianna Maviglia, Maastricht University

ASPHER is pleased to welcome intern, Arianna Maviglia, who joined us at our Brussels office this April.

Arianna is a student of the MSc of Governance and Leadership in European Public Health at Maastricht University. She will do her thesis placement at ASPHER under the supervision of Professor Milena Pavlova. Her master thesis topic is “Developing a competency framework for economic evaluation expertise of public health professionals: a scoping review”. The thesis aims at retrieving the evidence that will constitute the base for ASPHER to develop an economic evaluation competency framework for public health professionals.



Arianna is passionate about public health and governance; she aims at pursuing a career in the public health policy field focusing on European Public Health. She has a passion for writing, theatre and the arts. She speaks Italian, English and Spanish.

ASPHER TASK FORCE ON WAR

Conflict in Sudan

Dr. Haitham Bashier, Executive Director of ASPHER Associate Member, the International Academy of Public Health IAPH and Joanna Samhuri, Master's student of Global Public and Environmental Health at New York University wrote to ASPHER regarding the conflict in Sudan.



Here is an excerpt of what they sent:

On Saturday April 16, during the holy month of Ramadan, the people in Sudan woke up to open gunfire between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF). The crossfire initially began in West Darfur and later spread to Khartoum and neighboring areas. People in Sudan have suddenly, without prior notice, lost their access to essentials of life. The political upheaval has robbed them from their rights to food, water, shelter, and access to healthcare services. Some have left their homes and fled in search of safety and security and others have witnessed the annihilation of their houses as a result of the shooting. Destruction of schools and universities have led students to visualize the end of a path yet to begin. There are still more unfortunate souls who, with their naked eyes, saw the killing of their families, loved ones, and friends. To add misery to their pain, the martyrs are scattered everywhere around on the streets, tainted with blood, waiting to be buried. More fortunate people are confined in their homes, restricted of movement, hugging their family members tight in fear of losing any of them.

People are suffering from a shortage in water supply, unreliable electricity, and interrupted communication services. Even those who have the means of purchasing food and water are in shackles chained with the fear of getting shot with any movement. It is of utmost priority and urgency to highlight the challenges the healthcare system is exposed to as a result of the current life-threatening situation Sudan is facing.

[Read the full letter on ASPHER blog here.](#)

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CLIMATE AND HEALTH

Global Public Health Week: Strengthening Climate Change Education for the Public Health Workforce

During Global Public Health Week, we held a (slightly delayed) event on April 12th, Strengthening Climate Change Education for the Public Health Workforce, sharing developments from a global perspective. Invited speakers included Kristie Hadley (Global Consortium on Climate and Health Education), Mitsuo Sase (Planetary Health Report Card - Japan), and our own Chiara Cadeddu (Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore - Italy). Although there were some technical difficulties, it was a great session to learn about the global developments of integrating climate-change education. **A copy of the recording can be found [here](#).**

The ASPHER Climate-Health Working Group also met in early April to discuss the goals, aims and plan of action among interested members. **If you are interested in taking a leadership role for a sub-group (Training, Research, Practice), we would love to hear from you.**

Upcoming Climate-Health event that might be of interest: Promoting Postgraduate Education in Planetary Health in Europe, Workshop (hybrid) - Wednesday, 10th of May, 9:00-17:00 CEST. **Access the [agenda](#) and [register](#).**

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ASPHER TASK FORCE ON PROFESSIONALISING THE PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE

Education and training for a strengthened public health workforce in South Africa and UK

On 13 April, the UK Faculty of Public Health and the College of Public Health Medicine South Africa held a knowledge exchange webinar on globally relevant lessons learnt in the implementation of competency-based education and training for a strengthened public health workforce in South Africa and UK.

This session engaged participants in the roadmap developed by WHO and partner organisations to strengthen the global public health workforce. The session shared globally relevant lessons,

learnt from the UK and South Africa, in the implementation of competency-based education and training as an approach to developing the skills and abilities of the public health workforce.

[Watch a recording of the webinar here.](#)

Revolutionizing the Public Health Workforce - A Policy Brief in Retrospect of the World Congress on Public Health, Rome 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic dramatically illustrates the consequences of inadequate prioritization of the Public Health Workforce. This Policy Brief introduces a Call for Action following the plenary session entitled “Revolutionising the PH Workforce as Agents of Change” as part of the 2020 World Congress on Public Health.

Policy Options and Recommendations:

In order to revolutionize the PH Workforce, five long-term key approaches are proposed:

1. Transforming public health competencies through transdisciplinary education and inter-professional training;
2. Revolutionizing educational systems by shifting the public health paradigm;
3. Linking public health education and work opportunities;
4. Overcoming the paradoxical shortage and overproduction of graduates; and
5. Developing adaptable, multisectoral agents of change.

[Read the full policy brief here.](#)

Bürkin BM, Venticich PM, Adongo PB, De Almeida-Filho N, Magaña L, Middleton J, Souza LE, Czabanowska K. Revolutionizing the Public Health Workforce—A Policy Brief in Retrospect of the World Congress on Public Health Rome 2020. *Public Health Reviews*. 2023; 44.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3389/phrs.2023.1604807>

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ASPHER COVID-19 TASK FORCE

Three years on, the ASPHER Covid-19 Task Force continues to meet on Thursday mornings, now tackling several issues related to infectious disease emergencies beyond Covid-19. Be sure to learn more about the future agenda of the group from their workshop at WCPH on 03 May at 12:30 ‘From national to international/global health policy making: Lessons learned from ASPHER’s Covid-19 Task Force’.

Further reading on Covid-19

van Kessel R, Forman R, Milstein R, et al. Divergent COVID-19 vaccine policies: Policy mapping of ten European countries. *Vaccine*. 2023; 41(17): 2804-10.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2023.03.036>

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ASPHER NEWS & EVENTS

ASPHER wishes a Happy 75th Birthday to the WHO!

World Health Day this year marks the [75th birthday of the World Health Organization](#). Founded alongside the United Nations, it was accompanied by a family of global organisations, including UNICEF, the World Bank and Food and Agriculture Organization. Global policy governance was borne out of a time of post-World War political optimism with a universal desire to address William Beveridge's five giant evils - want, idleness, ignorance, squalor, and disease. There was a vision to rebuild a fairer, cleaner, healthier, wiser, and productive global community.

If we did not have a World Health Organization, we would have to invent one. In all our interests we must back the organisation, be robust and critical friends, but be wholesome in our support and our commitment to WHO initiatives and policy advice. In the [21st century era](#) of disinformation, climate breakdown, mass marketing of unhealthy products and services by multinationals, the commercial plunder of the environment, political corruption and geopolitical instability, we need unity in the global health community. So Happy 75th Birthday, World Health Organization. Here's to the next 75!

[Read the full blog post here.](#)

SEEEPHI Partners Meeting and IAPHP Conference



From 28-30 March, SEEEPHI partners had the opportunity to meet at the Swedish Red Cross University in Huddinge to discuss developments on the project 'Sharing European Education Experience in Public Health for Israel'.

SEEEPHI will be taking part in the annual Israeli Public Health (IAPHP) Conference at the University of Haifa on 11 June. Contact Lore at lore.leighton@aspheer.org if you are interested in attending the conference.

[Learn more about SEEEPHI here.](#)



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ASPHER Working Group on Economic Evaluation in Europe

[ASPHER working group on economic evaluation in healthcare in europe \(EEHE\)](#) was proud to offer the [OMI seminar on economic evaluation in healthcare](#).

Participants and faculty members enjoyed an inspirational platform to discuss dilemmas where public health and economics intersect. Salzburg was a perfect location to reflect on these challenges. 33 fellows from 24 countries and 9 faculty members from Albania, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands, Serbia, and the UK. Amazing support by the OMI directors and [Research Institute CAPHRI](#) at Maastricht University.

DisQo Anti-Discrimination & Health Equity Joint Statement

Organisations across sectors call for stronger action against racism and discrimination to achieve health equity

ASPHER has signed the DisQo Joint Statement on anti-discrimination & health equity which was presented formally to DG SANTE on the 19th of April at the [EU Health Policy Platform Annual Meeting](#).

Despite the increasing evidence showing that structural, institutional, and interpersonal racism and discrimination impact both physical and mental health inequities in multiple ways, the issue has gained too little attention in the public health domain thus far.



The statement has identified five key priorities for addressing the issue in a constructive, respectful, and participatory way:

1. Recognise racism and discrimination as fundamental determinants of health, equity and well-being
2. Strengthen social participation of racialised and discriminated communities, and foster diversity, representation and anti-discrimination
3. Increase clarity and consistency of key definitions related to racism, discrimination and health equity
4. Collect more (health) equality data, disaggregated by indicators on multiple grounds of discrimination, and harmonise EU data collection
5. Strengthen existing EU anti-discrimination legislation by breaking down silos and boosting policy mainstreaming, transparency, reparative justice and social participation

Additional endorsements can be submitted until 17 May 2023. Endorsements, questions or suggestions can be addressed to Raymond Gemen (raymond.gemen@epha.org).

[Read the full statement here.](#)

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MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

AI in Healthcare Management Summit and AI MBA in Healthcare



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THE BUSINESS SCHOOL FOR HEALTHCARE

The Collegium Prometricum, a coalition of European Business Schools and Public Health Schools, cordially invites your representatives to participate in the AI in Healthcare Management Summit in Gdańsk, Poland, June 24-26, 2023. This event is a gathering of experts

specializing in the use of AI in the management education process at the postgraduate level, including MBA. The aim of the summit is to facilitate the exchange of experiences and thoughts to improve the process of professional and managerial education in healthcare. Participation in this event is free of charge, and we encourage your representatives to take an active role in the conference by sharing their experiences and insights. We will be happy to provide additional information at mba@prometricum.eu.

The AI in Healthcare Education Summit serves as an introduction to the "European AI MBA in Healthcare" – an online postgraduate study program that includes a week-long session at the Cambridge Campus and offers opportunities for more international study tours. This program is supported by McGraw Hill content and a unique educational process that leverages various AI tools. The program's goal is to prepare healthcare organization leaders to make decisions using the possibilities offered by AI technologies.

[See the invitation letter here.](#)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has revolutionized industries across the world, and has the potential to transform not only medicine, but also healthcare education and management practices. Healthcare, like management, involves a thorough diagnosis of the current state and accurate prediction, and AI provides a toolbox of algorithms that can help reduce guesswork and improve outcomes.

The program offers a 95% online study format, which provides participants with the opportunity to gain diverse perspectives on healthcare practices from various European countries. Additionally, all faculty members, representing more than 50 universities and healthcare institutions, will be challenged to explore how to leverage AI's potential in specific areas of healthcare management.

Collegium Prometricum Coalition invites healthcare managers, practitioners and officials to take part in this exciting program. We are accepting applications until the end of June 2023. The opening lecture (online) will take place on September 9, 2023. The on-site session in Cambridge, UK, will be held from September 18-22, 2023. The graduation ceremony for the 2023-2024 cohort will take place on June 23, 2024, in Gdańsk.

We would be delighted to provide you with more detailed information. Please contact us at mba@prometricum.eu or visit our website at www.prometricum.eu.

[Learn more from the programme flyer.](#)

Online Course: ICF-StARS – Standardized Assessment and Reporting of Functioning Information

May 8 – June 4, 2023 (online)

Funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation within the framework of the National Research Programme 74 "Smarter Health Care", the course introduces the concept of functioning and its importance in the health system. Moreover, it gives an overview of Standardized Assessment and Reporting Systems for functioning information (StARS) based on the ICF. The course includes the introduction of a set of standards, tools and methods to assess and report information on functioning as well as the presentation of exemplary applications in practice and research.

The course is aimed at interested people who work with functioning data (assessment and reporting), including healthcare professionals, researchers, students, quality managers and other professionals in the health system.

The Swiss Paraplegic Research and the University of Lucerne have developed the online course "ICF-STARS", which is freely available at <https://www.swissmooc.ch/courses/StARS/>.

Contact crghs@unilu.ch for more information.

WHO technical consultation for building a global curriculum for infodemic management

To develop infodemic management capacities for the future, WHO convened a technical consultation on building a global curriculum for infodemic management on 21-23 March in Belgrade, Serbia. Hosted by former ASPHER President Vesna Bjegovic Mikanovic and the Centre - School of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade, the consultation brought together 47 representatives of academia, public health and professional associations, and health authorities from six WHO regions.



With the aim to (i) define the capacities for mainstreaming infodemic management in learning and training programmes, and (ii) mapping integration approaches in existing education and learning programmes, the consultation offered a platform for a productive discussion. The competency framework defines the key functions of an Infodemic manager throughout the epidemic response cycle and how adaptive they become as the epidemic evolves.

A meeting report and a plan for mainstreaming infodemic management into learning and teaching programmes is forthcoming. ASPHER will keep an eye on the outcomes of the work ensuring synergy with the Association's relevant activities.

[Read more about the event here.](#)

Honorary Doctorate awarded to Ilona Kickbusch by the University of Valencia

The investiture of the professor and global health expert Ilona Kickbusch as Doctor "Honoris Causa" by the University of Valencia took place last Friday 24th March in the auditorium of the emblematic building of La Nau.

The investiture was attended by a large representation of the University's Board of Directors, most of the deans of the institution, as well as members and representatives of the different groups of the university community.

The Rector of the University of Valencia, Maria Vicenta Mestre, presided over the solemn ceremony, and the professor of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, Jose M. Martin-Moreno, was in charge of reading the [laudatio](#). The investiture was attended by a large representation of the University's Board of Directors, most of the deans of the institution, as well as members and representatives of the different groups of the university community.

The awarding of this recognition as Doctor "Honoris Causa" to Ilona Selma Kickbusch by the UV has been promoted by the University itself as a result of her undoubted leadership in the field of health promotion and for her outstanding role in the world of political science and sociology, all from a feminist perspective.



In [Dr Ilona Selma Kickbusch's lectio](#), she took the opportunity to talk about the importance of the digital transformation of health and the convergence between digital health and public health, highlighting the role this has played during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, she reflected on whether we should think of digital transformation as a multidimensional determinant of health, whether the understanding of solidarity in health should be broadened to include data solidarity, and whether we should develop a concept of digital health citizenship.

For her part, the [Rector of the University of Valencia stressed in her speech](#) that this distinction as Doctor "Honoris Causa" is received by "a committed woman, as well as a scientist who has not only researched but, as published in 2017 by the prestigious journal "The Lancet", has a 'distinguished career in the World Health Organization, the Government and academia, a career



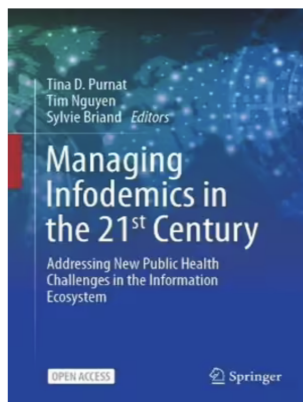
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that has contributed to shaping global health". During his speech, Mestre also spoke of the presence and importance of health sciences at UV.

Learn more and watch a recording of the ceremony [here](#).

PARTNER NEWS

Managing Infodemics in the 21st Century: Addressing New Public Health Challenges in the Information Ecosystem



Edited by: Tina D. Purnat , Tim Nguyen and Sylvie Briand

This open access book on infodemic management reviews the current discussions about this evolving area of public health from a variety of perspectives.

The book brings together scientists and practitioners across disciplines to offer insights on infodemic management. The tools, methods, analytics, and interventions that they discuss in the context of acute health events also can be applied to other public health areas. Topics covered include:

- People's Experience of Information Overload and Its Impact on Infodemic Harms
- Smart Health! Expanding the Need for New Literacies
- To Debunk or Not to Debunk? Correcting (Mis)information
- Partnering with Communities for Effective Management of Health Emergencies

Managing Infodemics in the 21st Century is required reading for public health practitioners in need of an overview of this evolving field of practice that has made major scientific and practical leaps forward since early 2020. Global, regional, and local health authorities are increasingly recognizing the need to expand their capacities for infodemic management in their efforts to better prepare for future health emergencies. This book is the resource they need to build toward a mature infodemic management process. The text also can be used as supplemental reading for graduate programs and courses in public health.

Available: 3rd June 2023. [Learn more and pre-order here](#).

18th Biennial European Conference, 21 -23 May 2023 Berlin, Germany

The European Conference Of The Society For Medical Decision Making (SMDM) "Linking Research to Evidence-Based Action for Patients, Providers and Policy Decision Makers", will take place from the 21st of May until the 23rd of May 2023 in Berlin, Germany.

With the theme "Linking Research to Evidence-Based Action for Patients, Providers and Policy Decision Makers," this conference will offer the latest updates in medical decision making and cover novel research of various methodologies tailored to the entire interprofessional SMDM community.

ESMDM 2023 will offer [12 in-person short courses](#) on Sunday, 21 May 2023.

This is a great opportunity to further your career by attaining new knowledge or brushing up on previous learnings. Space is limited for each course, so register early & book your spot.

To learn more about the ESMDM 2023, click [here](#).

LEPH2023 Conference, 21-24 May 2023 Umea, Sweden



The European Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health ([LEPH2023](#)) is the first regional European conference exploring the complex and diverse intersections of law enforcement and public health, involving practitioners, policy makers and researchers from these and other related sectors. It carries on the international LEPH conference series, with an opportunity to focus on key regional issues.

LEPH2023 Europe will provide a major opportunity to further develop our understanding of the intersections between police and other law enforcement personnel and those individuals and organisations delivering public health programs in the community, and how to strengthen and sustain them. The key theme for LEPH2023 Europe is ‘Together towards resilient communities’, building on previous LEPH conferences which have described and analysed the issues, examined a huge range of actual and possible responses globally, and stressed the importance of collaborative leadership in policy and practice.

As with all LEPH conferences, the Conference Programme will be heavily weighted towards promoting collaborative action – in practice, research, policy development and in the integration of these three elements. ASPHER is a Partner to LEPH2023 with immediate past-President John Middleton and Robert Otok serving on the Program Committee.

Learn more from the [LEPH2023 conference website](#) and [register here](#).

European Public Health Week, 22-26 May 2023

We hope that you already made some room in your [calendars](#) for the fifth edition of the European Public Health Week (EUPHW), taking place between May 22nd and 26th.

The overarching topic of this year’s EUPHW is [“Global issues, local actions”](#) with daily topics on:

- Mental health for all



- Diversity in health
- Access to care
- Prevention and control of chronic diseases
- Global health emergencies and response

[Learn more here to get involved](#) and [submit your event here](#).

International Conference on Strategic Litigation and Public Health, 15-16 June 2023 Liverpool, UK

The Law and Public Health Section of the European Public Health Association ([EUPHA-LAW](#)) and the [Law & Non-Communicable Diseases \(NDC\) Research Unit](#) at the University of Liverpool, in partnership with the above-listed organisers, are organising a hybrid conference that will explore how strategic litigation can contribute to the promotion of better health for all.

This conference will reflect specifically (though not exclusively) on the potential of strategic litigation to (i) address the health impacts of the climate crisis & chronic diseases associated with air pollution and other forms of environmental degradation, and (ii) deteriorating food environments and the prevention of diet-related diseases.

Early career researchers and practitioners are encouraged to apply for bursaries to cover accommodation and/or travel costs, and decisions will be communicated by 10th May.

Link to further [information](#).

EPH Conference, 8-11 November 2023 Dublin, Ireland

The 16th EPH Conference will be held in Dublin, Ireland, from 8 – 11 November 2023. The theme of the EPH conference 2023 is: Our Food, Our Health, Our Earth: A Sustainable Future for Humanity. The 16th EPH Conference will be held in The Convention Centre Dublin. Visit the [EPH conference website](#) for more information.



Registration for the 16th EPH Conference opens 1 April. You can benefit from early bird registration fees until 1 September. [Learn more about registration here](#).

UK Public Health Science 2023: a call for abstracts

We are delighted to [invite abstract submissions for Public Health Science](#): A National Conference Dedicated to New Research in UK Public Health, to be held in London, UK, on November 24, 2023. This annual conference showcases the quality and impact of public health research in the UK and Ireland by bringing together researchers, practitioners, and policy makers to discuss important public health issues, perspectives, methodologies, findings, and implications for public health practice, policy, health services, and research.

We welcome abstracts on all topics and disciplines that affect public health. We encourage perspectives from those working across all sectors and disciplines, including, but not limited to, the National Health Service (NHS), local authorities and commissioned services, charities and advocacy organisations, universities, and government bodies.

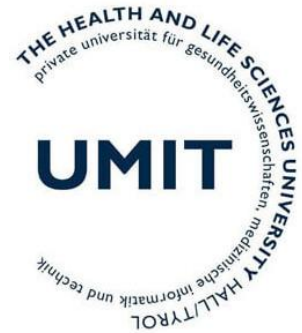
Submit your abstract as a Microsoft Word document through [The Lancet's online submission system](#), stating in your covering letter that the submission is for the UK Public Health Science Conference 2023. All abstracts will be considered for oral and poster presentations. The deadline for abstract submission is May 15, 2023. After The Lancet's peer review process, successful applicants will be informed of acceptance of their abstract for oral or poster presentation by September 15, 2023.

[Learn more here.](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Postdoc Scientist/Assistant Professor Vacancy in Research for Climate Change and Environmental Health

The Institute of Public Health, Medical Decision Making and Health Technology Assessment (Head: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Uwe Siebert) of the Department of Public Health, Health Services Research and Health Technology Assessment at UMIT TIROL is currently seeking to appoint a: Senior Postdoc Scientist/Assistant Professor for the EU Horizon Europe Project CATALYSE and other research projects in Climate Change and Environmental Health to start as soon as possible and initially limited to two years in full-time or part-time (100%, 75% or 50%); an extension is possible and is being sought.



Contact <https://www.umat-tirol.at/stellenangebote> for further details.

Please submit your application latest by 31 May 2023 by email: public-health@umat-tirol.at.

For further information or questions please contact Univ.-Prof. Dr. Uwe Siebert:

public-health@umat-tirol.at

Faculty Vacancy with focus in Infectious/Communicable Diseases prevention, control and management



The Institute of Public Health, UAE University is seeking to recruit a full-time faculty member (Assistant/Associate/Full Professor in Public Health Practice) to contribute to its teaching and research activities in Public Health with a specific focus on Infectious

Diseases/Communicable Diseases prevention, control, and management. The Specific tasks and responsibilities of the position include but not limited to the followings:

- Contribute to undergraduate and graduate teaching programs, including the MPH and PhD programs as well as professional training.
- Conduct and supervise research projects that lead to improving the health of the public.
- Serve as the principal investigator in research projects relevant to the health of working communities in the UAE.
- Collaborate in public health related activities, with colleagues in the College of Medicine and other UAEU colleges in addition to local and regional institutions.
- Perform administrative work when and as required in the IPH and the College of Medicine, including serving on committees, invigilating examinations, and contributing to student assessments.

The applicant must hold a medical degree and a master in public health or infectious diseases or a specialty certification (infectious diseases consultant/specialist) by the Arab Board, ACOEM (US), FPH (UK), or equivalent medical board from Europe, Australasia, or South Africa. PhD in Public Health or infectious diseases or equivalent field preferred.

Applicants must attach a detailed CV (including list of their publications), names and contact details of three referees, and a cover letter indicating the depth of interest, suitability, and reasons for applying for the post.

Learn more and apply [here](#).

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