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ASPHER Dublin 2023 Retreat Newsletter Supplement



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am excited to present this ASPHER Newsletter supplement dedicated mainly to our [Annual Deans' & Directors' Retreat which will take place in Dublin from Thursday 31st August to Saturday 2nd September](#). This event marks a significant milestone in our pursuit of advancing public health education in the European Region. With the [theme of the 'new normal' in public health](#), we will be discussing the changes and adaptations that have emerged due to health crises on multiple fronts such as demographic and socioeconomic shifts, technological developments, conflict, climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic. In view of the constant state of risk and the need for preparedness, ASPHER in collaboration with WHO-EURO has been developing a new Core Curriculum for Public Health education and training.

The Retreat will serve as a platform for us to exchange ideas, share best practices, and discuss the contents of the Core Curriculum. From innovative teaching methodologies to the integration of cutting-edge technologies, our discussions will encompass a broad spectrum of approaches aimed at enhancing the quality and relevance of public health education and training. We will also explore the impact of new topics such as climate change and health and the importance of collaboration in finding solutions to complex new health issues. Confronting today's challenges requires a multidisciplinary public health workforce able to operate in interprofessional and cross-sectoral contexts and to carry out their work ethically.

I urge you all – present and not in Dublin – to actively engage, share your experiences, and collaborate with your peers. The [Retreat Programme](#) has been designed to focus on Members, providing opportunities for you to get to know each other better and to learn more about opportunities for engagement with and through ASPHER. Let this Retreat be a springboard for new ideas, partnerships, and initiatives that will shape the future of public health education and practice.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the organisers at University College Dublin – Mary Codd in particular – and the ASPHER Secretariat for their dedication and hard work in making this event a reality. These efforts reflect our shared commitment to improving the health and well-being of people worldwide through education. Let us embark on this journey of exploration and collaboration for the new precious product of ASPHER activities with a sense of purpose and anticipation.

Yours sincerely,
Carlo Signorelli, ASPHER President

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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

The ASPHER Secretariat is pleased to provide you with a special Supplement Issue of the ASPHER Newsletter ahead of the [2023 ASPHER Deans' & Directors' Retreat at University College Dublin](#). The local UCD team (see photo), ASPHER Executive Board and ASPHER Secretariat have been hard at work to make the Retreat a great member focussed experience!

The theme of the Dublin Retreat is the 'New Normal' and you will find here an [ASPHER Statement](#) about why we chose this theme and how the new ASPHER Core Curriculum (to be introduced at the Retreat) is ready to respond.



The detailed [Retreat Programme](#) is listed below. **Day 1 (Thursday 31 August)** is focused on the ASPHER Core Curriculum – reflecting the 'New Normal' in Public Health Education and Training. While **Day 2 (Friday 01 September)** will seek to connect ASPHER Member Schools, highlighting Collaborative Projects & Future Potential.

We are thrilled to bring two **keynote speakers**: **Prof. Cecily Kelleher**, Principal, UCD College of Health & Agricultural Sciences Dean, and Faculty of Public Health Medicine, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland who will speak at the Retreat opening about *'The Challenge of our times: Navigating the multidimensionality of Public Health as student, teacher and trainer'*; and **Dr. Michael J. Ryan**, Executive Director of WHO Health Emergencies Programme, who joins us for the closing to address *'A troubled world: Responding to the 'New Normal''*.

There will also be the **Gala dinner and ASPHER awards ceremony** on Thursday evening which promises to be an elegant affair and if you are still in Dublin on Saturday, all are cordially invited to participate in the [40 year anniversary celebration for the UCD MPH programme](#).

ASPHER Member engagement is key for us and a great way to get involved is through our [Next Generation Platform](#). During the Retreat we will be promoting opportunities for you, your students, alumni and junior faculty to get involved. You can learn more here:

Firstly, with our **Call for Abstracts for the annual [Young Researchers Forum](#)** to be held during the EPH pre-conferences in Dublin in November.

Secondly, our **Young Professionals Programme** Coordinator and EB Member, Ines Sieppman has put out a **Dual Call** to [seek faculty mentors to provide projects for the ASPHER YPs](#) - don't miss out on engaging with them and helping the PH youth grow for a better future; and also a [notice for interested early career professionals to prepare their applications for the next YPP intake](#) in September.

Please circulate these opportunities widely!

In addition to all of the Retreat details, we want to make sure you do not miss out on all the autumn events, so we have provided a listing of [upcoming ASPHER, Member and Partner events](#). And there have also been some recent publications that we hope you will agree make for some [interesting further reading](#).

And in case you missed it - [see the full Summer Edition of the ASPHER Newsletter here](#).

We look forward to meeting with you in Dublin soon!

Sláinte!

ASPHER Secretariat

ASPHER DEANS' & DIRECTORS' RETREAT 2023 STATEMENT

ASPHER Society Statement:

A new Public Health Curriculum for a 'new normal'

Mary Codd, Henrique Barros, Nadav Davidovitch, Oliver Razum, Mzwandile Mabhala, Polychronis Kostoulas, Mirjana Kujundžić Tiljak, Karolina Lyubomirova, Ines Slepman, Karl F. Conyard, Olalekan Popoola, Maly Morshad Ahmad, Lore Leighton, Robert Otok, Carlo Signorelli

This is a pre-published version of the ASPHER 2023 Retreat statement submitted to the journal *Public Health Reviews*.

Introduction: What is the 'new normal'?

The constant state of change that epitomizes our existence inevitably results in new phenomena that impact on individuals, professions and society. In the context of public health (PH), the 'new normal' of our time has been, and is being, shaped by demographic and socioeconomic shifts, scientific and technological developments, political strife, upheaval and

migration, climate change and environmental degradation, food and water insecurity and the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, the 'new normal' refers to a constant state of risk necessitating a state of 'preparedness' for change which cannot be fully contained or overcome, but which calls for recognition and regulation [1]. The Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) recognizes this 'new normal' for PH and the challenges it poses for PH education, training and practice.

The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated an evolving series of health crises in an increasingly unstable world [2]. It highlighted issues of trust in science and expertise among the public in general, governments, politicians and health care workers. It capitalized on rapid developments and dissemination of information, and exposed the potential of mis and disinformation. It emphasized the need for competent leadership and informed decision-making, and it highlighted the growing inequities of our time. Any acceptance of this 'new normal' as being inevitable or hopeless must be addressed, and its potential for positive change must be embraced [3].

In many respects, addressing the pandemic was basic PH, comprising epidemiology, surveillance, contact tracing, implementing interventions of isolation and vaccination. These must be maintained and strengthened as essential PH services [2]. However, expertise and skills above what have been traditional tenets of PH are also required [4] affirming ASPHER's endorsement of a multi-disciplinary approach, particularly for preparedness [5]. While current PH education may be constrained by conventional instructional approaches and challenges in the integration of theoretical knowledge with practical applications, essential competencies for an informed PH workforce are evolving [6].

For these reasons ASPHER, in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe, has undertaken to review a Core Curriculum for PH to address the 'new normal' and to underpin the attainment of necessary competencies by PH graduates. This is the theme of this year's ASPHER-member conference, the 2023 ASPHER Deans' & Directors' Retreat.

What is needed to prepare PH for the 'new normal'?

ASPHER, adhering to its mission to improve and protect the public by strengthening education and training of PH professionals for practice and research, must address the competencies required of the PH workforce for the 'new normal'. Previous frameworks and roadmaps [7-9] act as guides; however, we continuously seek to identify and fill gaps in skills and knowledge.

The PH Workforce: Multidisciplinary, interprofessional and cross-sectoral

A multidisciplinary PH workforce must work in interprofessional and cross-sectoral contexts recognising the skills, values, languages and methodologies of other disciplines. Interventions critical to PH, such as vaccination or food regulation, rely on collaboration across specialisms, an understanding of political, societal and ethical contexts, and the leadership to engage stakeholders, create consensus and make tough decisions. The pandemic disrupted every facet of existence; exposed underlying social and structural factors which influenced exposure, testing, access to healthcare, vaccination and survival; and identified political, cultural, religious and philosophical beliefs which impacted on interventions [10].

Politics, and how it influences inequalities, is fundamental to PH. Political decisions determine funding for national health systems and health agencies; how guidelines and regulations are enforced, how vaccine and health workers are apportioned, and ultimately how morbidity and mortality vary by social status, race, gender and ethnicity [10]. Political strife due to increasing populism, conflict and war, and distrust in science serve to amplify the need for PH professionals to engage with politics and policy-makers in the interest of the health of the public [11].

The PH Workforce: The sustainability agenda and digital advancements

Climate change affects ecosystems which impact health via altered disease patterns, food security and natural disasters. PH professionals must be prepared for environmental threats, honing green skills, promoting sustainability and engaging One Health strategies. PH professionals must devise holistic strategies to promote and preserve health, prevent risk and design solutions for human, animal, and environmental well-being coupled with social contexts. One Health informs traditional PH disciplines with advancements in identification and surveillance of zoonotic agents, genomics and development of vaccines and therapeutics [12].

Developments in digital technologies offer a wealth of resources to PH for data management and research. PH professionals must be equipped with knowledge and skills required to respond to, and use, big data and artificial intelligence [13].

The PH workforce must act ethically

PH ethics is specific to the field, differs from bioethics approaches, and essential to guide PH decision-making and action. The principles of PH ethics, often circumvented in emergencies as evident during the pandemic, require PH professionals to address the fundamental causes of disease justly and fairly. It ensures that interventions, policies, and programmes prioritise the well-being of populations while respecting individual rights and values. It addresses complex moral dilemmas, promotes fairness, transparency, and community engagement, helping prevent potential harms, inequities, and unethical practices.

In the 'new normal' PH ethics is needed more than ever, to introduce solidarity for local and global questions, and how to practice PH understanding of the role of diversity, social justice and communities. PH professionals must be ready to balance these tensions, grasping the dynamics of challenges and the constant need for reflection [1].

The ASPHER Core Curriculum supporting PH preparedness for the 'new normal'

COVID-19 and other crises have ushered in a 'new normal' as it relates to PH practice. It is incumbent upon us to evolve our teaching accordingly. Integrating the concept of the 'new normal' into PH curricula is essential to equip PH graduates to effectively navigate strategies and interventions in response to health crises in an ever-changing world, thereby protecting and promoting the health and welfare of the global population and planet. As a necessary step to a prepared PH workforce, and to ensure that ASPHER-member PH programmes are fit-for-purpose, the ASPHER Executive Board in collaboration with WHO has undertaken a wide-ranging review of PH curricula across 150 member schools and beyond. From these consultations we will profile a Core Curriculum for the 'new normal' PH, to be introduced at the 2023 ASPHER-member conference.

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ASPHER DEANS' & DIRECTORS' RETREAT 2023 PROGRAMME

The ASPHER Deans' & Directors' Retreat 2023

(31 August-01 September 2023)

and

Celebrating 40 Years of the MPH at UCD

(02-03 September 2023)

Reflecting the 'New Normal' in Public Health Education and Training

Thursday, 31 August

08:00-08:45 **Onsite conference check-in, O'Brien Centre for Science**

08:45-09:30 **Opening Ceremony**

Chairs:

Prof. Carlo Signorelli, President of ASPHER; Director, School of Hygiene and Preventive Medicine, University Vita Salute San Raffaele, Milan

A.Prof. Mary Codd, ASPHER Executive Board & DDR Host at UCD

Welcome Addresses:

Prof. Orla Feely, President of University College Dublin

Prof. Catherine Blake, Head of School, SPHPSS, University College Dublin

Prof. Mary Horgan, President of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Dr. Laura Magana, President of ASPPH (Assoc. of Schools & Programs of Public Health) & President of GNAPH (Global Network for Academic Public Health)

09:30-09:50

Keynote Address

20'

The Challenge of our times: Navigating the multidimensionality of Public Health as student, teacher and trainer

Prof. Cecily Kelleher, Principal, UCD College of Health & Agricultural Sciences Dean, Faculty of Public Health Medicine, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

09:50-10:10

The ASPHER-WHO Core Curriculum Programme (CCP)

20'

Reflecting the 'New Normal' for Public Health in Education and Training: Overview of the ASPHER-WHO Core Curriculum Programme

A.Prof. Mary Codd, Associate Dean of Public Health, UCD SPHPSS & ASPHER Core Curriculum Programme Lead

SESSION I:

Selected subject areas of ASPHER-WHO Core Curriculum

Introduction: In a series of short presentations colleagues will present **selected** subject areas of the evolving ASPHER-WHO Core Curriculum for Public Health, based on content collated from contributing schools and

programmes. Summary results of the level of agreement of PH academics and practitioners to the inclusion of elements of each subject area in an updated core curriculum will also be presented.

10:10-10:50	Core Curriculum PANEL I	40'
Chairs:	Prof. Patrick Wall , School of PH, Physiotherapy & Sports Science, UCD Mr. Shane Creagh Piper , ASPHER YP, Health Protection Surveillance Centre, Irl	
Subject Area & Speaker:	1. Climate and Planetary Health Action Prof. Laurent Chambaud , Lead of ASPHER Task Force on Climate Health 2. One Health and Veterinary Epidemiology Dr. Gerald Barry , CHAS One Health Champion, Vet Science Centre, UCD 3. Emergency Preparedness / Disaster Management Ms. Colette Cunningham , SPH University College Cork, Ireland & WFPHA Chair in Public Health Emergencies & Disasters	
10:50-11:10	Coffee	
11:10-11:50	Core Curriculum PANEL II	40'
Chairs:	Prof. Clare Corish , School of PH, Physiotherapy & Sports Science, UCD Dr. Paula Meireles , Institute of Public Health, University of Porto (IPHUP)	
Subject Area & Speaker:	4. Diversity, Intersectionality, Vulnerable Groups Prof. Andi Mabhala , University of Chester, UK 5. Public Health Nutrition, exposing socioeconomic determinants of health A.Prof. Carla Lopes , Institute of Public Health, University of Porto (IPHUP) 6. Political determinants of health and health equity Prof. Nadav Davidovitch , Ben Gurion University, Israel	
11:50-12:30	Core Curriculum PANEL III	40'
Chairs:	Prof. Patricia Fitzpatrick , School of PH, Physiotherapy & Sports Science, UCD Dr. Brian Li Han Wong , University of Maastricht, The Netherlands, ASPHER YP & WHO European Observatory on Health Systems & Policies	
Subject Area & Speaker:	5. The Principles of Teaching Digital Public Health Dr. Rok Hrzic , ASPHER DiPH Task Force, U Maastricht, Netherlands 6. Communication; Advocacy; Infodemiology Dr Greg Martin , Director Health Protection Surveillance Centre (recorded) 7. Public Health Law / Public Health Ethics Dr. Farhang Tazhib , Chair, UK Faculty of Public Health Ethics Committee	
12:30-13:15	Lunch / Group Photograph	

SESSION II: The ASPHER-WHO Core Curriculum in context

Introduction: Speakers in this session will address the implications of an updated core curriculum for public health in the following contexts: Public health education and training programmes; Accreditation of public health programmes; Existing competency frameworks; Roadmaps for professionalising the public health workforce; and Academic public health globally.

13:15-16:00 The ASPHER-WHO Core Curriculum in selected contexts

Focus on education, training and accreditation

Chairs: **Prof. Gaetano Privitera**, School of Public Health, University of Pisa, Italy
Mr. Karl F Conyard, ASPHER Fellow on the Core Curriculum Programme

Implications for / relevance of the CCP to:

13:20 .. **public health education and training at all levels** 30'

Prof. Kai Michelsen, Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany

A.Prof. Carla Lopes, Institute of Public Health, University of Porto (ISPUP)

13:50 .. **strengthening PH competencies of health workforce: Work in progress** 15'

Dr. H. Ibrahim Durak, WHO Medical Officer, Azerbaijan Country Office

14:05 .. **accreditation of public health programmes** 15'

Prof. Suzanne Babich, Richard M. Fairbanks SPH, Indianapolis, USA

& Chair, Board of Accreditation, APHEA

Focus on transnational structures

Chairs: **Prof. Diarmuid O'Donovan**, Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland
A.Prof. Mary Codd, School of PH, Physiotherapy & Sports Science, UCD

Implications for / relevance of the CCP to:

14:20 .. **the WHO-ASPHER Competency Framework and roadmaps for professionalising the public health workforce** 40'

Prof. Kasia Czabanowska, University of Maastricht, Netherland

Mr. James Campbell, WHO Director of Health Workforce

15:00 .. **academic public health globally** 20'

Prof. Laura Magana, President ASPPH and GNAPH

15:20 **Building leadership in public health in Europe for the 'New Normal'** 20'

Dr. Joao Breda, Special Advisor, WHO European Region, Athens

15:40 Wrap Up

Ms. Monika Kosinska, WHO Global Head of Economic and Commercial Determinants

16:00 Free time / Recreational activities on campus

18:15 Pick up from local hotels

18:45 Musical Recital (Moore Auditorium, O'Brien Centre for Science)

19:45 Reception / GALA Dinner (Black Tie) at the UCD University Club, including the **Andrija Štampar Award and Prizegiving**

Transport to local hotels at the end of the evening

Connecting ASPHER Member Schools: Collaborative Projects & Future Potential

Friday, 01 September

SESSION III:	Focus on ASPHER-member Schools & Institutes of Public Health	
Chairs:	A.Prof. Polychronis Kostoulas , University of Thessaly, Greece Mr. Robert Otok , Director of ASPHER, Brussels	
09:00	ASPHER Vision and Values in Action Prof. Carlo Signorelli , President of ASPHER Mr. Robert Otok , Director of ASPHER, Brussels	20'
09:20	ASPHER-enhanced Collaborative Projects	
	A. Theme specific projects	
09:20	UCCAIDE (ECDC) A.Prof. Mary Codd , School of PH, Physiotherapy & Sports Science, UCD	10'
09:30	VXACTION / VXTRAIN A.Prof. Anna Odone , University of Pavia, Italy A.Prof. Tiago Correia , NOVA University of Lisbon, Portugal	20'
	B. Teaching programmes & curricular change	
09:50	European Master of Public Health (EPH+) Prof. Olivier Grimaud , Academic Director EPH+, EHESP, Rennes, France	10'
10:00	NAWA A.Prof. Lukasz Balwicki , Medical University of Gdansk Dr Olga Kalinowska-Beszczyńska , Medical University of Gdansk	10'
	C. Student-led projects / Public health advocacy	
10:10	TIPH (This is Public Health), 2023 Prof. Laura Magana , President ASPPH and GNAPH Prof. Ariane Bauernfeind , Andalusian School of PH, Granada, Spain	20'
	D. Orientation to Poster Exhibition and Interactions Deans' & Directors' Team, UCD	10'
10:40	Coffee	
11:00	ASPHER-members' Poster Exhibition and Dialogue <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calling all delegates incl. Young Professionals to represent their Schools• Meet your neighbours! 'Speed dating' with other Schools	

13:00-13:45

Lunch

SESSION IV:

Opportunities for collaboration across schools

Chairs:

Prof. Henrique Barros, Institute of Public Health, University of Porto (ISPUP)

A.Prof. Cliona O’Sullivan, Associate Dean for Global Engagement, SPHPSS

13:45

A. Overview and simulation results of EU Erasmus SEEEPPI

Dr. Fiona MacLeod, University College Cork (Introduction to SEEEPPI) 5’

Prof. Paul Barach, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, USA; 30’

& Imperial College London; UK; Polytechnic University, Milan, Italy

14:20

B. Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Programmes at UCD 15’

Dr. Shane Lordan, Global Networks & Projects Manager, UCD (recorded)

14:35

C: PITCH: Horizons Europe (HORIZON) Programme 5’

“Towards holistic health and care in an increasingly digital society”

Dr. Jwenish Kumawat, School of PH, Physiotherapy & Sports Science, UCD

14:40

D: PITCH: COST Actions 5’

A.Prof. Polychronis Kostoulas, University of Thessaly, Greece

SESSION V:

The challenges of the ‘New Normal’

Chairs:

Prof. Carlo Signorelli, President of ASPHER

A.Prof. Mary Codd, ASPHER Executive Board

14:50

Setting the Scene of the ‘New Normal’ 20’

Prof. John Middleton, Vice-President, GNAPH

Prof. Nadav Davidovitch, Chair, ASPHER PH Emergencies Task Force

15:10

Can we reflect the ‘New Normal’ in our PH curricula? 20’

Dr Tomasz Bochenek, **Prof. Iwona Kowalska-Bobko**, Institute of PH,
Jagiellonian University, Krakow

Ms. Zuzana Vatralkova, Chief of Mission, International Organisation for Migration (IOM), Ireland

15:30

Keynote Address 30’

A troubled world: Responding to the ‘New Normal’

Dr. Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director of WHO Health Emergencies Programme

16:00

Official close of DDR, 2023 (Carlo Signorelli / Mary Codd)

Presentation of Porto, 2024 (Henrique Barros)

16:30

Bus from UCD to evening activities, dinner and entertainment

Bus return to local hotels and UCD at the end of the evening

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ASPHER NEXT GENERATION PLATFORM

Call for Abstracts for the ASPHER Young Researchers Forum

Wednesday 08 November, EPH Pre-Conference, Dublin 2023

ASPHER is proud to announce the YOUNG RESEARCHERS FORUM, to be held on Wednesday 08 November 2023 from 13:30-17:00 CET in Dublin with a networking lunch starting at 12:30.

The YRF is meant for postgraduate students (MPH, MSc, MRes, PhD, etc) and early career researchers from any field of public health, as well as their supervisors. It has been specifically designed to provide you with the opportunity to present your work in a friendly, supportive forum and to receive feedback from mentors and peers.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 01 October, 23:59 CET.

We ask that you circulate this opportunity to students, postdocs, recent graduates and junior faculty at your institution so that we may make the 2023 YRF at Dublin a success!

Abstracts may be up to 500 words and should be of performed original research including at least preliminary results.

Please send abstract submissions to youngresearchersforum@aspher.org

ASPHER Young Professionals Programme Intake: Dual Call to Action!

ACTION 1 for ASPHER Member Mentors and Advisors

Are you an ASPHER member? Do you have new projects brewing and need more hands on deck? Do you love the YPP and want to support the learning goals of ASPHER young professionals?

Provide project opportunities for ASPHER YPP members! The YPP aims to both build a network of YPs as well as provide opportunities for YPs to be incorporated into ASPHER's research collaborations to gain relevant experience. However, to meet this mission we need ASPHER members to proactively share opportunities that they have for YPs to engage with. The YPP cannot function in a vacuum, and so if you've ever sent a student to the YPP and encouraged them to join, please also consider how you can support these YPs in gaining the advertised relevant experience!

There is a great level of flexibility on how YPs may be involved. In the past three years, YPs have been involved in over 30 projects ranging from full-length research collaborations to commentary articles, covering topics from contact tracing technology to vaccine nationalism.

Please submit project opportunities to ASPHER YPP Coordinator, Ines Siepman (isiepman97@gmail.com), stating the following:

- Overarching goal:
- Learning objectives:

- Brief background:
- Planned outcome:
- Proposed timeline:
- Involved ASPHER members:
- Involved YPs (if some are already involved, if none yet, please list ideal number)
- Next steps:

We will be looking for projects on a rolling basis, but having 2-3 opportunities established in advance of the 2023 Fall cohort intake would be highly appreciated to get YPs active right as they join us!

ACTION 2 for ASPHER affiliated Young Professionals

Are you a young public health professional affiliated with an ASPHER member school? Are you interested in building a network of fellow young professionals? Do you want to engage in new research and collaboration projects with ASPHER members?

Prepare to apply for the ASPHER Young Professionals Programme! The YPP will be recruiting for its 2023 incoming cohort in line with the upcoming school year, such that ASPHER members can distribute information to their students in a more accessible manner. As such, please expect recruitment to begin early ~September, be open for 3-4 weeks, with a virtual orientation to happen mid-October. The application will call for a one-page CV and ~3 short paragraph answers for programme-specific questions, shared via a fillable form.

The goal of the YPP is to incorporate public health students and professionals early in their career with the ASPHER network. The programme does this by:

- (1) Building a network within the YPs that is maintained through monthly meetings and provides a medium for advice, feedback, and future collaboration, &
- (2) Incorporating YPs into ASPHER research collaborations to provide opportunities to gain relevant experience

The YPP application is open to anyone who self-identifies as a public health young/early career professional (YP) and is in some way affiliated with an ASPHER Member School. We currently have a group of 15 YPs from all over the world with a variety of public health backgrounds. YPs are expected to engage in monthly YPP meetings and actively participate in ASPHER research projects.

With any questions for either engagement opportunity, please don't hesitate to reach out to isiepmann97@gmail.com. With expressions of interest in the YPP, please wait until the fillable form is released in September.

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UPCOMING ASPHER, MEMBER AND PARTNER EVENTS

COP28 UAE

30 November - 12 December, Dubai, UAE



ASPHER is proud of all our work in the area of Climate and Health and the impact and great performance of our fellows supported by our dedicated senior lead for Climate, Laurent Chambaud. We are awaiting final decision on admission of APSHER to join the UN Climate Change Conference COP28 taking place in Dubai, UAE from 30-12 December 2023. ASPHER's President Carlo Signorelli and Climate and Health Leads, Laurent Chambaud (senior lead) and Tara Chen (Fellow) will lead the ASPHER delegation.

The COP28 programme reflects the sectors and topics raised by stakeholders during consultations, including new action areas like health, trade, relief, recovery, and peace. The thematic days programming also incorporates four cross-cutting themes that underpin effective, interconnected delivery: Technology & Innovation, Inclusion, Frontline Communities and Finance. ASPHER will bring you more details about this major event in upcoming newsletters. For now, you can learn more and download the programme [here](#).

If you are interested in getting involved, consider joining the ASPHER Climate and Health Task Force by contacting Tara at: tara.chen@aspher.org.

European Public Health Alliance 30 Year Anniversary

12 September, 09:00 - 18:00 CEST, Brussels & online: [Learn more and register here](#).

Use of Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence Systems Online Course

1 July - 1 October (Registration until 22 Sept): [Download the programme here](#); [Register here](#).

Professor Dame Margaret Whitehead Valedictory Lecture

21 September, Liverpool, United Kingdom: [Book your tickets here](#).

The European Observatory's Silver Jubilee Event

Health Systems - the next 25 years:

How do we harness innovation to improve performance?

21 September, Brussels & online: [Learn more and register here](#).

PHIRI 3 Years Anniversary Conference

September 22, Brussels & online: [Learn more and register here.](#)

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