

**COURSE TITLE**      **Journal Editing in Health Sciences 2021**

**Course Description**

Scientists review articles and handle manuscript peer reviews, and thus contribute to what is published in scientific journals. To support high quality 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.

**Learning Goals**

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

- To pre-screen, peer-review and decide on manuscripts
- To evaluate revisions and point-by-point responses
- To communicate decisions to authors and editors
- Best practice guidelines, and how to handle misconduct
- New trends in peer-review and scientific publishing
- Editorial strategies

**Target group**

Postdocs and junior researchers including advanced PhD students with experience in publishing peer-reviewed articles (at least 2 first-authored articles published), from all disciplines of health sciences, including epidemiology, public health, clinical research, nursing science and others.

**Workload, ECTS**

~25-30 student working hours distributed over ~4 weeks, 1.0 ECTS

**Dates & Time**

**Begin: 29 October 2021, end: 29 November 2021, 6 phases:**

Phase 1: Introduction and first tasks on 29.10.2021 via email

Self-studies: 29.10.-08.11.2021 (~ 3 hours)

Phase 2: Online course day 1: 09.11.2021, 1-5 pm CET

Phase 3: Self-studies: 10.11.-18.11.2021 (~ 6 hours)

Phase 4: Online course day 2: 19.11.2021 1-5 pm CET

Phase 5: Self-studies: 20.11.-28.11.2021 (~ 6 hours)

Phase 6: Online course day 3: 29.11.2021 1-5 pm CET

**Place**

**Online course (ZOOM)**

**Teachers**

**Prof. Nino Künzli**, MD, PhD, Co-Editor in Chief International Journal of Public Health, Director Swiss School of Public Health; researcher at 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**

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

**Registration Deadline**

**30 September 2021** at [www.conftool.com/ssph-phd-courses/](http://www.conftool.com/ssph-phd-courses/)