

## Swiss Public Health Conference Programme 2026

Health is complex, and it is precisely in this complexity where its beauty lies

A dialogue between research and practice across science, society, and the humanities

### Day 1, 02 September 2026 – University of Lucerne

Time	Subject	Speaker
09:00	Reception and registration	
09:30	Opening	<b>Sara Rubinelli</b> , Health Communication, University of Lucerne <b>Viktor von Wyl</b> , Director, SSPH+ <b>Thomas Steffen</b> , President, The Swiss Society for Public Health
10:00	<b>Session I – Interactive panel (German)</b> <b>What is knowledge in public health?</b> Chair: <b>Sarah Mantwill</b> , Research Manager Competence Center for Learning Health Systems, University of Lucerne	<b>Cross-examination of knowledge – a dialogical debate</b> <b>Olivia Keiser</b> , Head Division of Infectious Diseases and Mathematical Modelling, Institute of Global Health, University of Geneva, <b>Christoph Rehmann-Sutter</b> , former president of the Swiss National Commission on Biomedical Ethics; University of Lübeck <b>Christiane Meier</b> , Chief Physician at Zurich Municipal Health Services <b>Katrin Zöfel</b> , Science Journalist with focus on medicine and Life sciences, Swiss Public Radio and Television (SRF)
11:15	Break	
11:45	Parallel Sessions I	<i>Separate program</i>
13:00	Lunch	
14:00	Poster flash	
14:30	Parallel sessions II	<i>Separate program</i>
15:45	Break	
16:15	<b>Session II - Interactive panel (English)</b> <b>The lived experience of health</b> Chair: <b>Céline Bolliger</b> , Research Coordinator, University of Lucerne	<b>A narrative encounter and translational dialogue</b> <b>Mark J. Moser</b> , lecturer in communication, University of Applied Sciences (FHNW), Author of the book <i>The Art of Living with Illness</i> <b>Saskia De Gani</b> , Head Center for Health Literacy, Careum <b>Beat Müller</b> , Head palliative care, Lucerne Cantonal Hospital (LUKS) <b>Stéphane Cullati</b> , Senior Researcher, Epidemiology and Public Health, University of Fribourg
17:30	SSPH+ best PhD Abstract Award	<b>Arnaud Chiolero</b> , Co-Director, SSPH+
18:00	Aperitif	
19:00	Evening programme	Boat tour on the Lake of Lucern (e /Dinner)

**Day 2, 03. September 2026 – University of Lucerne**

Time	Subject	Speaker
08:30	<b>Reception and registration</b>	
09:00	Welcome words	<b>Michaela Tschuor</b> , Health Minister, Canton of Lucerne
09:15	<b>Session III – Interactive Panel</b> (German) <b>Interprofessionality as a practice of human recognition</b> Chair: <b>Christian Schirlo</b> , Director Office for education and student affairs, University of Lucerne	<b>Gesundheitscluster Zentralschweiz – Dialog über Fach- und Professionsgrenzen hinweg als ethische Praxis</b> <b>Luzia Vetter Räss</b> , Clinical Nurse Scientist, Advanced Practice Nurse (APN), Luzerner Kantonsspital (LUKS) - HSLU <b>Sybille Bracher</b> , Program manager XUND Bildungszentrum Gesundheit Zentralschweiz <b>Jürgen Stremlow</b> , Dozent und Projektleiter, Institut für Soziale Arbeit, HSLU <b>Manuela Rohrer</b> , Physiotherapeutin, MPTSc, LUKS <b>Ralf Baumgärtner</b> , Leitender Arzt Orthopädie- und Unfallchirurgie, LUKS
10:30	Break	
11:00	<b>Session IV - Interactive panel</b> (English) <b>The seduction of simplicity: Why low-quality health information persists</b> Chair: <b>PhD Students</b> , University of Lucerne	<b>If it's false but feels true: what makes it so convincing?</b> <b>Florian Scherer</b> , Département épidémiologie et systèmes de santé (DESS), Unisanté <b>Cindy König</b> , Health Communication specialist and influencer, Nutrition Zürich <b>Marcel Verhoeven</b> , Lecturer, Institute for Competitiveness and Communication, FHNW
12:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:00	<b>Poster flash</b>	
13:30	<b>Parallel Sessions III</b>	<i>Separate program</i>
14:45	Break	
15:15	<b>Session V – Interactive Panel</b> (English) <b>Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Public Health</b> Chair: <b>Viktor von Wyl</b> , Epidemiology, Biostatistics & Prevention Institute, University of Zürich	<b>What happens to care when machines decide who is at risk?</b> <b>Mike Schäfer</b> , Director CHESS – Center for Higher Education and Science Studies, University of Zurich <b>Nadine Bienefeld</b> , Senior Researcher & Lecturer – Human-AI Teaming in Healthcare, University of Lucerne <b>Rouven Porz</b> , Head of the Clinical Ethics Unit, University Hospital in Bern (Insel Group) <b>Fabian Vollrath</b> , Digital Health Strategist
16:30	SPHD Award Best Poster Award and final remarks	<b>Anne Jachmann</b> , Vorstandsmitglied, SPHD <b>Murielle Bochud</b> , Co-Director SSPH+