

ASPHER MISSION, FUNCTIONS & OBJECTIVES

The Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) is the key independent European organisation dedicated to strengthening the role of public health by improving education and training of public health professionals for both practice and research.

MAIN FUNCTIONS

To support the **professionalisation of the public health workforce** in Europe, whilst respecting the diversity of national and regional contexts in which school of public health operates, and thus:

To sustain **capacity building in public health**, so that it balances with national and European population health challenges and threats, and is supported by the best standards of public health education and training, scientific research, and practice.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

To sustain, in theory and practice, **member schools** in achieving their missions of education, training, scientific research and service;

To develop models for **public health education and training** at all academic and professional levels, and the interaction of education and training with population health, health systems and services;

To promote structured processes of sharing **evidence-based public health** models of innovation and good practice;

To build **coalitions** with other programmes and public health organisations whose mission is to improve public health, specifically in an effort to put forth high standards in public health education and training and to improve the quality of the public health workforce in Europe and its competitiveness globally.

ASPHER is a membership organisation of institutions, spread across EU and wider across WHO European Region, which are collectively concerned with the education and training, and **professionalism**, of those entering and working within the public health workforce. It promotes activities which foster exchange of information and best practices amongst its members in an effort to achieve high standards of public health education and training across Europe.

ASPHER 2020: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES 2016-2020

Improving quality of academic programmes and CPD for public health

Strengthening research capacity among all members

Setting up a public health profession for public health services in Europe

Developing the global dimension of education and training for public health

Strengthening governance, management and sustainable development of ASPHER

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ASPHER MEMBERSHIP and ENHANCED MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

NETWORK

Members become part of an extended network of schools and programmes of public health. Belonging to a close-knit community of kindred organisations creates continual opportunities for collaboration facilitated through membership status and shared Association events.

Improve contacts and build collaborative partnerships

- Shape ASPHER's agenda with voting status in the General Assembly
- Consult in and further implement ASPHER strategic directions via joining ASPHER programmes and working groups
- Network with the rich initiatives across member schools and ASPHER partnerships
- Excel! Nominate your programme for the Deans' and Directors' Good Practice Award
- Make it epic! Nominate your candidate for the Andrija Stampar Medal

Find joint project opportunities

- Joint submission efforts with support for writing and consortium handling
- Membership and partnership network outreach

Attend ASPHER events

- Participate in the Annual Dean's and Directors' Retreat
- Receive discounted registration for the annual European Public Health Conference
- Send students and junior faculty to the Young Researchers' Forum

Enhanced benefit package example

Joint/assistance in submissions for workshops and satellite events at the EPH conference combined with prime visibility via the ASPHER exhibition stand.

SERVICES

Concrete services are available to members for a variety of their potential needs, such as: information and visibility; quality improvement and assurance; strengthening training and research/scientific production capacity; students and alumni oriented service; housing; etc.

- Receive ASPHER's newsletter and other membership communications
- Access ASPHER's online community member platform
- PEER/quality improvement and development scheme – QIDS support from the ASPHER-APHEA collaboration schemes & accreditation service gateway
- Find publishing opportunities with *Public Health Reviews*, ASPHER's open access journal
- ASPHER's Europe-wide CPD platform for the Public Health workforce
- ASPHER fellowship programme for junior faculty and students with opportunities for placement and internships with ASPHER
- Make use of ASPHER's Brussels premises for your meetings in the European capital

Enhanced benefit package example

Discounted rates for accreditation, waivers to publish in *Public Health Reviews* and support via *writing for public health* scheme, and *Public Health Training Academy* enhanced status.

ASPHER
counts members in 43
countries in Europe with
associate members also in the
EMRO PAHO and WPRO Regions.

Founded in 1966, ASPHER has grown
>100% over the past 10 years
and is now represented by 150+ training centers across the World.

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ADVOCACY

Members are co-creators of the public health professionalisation agenda for Europe. Placing schools of public health at the heart of professionalisation actions ensures investment in public health career opportunities leading to happy students, alumni and workforce with a strong public health identity, and ultimately to the public's health and well-being.

- Public health workforce (PHW) professionalisation road map
- Competency list & framework
- Individual career and system PHW guidance
- Academic and professional credentialing schemes
- THIS IS PUBLIC HEALTH and I AM PUBLIC HEALTH campaigning
- Community outreach – schools of public health societal impact

Enhance benefit package example

Schools / programmes featured in the advocacy material

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following shall be eligible for full membership in the Association:

- **schools / teaching institutions, scientific / research institutes, and other structures**, (i) with a role in education and/or training in public health, (ii) established within the European Region, as defined by World Health Organization (ASPHER Statutes § 4.1).
- (i) **Individuals** and (ii) **institutions** which do not meet the criteria for admission as elaborated in article 4.1., with a legitimate interest in public health education and/or training, and willing to support ASPHER in its mission (...), shall be eligible for associate membership (...) (ASPHER Statutes § 4.2).

*Full and associate members must be accepted by the General Assembly. Applications for full or associate membership of the Association must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board (...). The Executive Board may decide to grant to the applicants a **candidate member status** (...). The Executive Board decides what information should be included in the applications for membership (ASPHER Statutes § 4.3). **Individual membership** is available to support the Association for €50 per year. Individual members may access the online ASPHER platform and participate in selected activities. While supplies last, Individual Members will receive the Textbook of Epidemiology by L.M. Bouter, G.A. Zielhuis and M.P.A. Zeegers. Currently retailing for €59,95.*

FEE STRUCTURE 2019 (per annum)

	Membership category	
	<u>Full</u>	<u>Associate</u>
Regular		
HIC	€ 1500	€ 750
LMIC	€ 750	€ 375
Enhanced		
HIC	€ 2500	€ 1250
LMIC	€ 1000	€ 500

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LMIC: Low Middle Income Country

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