



Annual report 2008

The most important issue for the Swiss Society for Public Health was 2008 the discussions for a **new law on prevention and health promotion**. In March we published a document with our requirements towards the new law. In April we reacted to a media campaign of the alcohol and tobacco industry with collecting more than 1'000 signatures in favour of the prevention programmes and the new law. In addition to that we founded an alliance with 44 organisations in order to support the law.

In September the Swiss Public Health Conference took place with the theme: **International Health** in Public Health. Almost 300 public health professionals participated. The aim of the conference was to link national and international topic within Public Health

In November the National health report for Switzerland was published. The SSPH was member of the consulting committee and made a political comment on this report.

On November 30 the Swiss population voted on a law on narcotics. Two third voted for a policy with different public health programs. Amongst them therapies allowing to give heroin to drug addicts. The SSPH supported this law.

The scientific journal of the SSPH, the “**International Journal of Public Health**” was published with 6 issues with a focus on health promotion and health survey. The SSPH has an increasing number of members. At the end of 2007 we counted 596 individuals and 104 organisations as members.

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