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The Swiss Society for Public Health wrote a new strategy for 2007-2010. The key elements of this strategy are:

- to strengthen the advocacy for a new law on prevention and health promotion in Switzerland.
- to lobby for more investments in health promotion and prevention.
- to promote health literacy
- to develop the international collaboration with EUPHA and the WFPHA
- to make the society more attractive for members

The SSPH participated in several hearings on the **new law on prevention and health promotion** and started to build up an alliance for the upcoming discussion in parliament.

In June the Swiss Public Health Conference took place with the theme: **Mental health** in Public Health. More than 300 public health professionals participated. As a result of the conference, a special interest group “mental health” was founded within the SSPH.

Nutrition and physical activity is still a very important topic in Switzerland. The SSPH is member of a NGO-coalition which promotes action on the population level.

The scientific journal of the SSPH, formally SPM, was renamed in “**International Journal of Public Health**”. The co- editors in chief Thomas Abel and Thomas Kohlmann focus on health promotion and health survey and work together with associated editors all over the world.

The SSPH has an increasing number of members. At the end of 2007 we counted 582 individuals and 98 organisations as members.

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