The Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) welcomed Dr. Laura Magaña Valladares as the new President and Chief Executive Officer in August 2017.

Prior to joining ASPPH, Dr. Magaña dedicated more than 30 years to successfully leading the transformation and advancements of public and private universities in Mexico; educational organizations in the USA; United Nations programs; and NGO’s in Central America and Europe. She was most recently the academic dean of the ASPPH-member National Institute of Public Health (INSP) in Mexico. Her diverse portfolio features research, training, and technological developments in national and foreign Universities, much of which relate to learning environments and the use of technology in education.

Dr. Magaña is an active member of professional and scientific educational committees around the globe for her recognized expertise in education, including the Public Health Institutes of the World, World Federation of Public Health Associations, Association of Schools of Public Health in Europe, Latin-American Global Health Association, National System of Researchers, and the National Academy of Medical Education in México. Dr. Magaña also has served as the ASPPH representative to the Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine and she participates in editorial boards, including Public Health Reviews, ASPHER in Europe, the Chilean Journal of Public Health and the Journal in Eastern Europe.

Dr. Magaña holds a Bachelor of Arts in Special Education, Master of Science in Educational Technology, and a PhD in Educational Administration.