

BA Supercourse Newsletter

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Youtube Supercourse of Science

<http://ssc.bibalex.org/helpdesk/introduction.jsf>

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www.pitt.edu/~super1/

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Dear Friends,

Ebola:

We wanted to help with the global Ebola crisis. To do this we have begun to establish an Ebola Supercourse, which would have the best possible science related to Ebola. Musa Kana with help from with Drs. Elegba, Bello-Manga, Adiri and members of Faculty of Medicine at Kaduna State University, Nigeria sent to us a beautiful Ebola lecture. It is the only lecture we think that has the perspective of Africa. This, I think is the first academic lecture by African scientists on Ebola. This will be the flagship lecture for Ebola, to help reduce the “epidemiology of fear”. It is also exactly the type of lecture we want for the BA Africa, wonderful academic scientific lectures by top African scientists.

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/> - JIT Ebola Lecture. If you have other lectures about Ebola, we would like to include these to compliment this lecture. We are updating this lecture as new information becomes available

Hiroya Goto from Japan is coordinating much of the Japanese Ebola response in Africa. He is having his team translate the lecture in Japanese.

Eugene is also translating it into Russian, and Nicholas, Spanish. We will have it translated at the BA into Arabic, and I have asked Chinese, Portuguese, and French friends to translate as well. By the end of the week we hope to have the Ebola lecture into at least 5 languages. We would love if you and your students could translate also.

BA Africa:

The Library of Alexandria 2300 years ago was the center of science for the world. Euclid, Ptolemy (Astronomy), Hypatia (Math), Eratosthenes (Math) made the library the center of science for the world. Dr. Serageldin and our group believe that the Science of the Library of Alexandria can rise again, and we are planning to make it happen through the establishment of BA Africa, potentially the center of science for Africa. The Library of Alexandria has crawled the web and found 163,000 lectures on health, agriculture, climate and computer Engineering.

It is very exciting to all of us that we could have a major impact on Science in Africa, by building scientific network, sharing research publications and lectures, improving research training, and helping in the area of research methods.

We plan to establish a large network of scientists from Africa and identify their publications from Google Scholar and Scopus.

We have harvested the African Lectures from the Supercourse of Science at <http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/Science/BAAfricaSupercourse.htm>
Please visit and see the science of Africa.

The global BA African Ebola lecture is the beginning of BA Africa.

The second is the African Science Supercourse, where we harvest from the SSC the lectures about the science of Africa with a focus on the scientists in Africa.

“A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history” (Gandhi)

What is health?

We had another wonderful “What is health” campaign where we launched the WHO Definition around the world again, at the beginning of the School year. We reached close to 2 million medical, public health, nursing, and dental and other health students in our short, but highly effective campaign. You all have been wonderful in teaching students in your school “what is health”. Also 1000s of people downloaded the “What is Health” poster that is in over 60 languages. We plan to run this every year to reach the new students.

"Health is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity". (WHO)

“Study the past if you would define the future” (Confucius)

Faina’s corner

Central Asian Journal of Global Health is waiting for your articles! You do not have to be from Central Asia to publish, but we do expect articles that are related to global public health. New article on Primary Health Care Paradigm in Kazakhstan has recently been submitted to us by Dr. Sharman from Kazakhstan, please visit this article at <http://cajgh.pitt.edu/ojs/index.php/cajgh/article/view/186/161> Please visit our journal at cajgh.pitt.edu and submit your articles

Postdoctoral training opportunity at the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute:

Opened to USA citizens and green card holders.

The University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute (UPCI) is pleased to announce a new postdoctoral training program in cancer etiology.

Program training should be cross-disciplinary or translational. For requests for applications, please email Brooke Spencer at spencerbd@upmc.edu.

Best Regards,

Ron, Faina, Eugene, Francois, Nicolas, Ismail, Vint, Kawkab, Ali, Olga, Maria, Eman, Kyle, Aiyem, Rob, Ohanyido, Nabil, Mita, Olga, Gil, Eric Sholpan, Maria, Shalkar, Ghassan