

Supercourse Newsletter

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Z\\_CsRVbBCI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Z_CsRVbBCI) (BA Scientific Supercourse)

<http://ssc.bibalex.org/helpdesk/introduction.jsf> (Research methods Library of Alexandria)

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Dear Friends,

If you liked the Supercourse, you will like the Research Methods Library of Alexandria even better.

I am sure all of you have been thinking about what to give me for my birthday on May 29, however, don't worry. I want to switch the concept and give you and all my friends a present. With the Library of Alexandria we are giving you a very, very magic "button", the button of knowledge.

The button of knowledge is a unique, glowing, mystical and beautiful. It will bring to you science through the ages from the Library of Alexandria.

It will help you and your students do research. The Library of Alexandria brings the core of science to your fingertips your library and university. Just tap the button and the world of science research will be yours for free.

The Button takes you to the wonderful magical world of the Research Methods Library of Alexandria. The team at the Library constructed the button or link so that your webmaster can easily put it onto your department, library and university web sites. The Library of Alexandria button takes you to a collection of research methods and statistics holdings. It is the largest virtual collection about research methods and statistics. Also, the Library team has made an elegant web button which, shows the "Alexandria swoop of scientific wisdom" as well as having a special "punch" of the Nike Swoop of "just do it" (research). Now when your students are in a quandary about statistics, instead of "pressing the panic button", all the need to do is to press the Library of Alexandria button.

This birthday and retirement gift from me to you, I wanted to say thank you for all of our incredible collaboration, friendship and help from all at the Library, and all our team from the Supercourse.

Now, I am sure that you are wondering "what gift can I give Ron?". I have a very simple, request that costs nothing. My purpose in retirement is to collaborate with my dear friend Ismail Serageldin head of the Library of Alexandria and you to promote knowledge about research methods in every University in the world. Your gift to me would be to bring the Library of Alexandria into your center by putting the button or link of research methods knowledge onto your site, and asking others to put it on their site. Please let us know if you will do this ([ronaldlaporte@gmail.com](mailto:ronaldlaporte@gmail.com)). It would give retired grandfather Ron a magnificent purpose for my "my second spring". With your help we can improve research methods for your students, as well

as students in Nigeria, Uzbekistan, Harvard and Peru. There currently are 150,000 links to the Supercourse world wide. We would like the Button right next to the Supercourse links.

An additional advantage for your university, if you post the button, your center will be identified as a regional Research Methods Library of Alexandria on the Library of Alexandria web site.

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You can see an example of the beautiful swoop button at <http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/ResearchMethods/indexlight.htm> . Just click on it and you enter the world of research methods.

It is easy to post the button to your site. Please give this code to your webmaster and in a day, you too can have the best research methods knowledge in the world in your university. There is no cost nor advertising, it is yours.

To have Button of the Research Methods Library of Alexandria (RMLA), just put this CODE to your web page - `<a href="http://ssc.bibalex.org/helpdesk/introduction.jsf" target="_blank"></a>`

Once you post the button, you will have the Library of Alexandria as part of your library, and also be a regional center for the Global Research Methods Library of Alexandria.

I very much appreciate my long history in knowing you all throughout my career. We have done wonderful things together. We changed the world of global health training. We now will change the world of quantitative skills.

An Invitation:

I would love for you to come to my emeritus reception. It will be Monday June 2, 3-5:00 at the University club, Ballroom B, 123 University Place in Oakland. Please RSVP to [kmp60@pitt.edu](mailto:kmp60@pitt.edu). I will hand out buttons of knowledge. It would be wonderful if you could include a button on your site before I retire. If you could, it will be an incredible gift to me, Dr. Serageldin and the budding your researchers in the world.

I wanted this last newsletter before I retire to come directly from me. Thank you for everything you all have done to help health and science in the world. It is not over until every child in the world knows what a spearman correlation is.

Ron

Of course this could never have been without true and close friends.

Faina, Eugene, Francois, Nicolas, Magdy, Yoursara, Boris, Ismail, Vint, Kawkab, Ali, Olga, Maria, Eman, Kyle, Aiym, Rob, Francis, Nabil, Mita, Olga, Gil, Eric, Sholpan, Shalkar, Ghassan, Kamal