

Supercourse Newsletter
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Dear Friends,

Please distribute to your global health friends who like Elvis, the Beatles and top selling albums.

The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new lands but seeing with new eyes. Marcel Proust

Song Around the World: Many things have been developing in the past few weeks, it is very exciting. First of all, Eugene Shubnikov from Russian has found a YouTube video that captures the soul of the Supercourse. It touched all of us involved with what we are doing. Please take a look:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xjPODksI08>

Eugene suggested that we might be able to develop something like this for the Supercourse. Most certainly, Eugene, Faina, Mita, Francois and I cannot do this as our singing is horrific. But if you know of anyone who could write and sing a song for the Supercourse, we would love it.

Environmental Health: We are very pleased with the interest in our program for Environmental health. We contacted some of the people we found in the EPA web site, and only a small handful do not want to receive any more information about the Environmental Health Supercourse. We found many more people at the EPA and throughout .gov who were very enthusiastic. We are starting to see quite a bit of traffic at our Environmental health site.

For those in Environmental health, if you would like to join our efforts please write to faina.linkov@gmail.com. Also please distribute this to others who might be interested in environmental health. You can find the Supercourse at: <http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/ENV/env-legacy.htm>

DVDs still flying across the world.

We have to compliment Drs Shobain, and Roberts again from WHO in helping to make the DVDs becoming perhaps the top DVD in the area of global health. The Library of Alexandria has sent out 4000 DVDs, and we asked each school to make 50 copies each. We did not expect that many people would make many more than 50, Dr. Sujay Bedi from India made over 3000, and we have probably 20-30 universities who have made over 500. We estimate that over 400,000 faculty and students have received the DVD.

Truly incredible. This is very important as we HAVE to reach 500,000 as this represents a gold record in the recording industry. After we burst through the 500,000 barrier, we will head straight forward to 1 million DVDs. This represents a Platinum record. It sounds very good that Ismail and the BA Supercourse will be chasing Michael Jackson, the Beatles, and of course Elvis. Please let us know if you have not received the DVD, write to ronaldlaporte@gmail.com. This is the beginning of the School year, a good time to give a DVD to all your students and faculty. Push for the Platinum!!!!

Do not seek to follow in the footsteps of the men of old; seek what they sought. Basho

G-20 countries

In the next few weeks the G20 countries will be meeting in Pittsburgh, we would love to make this G20 + 1 where the G21 countries include the Supercourse. If you know anyone in the delegations, could you make them know about the Supercourse and ask them to meet with us so we can make it G21? I tried to call President Obama about this idea, but he did not return my call. Please contact me at ronaldlaporte@gmail.com.

Fishing:

We have a fantastic group that is fishing for Deans. We have made major progress in the past few months and have fished all the deans in over 30 countries, including big ones, such as Russia, China, the US and India.

It will take us about 2-3 more months to capture all the deans. We would appreciate your thoughts as to how we can develop this network. Our idea is that we can provide lectures and feedback to the deans and they will distribute the knowledge to the faculty and their students. We only ask deans to distribute our emails, and DVDs to their faculty and students.

Kuntoro, a good friend of ours suggested that an approach to email to the deans asking if the dean and their faculty would like to join a global health project. From what we have seen almost every school is interested in global health. We would very much like your thoughts as to how to recruit deans, and what we can do with a global network of virtually all the faculty, and students.

A drowning man is not troubled by rain. Persian Proverb

A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in. Greek Proverb

State Department and USAID: Last week I meet with Dr. Nina Fedoroff, and was introduced to Ms Panith and Mr. Russo. Also, I talked with Gary Cook at USAID. I was pleased to see that there are many good changes occurring, and hopefully we will be able to collaborate with them in some capacity.

A nation's treasure is in its scholars Chinese Proverb

Wexford: We are starting to smell Autumn in the air, a brisk breeze cuts through our deck. Benson our dog, will not be with us long, 15.5 years is over 120 dog years. He is blind, and can

barely walk but still loves his food. However, the young fawns with bright white spots look at us everyday. There were 15 deer in our yard eating our pretty flowers. They are amazingly alert, soft and quick. The locusts are especially loud this year and sing us to sleep. You all are invited to stay at the Eugene Shubnikov rooms in our house.

Faina 's "picks of the week"

This week, we are featuring two lectures that became a wonderful addition to our library of Maternal and Child Health Lectures. Dr. Marcio Estrada, a long time supported of the Supercourse donated us two new lectures:

THE STATE OF MATERNAL, NEONATAL AND CHILD HEALTH IN MALAWI AND AN ANALYSIS OF THE NATIONAL RESPONSE: A REVIEW OF CRITICAL ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEETING GLOBAL TARGETS

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec35711/001.htm>

Maternal and children health

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec35701/001.htm>

Please visit these modules to find out more about maternal and child health. Contact the Supercourse team if you are interested in the further development of maternal and child health library.

Ron, Faina, Eugene, Mita, Ismail, Vint, Gil, Francois, Kawkab, Nicholas, Jesse, Ali, Kuntoro, Mazen, Anne, Rupali, Sara, Meredith

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