

## Supercourse Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

Forward this to your friends who are interested in Swine Flu, and the Globalization of Prevention Education, using DVDs

Swine Flu: We may be seeing the beginning of a pandemic of Swine Flu. We have therefore initiated a “Just-in-Time” lecture as we have done with the Sichuan Earthquake, Hurricane Rita, and the Tsunami. These JIT lectures have been highly successful, as disasters make people interested. The Tsunami lecture taught over 200,000 people, and helped to markedly reduce the “Epidemiology of Fear” surrounding these events. We have brought the gang back together again. Rashid Chotani has taken the lead with content.

Nicholas Padilla started this in Mexico and is translating into Spanish.

Jesse Huang has his team of medical students in China, Eugene Shubnikov from Russia is the supercourse web Maestro, and Ala Aardalan from Iran is translating the lecture into Farsi, and we have several people translating the lecture into Arabic. It will be translated into Vietnamese as well. If you would like to translate this into any language, please let us know at [ronaldlaporte@gmail.com](mailto:ronaldlaporte@gmail.com). We want these lectures to teach as many people

as possible. The Lecture is located at:

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec34601/index.htm>. At the site you can download the PowerPoint file. The lecture will be continuously updated so that the latest materials are constantly available.

We would appreciate if you distributed the information about the WHO cc-Swine Flu lecture to those in education, schools, colleges, public health etc. We think we can teach ½ million students world wide about Swine Flu.

Supercourse discs are “touching down”. All 1700 DVDs have been sent to WHO in Geneva, for distribution to the regional centers (e.g. EMRO, AFRO, etc.), then distribution to the National WHO centers. Najeeb Shorbaji and Ian Roberts at WHO Geneva have been wonderful in having the DVD distributed through WHO worldwide. In addition WHO thinks so highly of our work, that they are distributing the DVDs to the WHO National and Regional libraries, and if employees want a copy of the DVD it will be provided to them.

The DVDs have been sent to about 200 of our 600 champions, who have already started to copy these for their students. Most now are making copies for at least 100 students. We have received very positive responses to the DVDs from both developing and developed countries. We think that we can double or triple the training about global health and prevention this year alone. When you receive your DVD, please let us know.

Some of you have written asking how to create the label for the DVDs.

There are several ways, the easiest is to go to <http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/assist/download.htm> where you can download the label. A second approach would be to scan the label, and use this for your DVD.

You can still be a champion, and we will send to you a DVD for you to copy for your students, or hang on the wall.

Weather: The weather is now so beautiful in Pittsburgh. Our Turkeys in our back yard are squawking. Benson our dog is now 15 years old and cannot hear nor see very well. The veterinarian told us not move any furniture, as he is working from memory, and little dog's brains are not very large. We invite you to come to Pittsburgh and Jan and I will show you around.

Congratulations: Mita has finished her Ph.D. in epidemiology at the University of Pittsburgh. She also was identified as the outstanding student in Epidemiology, and was elected into the National Public Health honor society.

Lecture of the week: Swine Flu Epidemic (from Faina) In the past two days our Supercourse group got numerous requests about teaching materials in the area of swine flu. Seventy-three cases of swine flu have been confirmed worldwide, the World Health Organization said Monday. Should we be scared? To respond to those requests, Dr. Rashid Chotani and the Supercourse team developed a new lecture on Swine Flu, features in our "Just in Time" lecture category

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Best Regards

Ron, Rashid, Eugene, Faina, Mita, Ali, Kawkab, Francois, Nabil, Abdel, Najeeb, Nicholas, Soni, Ismail, Ian, Vint, Gil, Francois

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