

Supercourse Newsletter
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My Big, Fat Greek Wedding:

There is a funny movie going around the world with this title. We, the Supercourse group, announce that on Sept. 19 we will have a Big, Fat, Greek Wedding. The husband will be Hippocrates, who comes in at a young 3000 years old, and his future wife, the LOVELY goddess of prevention and health, Hygiëna who is a million years old. These two are marrying, despite the fact the clinical medicine of Hippocrates looks down upon the sweet young beauty of prevention. We will bring both to the Internet, and their Golden Egg will be telepreventive medicine and telemedicine. They make such a lovely couple, don't they?

It is most interesting if we review some of the fables of tele-Aesop, he has much to say about this.

Tele-Aesop, 2003

The Epidemiologist That Laid the Golden Lecture

There once was a dean who had a good fortune to work with an Epidemiologist which produced a Golden Lecture everyday. The lecture was beautiful, golden and sparkling that captured the interest of all the students better than any teacher. The dean soon thought that the school was not attracting enough students. He therefore had the brilliant thought that by slicing the epidemiologist up in four pieces with by teaching 4 traditional distance learning courses a day he could have 4 times as many golden lectures and 4 times more students. But when he cut up the epidemiologist he found that she was like any other human (except she had a bigger heart). Lectures did not spew forth from the holes in her head and the students left the university out of boredom. The dean neither got rich in fame and fortune from the golden lectures, but in fact lost his job as there were no students to teach.

Moral of the story: Greedy Deans often kill the golden teacher

Apology:

Our dear friend in Romania, Sorin Dinescu pointed out to us a mistake. We have said that Hippocrates birthday in Sept. 19. Actually no body really knows his birthday, nor even is birth year. Hippocrates birthday is celebrated in Greece on Sept. 19. We will, however, also celebrate his new found tele-love for Hygiëna.

Lecture of the Week:

Dr. Rashid Chotani from Johns Hopkins School of medicine created a "just-in-time" lecture on SARs. It is likely that many of us are being asked to discuss SARs, but do not know enough about it. This lecture provides an excellent overview of SARs that you can use in your classroom, or your community.

The SARs lecture can be found at: <http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec10131/index.htm> There is also a link to this lecture from the front page of the Supercourse.

Mirrored Servers:

EunRyoung has been very busy setting up mirrored servers. We now have a new mirrored server in Romania for a total of 39!!

Best regards from Pittsburgh

Hygenia, Ron, Faina, Mita, Eugene, EunRyoung, Hippocrates, Julia, Aesop, Soni, Akira, Beatriz, Wendy, Zorba, Abed, Tom, Deb

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