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Please forward to 5 friends (students-faculty) and friends? (Deans, Bosses and Mother in laws)

We drive into the future using only our rearview mirror. --Marshall McLuhan

New Years: This is a time to reflect upon 2005 and dream about the future. It has been a wonderful year and we thank everyone. As seen in the table we are continuing our rapid expansion. We are most certainly the one of the leading academic projects in Global Health. Next time you present, ask how many have heard of the Supercourse. You will be surprised how many use Supercourse.

Year	Faculty	Lectures/year	Total Lectures
1999	800	70	70
2000	1,750	225	295
2001	4,700	305	600
2002	10,000	500	1,100
2003	14,000	500	1,611
2004	18,000	421	2,032
2005	31,208	423	2,455

Last year with virtually no resources other than you we were able to produce a 13,000 increase in membership, and 423 additional lectures while at the same time evolving a powerful new technologies such as JIT lectures.

2005 highlights

- **JITs, JITs and more JITs:** Just-in-Time lectures rush scholarly information into classrooms of the world within days. Ali Ardalán's Tsunami lecture spread world wide in hours, and exploded into the world's classrooms
- **JIT Hurricane Lectures:** Ali created hurricane lectures for Katrina which were pushed into classrooms in 80% of the states of the US before Rita slammed into the US. Ali from Iran is the JIT lecture king.
- **JIT Avian Flu lecture:** Rashid Chotani developed a wonderful lecture seen may thousands world wide, and in continuously updated. It is used by many.
- **Cutler Lecture:** Eric Noji presented a lecture via web cast and 6 other information channels. It is destined to teach a million. It could be a Guinness book of world record lecture, the lecture that taught the most people—ever.
- **Power Meeting:** A small group of global experts from Internet2, Academia, Industry, MOH Mexico, NASA, and UN to discuss our future
- **Course submission:** Drs. Bhopal, Paneth, Rockett, Leggar and Zelen gave us wonderful, scholarly complete courses to share with the world. Amazing
- **Translations:** Large numbers of lectures are being translated. Dr. Padilla, for example has been exceptional in developing lectures in Spanish

- Faina completed her Ph.D.
- **Baltic Networking and Food Fest:** We established research networking for Baltic countries, and drank vodka and ate eel with friends at the Food Fest
- **Khawar Kazmi and Soni Dodani** developed extensive collaboration in Pakistan, as well as promoting Ali's Pakistani Earthquake lecture to schools
- **China Supercourse:** 150 students are translating the Supercourse in China
- **Lillienfeld Prize:** I received a prize from the American Public Health Association for education. It is not my prize but the Supercourse family.
- **Kazakhstan:** Dr. Kulzhanov has become a warm friend and was a kind host to Eugene and Faina. We have developed a strong collaboration with his exceptional School of Public Health
- **Sir Richard Doll Memorial** coordinated by Mita was an excellent tribute
- **PowerPoint Lectures:** because of Eugene and Steve Puluka, we now have the Supercourse lectures downloadable in PowerPoint.
- **Francois Sauer, Ian Rawson, Nat Mass, Sunil Wadhvani,** Top business people are helping to build a Business plan so we do not sink

Whew...Certainly we missed something. We are exceedingly proud of our global team. This was possible because so many people "pitched in" to help each other.

Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future. John F. Kennedy

2006 Resolutions:

- **Establish a Global Health Society** whose mission is to be the premier Global Health Research, Education and Translation Society
- **Build 2 Global Health Schools,** using our curricula and faculty coaches
- **Many other things**

As for the future, your task is not to foresee it, but to enable it. Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Final Note: Global health is exciting, tell your students. We want to recruit the best students in the world to Global/Public Health, these include those in Physics, Math, Psychology, Agriculture, Meteorology, Medicine etc. Global health is multidisciplinary. Please contact students in the honor societies or outstanding students and tell them about the buzz of Global Health. Have them contact me, Ron (ronaldlaporte@gmail.com). I will help to guide the best of the best students to universities around the world to build the field with outstanding young people.

Happy birthday to Jan Dorman, (jsd@pitt.edu), Associate dean, Professor, Co-Director WHO collaborating center, and my wife (always presented by me in this order!!) A former New Years Baby

If you would like to join the Supercourse, send a note to Mita at Super1@pitt.edu.

Happy Happy Happy New Year!! from Ron, Faina, Eugene, Mita, Soni, Ali, Rashid, Francois, Khawar, Ian, Sunil, Saida, Rania, Arlene, Julia, Jan the birthday girl

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