

Supercourse Newsletter

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Please distribute this to your Dean to build Global Health and Prevention capacity in your students

Dear Friends,

We have launched our mission to give a Library of Alexandria Prevention DVD/CD for every medical and public health students in the world. The initial response has been remarkable. We have been writing individual letters to some of you, asking you and your medical/public health school join. The response has been amazing. Over 250 medical and public health schools have joined in just 3 weeks. It is of interest that other schools are participating, including Social work, Nursing and many others. There are 1700 medical and public health schools, we are well on our way. The concept is quite simple. The library of Alexandria will send to you a DVD/CD which includes all 3600 lectures of the Supercourse for free. The CD is “supercourse light” with only about 2000 lectures as some schools have better access to DVDs.

We ask that you have copies made for the students in your school. This could be all the students, alternatively if cost is a factor, then we thought that it would be good to give the DVDs to all first year students. The cost per student is not high, now we can purchase blank DVD or CDs from \$0.10-\$0.25. The DVD is equivalent to about 20 Medical books, each medical book is at least 100 times more expensive than the Supercourse DVD.

The idea is that most students in 6 years training may receive only 1-2 hours of training in global health and prevention. We are sure that we can double this. Wouldn't it be really cool if we of the Supercourse could do this? Many students and faculty have to teach say about

cardiovascular disease. The DVDs provide a very simple means to select slides such as on the incidence of heart attack, variation around the world etc. The best way to learn about Global health and prevention is to teach it. In this manner we can markedly increase teaching about global health and prevention for medical and public health students and faculty and thus markedly increase learning about our field. . Having the DVD in a student's drawer will bring more usage than the Supercourse site.

We are finishing up the preparation of the DVD at the Library of Alexandria, and will be able to ship it at the end of February. It has over 3620 lectures by global leaders. It is the Supercourse, it much of what we know about Global Health and Prevention. Please write to super1@pitt.edu if you would like to join.

The response already has been amazing. Twelve whole countries have agreed to join, including China, Nigeria, Gambia, Jordan, etc. Schools such as Yale, Harvard, John's Hopkins and Stanford have agreed as well

The cost for each school is not large. We were thinking that ex-pats say from India or China might be interested in contributing to support their former Medical schools. If you are an Indian, Chinese, Korean, African, etc. ex-pat and interested in contributing, please write to rlaporte@pitt.edu.

A conservative estimate is that by the end of 2009, at least ½ (850) of the medical and public health schools will have distributed the DVD of global health and prevention to their students.