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Dear Friends,  
By a single thought that comes into mind,  
In one moment, a hundred worlds are overturned.

This wonderful poem was by Rumi about 1200AD. It was sent by one of our faculty in Nepal, Suzy Conway. In many ways it typifies what we all are doing. It has been a very active week for the Supercourse. We are preparing for the final presentation to the Gates-NIH grand challenge. The beauty of this grand challenge, is it gave us an opportunity to do things that we have never done before, the Just-in-Time lectures, and the Golden Lecture.

Women's Health Supercourse:

Faina Linkov and I will be meeting with representatives of Magee Women's Hospital in Pittsburgh on June 23. We will discuss with them about building a Women's Health Supercourse which can also serve as the dissertation for Faina. There are many misconceptions about women's health in various areas of the world. We see this as an excellent opportunity to share knowledge about prevention in the area of women's health.

Agriculture:

I met with Jim Diamond, who is the former dean of the School of Agriculture at Penn State University. As we talked we realized that agriculture and prevention had a lot in common, and that perhaps we could partner together. Agriculture is advanced in moving knowledge from research to the field, we are not as advanced moving knowledge into the classroom, but health is advanced in the use of the Internet. Perhaps we can link the two together. If you know anything about agriculture, it would be wonderful to start a discussion between these two disciplines.

WHO Collaborating Centres:

Recently we distributed a letter to many of the WHO Collaborating centers world wide. We received an enthusiastic response. The WHO Collaborating centers have agreed to work together to extract the knowledge from each center in the form of PowerPoint lectures to create a WHO CC Supercourse. This is wonderful as the WHO CC are some of the strongest scientists in global health.

Iraq:

Najeeb Al-Shorbaji from WHO EMRO region indicated to us that he was going to Iraq to help rebuild the public health infrastructure. He will be providing CDs of the Supercourse to the libraries in Iraq. I am very pleased we have had the chance to help.

Wish us luck in getting the Gates Challenge. We have done all we could. The Gates Challenge is at: <http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec10431/index.htm>

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