

Supercourse Newsletter
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March 15, 2002 4932 faculty, 130 countries, 640 lectures.
March 22, 2003 9250 faculty, 151 countries, 1250 lectures.

The future:

Global Prevention day:

The world cannot seem to work together, we in prevention can

Hippocrates: "Life is so short, the craft is so long to learn"

Hippocrates was discussing about medicine, but exactly the same thing can be said about Prevention. Our Supercourse helps to learn our craft by sharing our lectures among the teachers of the world. This benefits all of us.

We received excellent ideas and interest for the development of a global prevention day. We wanted to start the second round of discussions for your input.

It is clear that we were trying to do way too much. We need to simplify GPD for it to be successful. Based upon all the input we are considering developing a global prevention day as follows:

Shortly after Hippocrates birthday (Sept. 9), we will identify a week, for a global prevention celebration.

Hippocrates: "Walking is man's best medicine"

Participation is simple: We will create a state of the art PowerPoint global prevention lecture which will be distributed to our faculty of 9250. The first level of participation would be to distribute this file to faculty and students in one's university or country. We thus "snowball" the lecture around our countries.

A second level of participation would be for our Supercourse Faculty to give a seminar on prevention during prevention week at their universities/centers.

The third level would be for the Supercourse Faculty to distribute CDs to students and faculty at their universities/centers.

One of the strengths of the Supercourse is the distribution of lectures. If we can get one outstanding lecture on global prevention distributed world wide with a concerted effort, we have achieved a major purpose, making prevention accessible to the world. We also have created a wonderful new model of prevention.

Hippocrates: "You will find as a general rule that constitutions and habits of people follow the nature of the land they live"

We would love to hear your opinion about this. Also, we need to determine how much interest there is. We think if we can get a center in 20 countries it probably is worth putting the time in to establish this. Please send comments to ronlaporte@aol.com

It is time the world comes together over prevention.

Hippocrates: "There are in fact two things, science and opinion; the former begets knowledge, the later ignorance".

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If you would like to come off this list, please send a note to super2@pitt.edu