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News from WHO
World Health Day, April 7
Deans, Faculty, Students, come join WHO Day

Each year WHO selects a very important global problem of health and targets this on World Health Day. This year World Health Day is April 7, the day of the founding of WHO. As presented on the WHO web site, this year the target is

“Antimicrobial resistance: no action today, no cure tomorrow”

“Antimicrobial resistance is not a new problem but one that is becoming more dangerous; urgent and consolidated efforts are needed to avoid regressing to the pre-antibiotic era.

On World Health Day 2011, WHO will introduce a six-point policy package to combat the spread of antimicrobial resistance.

Antimicrobial resistance and its global spread

We live in an era in which we depend on antibiotics, and other antimicrobial medicines to treat conditions that decades ago, or even a few years ago in the case of HIV/AIDS, would have proved fatal. When antimicrobial resistance - also known as drug resistance - occurs, it renders these medicines ineffective. For World Health Day 2011, WHO will be calling for intensified global commitment to safeguard these medicines for future generations. Antimicrobial resistance - the theme of World Health Day 2011 - and its global spread, threatens the continued effectiveness of many medicines used today to treat infectious diseases.

For World Health Day 2011, WHO will call on governments and stakeholders to implement the policies and practices needed to prevent and counter the emergence of highly resistant microorganisms. “

This comes directly from the WHO world health day web site. <http://www.who.int/world-health-day/2011/en/> . You can check at WHO in your country as to what events might be associated with World Health Day in your region and country.

Many Medical, public health, nursing schools and other health professional schools join in celebrating World Health Day, and we would encourage you to also. You can go to the WHO site as they have brochures, fliers and slides for World Health day, each one are beautifully done. Celebrating World Health Day is important to make your faculty and students know about global health, and to infuse more knowledge about Global Health into your programs.

Sadly, often World Health Day is not celebrated. We think it is important that those of us interested in Global Health to join this effort and our Supercourse team can help. Please distribute this newsletter to tell your faculty, students and friends about World Health Day.

The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you. (B.B. King)

Supercourse and World Health day

We too want to help with World Health day. If you are interested in teaching about antimicrobial resistance, on World Health day the Supercourse has excellent lectures:

For current Antimicrobial resistance we have Clinical **Trials of Anti-Infectives for Highly Resistant Microorganisms** -

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec31021/index.htm> lecture

Nice lecture at Nursing Supercourse - **Patient Safety 1: Infection Control** -

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec40171/index.htm>

with explanations on hospital-acquired infections or Health Care Associated Infections or nosocomial infections with a hand washing video

at <http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec40171/027.htm>

We have as well more lectures on nosocomial infections:

Device Related Nosocomial Infection in ICU. Part I -

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec5771/index.htm>

Nosocomial Infection Surveillance Methods -

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec2041/index.htm>

The Control of Nosocomial Infections (in Russian) -

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec5841/index.htm>

EPIDEMIOLOGY OF NOSOCOMIAL INFECTIONS (NCIs) -

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec22391/index.htm>

Please distribute this letter to those who might be interested in world health day. If you have additional lectures on Antimicrobial resistance, please send to Ronald LaPorte (ronaldlaporte@gmail.com), and visit the WHO web site.

Japan disaster lectures: We are saddened about all the destruction in Japan. It will take decades to recover. We hope to continue to teach about the Japan disaster so that some good comes from this devastation where more people will learn about disasters. We

thank all of you for sharing the lecture with friends world wide. We feel sorry for our Japanese friends.

MMPH and GloCal (global to local). We are very pleased as to the interest in our MMPH program, numerous people world wide are interested in joining to obtain training in Global/local health. <http://www.publichealth.pitt.edu/interior.php?pageID=203> .

There is no desire more natural than the desire for knowledge (Montaigne)

Remember World Health Day, and share this with your faculty and Students. It is the day where we should think about global health.

Ron, Faina, Eugene, Francois, Nicholas, Gil, Mita, Ismail, Eric, Jesse, Kawkab, Vint, Gil, Ali, Meredith