

Supercourse Newsletter
November 19, 2003

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Dear Friends:

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The major increase in the numbers of people represent faculty in universities who are not directly in public health, e.g. psychology, biology, religious studies, etc. who are bringing a diversity of expertise to the problem of global health. We thank everyone who has come on board.

Lecture Explosion also:

Eugene just reported that we now have 1551 lectures. This is a jump from 1522 lectures on Nov. 5. Twenty nine lectures in 13 days is amazing, one of the largest increments that we have seen. The lectures are wonderful. Eugene has been extremely busy in processing these lectures.

School of Public Health Explosion:

During the last few weeks we have been having major discussions with various people on our list. In Arab/Muslim countries, there are over 300 medical schools, but no schools of public health, in Africa there are few schools of public health and in most areas across the world there numbers of schools of public health is very small. It is very exciting as 4 countries have expressed an interest with working with us to build a School of Public Health on top of our telepreventive medicine network. It is very exciting that in the next few years, the Supercourse network might be responsible for a string of Schools of Public Health world wide. We will let you know as to this evolution. Wouldn't it be grand for you to have a new school of public health in your country?

Nursing and the Supercourse

Several nurses and nursing schools have contacted us concerning building more prevention into nursing training.

Quality control and the Supercourse:

Faina has just submitted a paper describing our results concerning quality control in the Supercourse. If you would like to have a copy please send her a note at fy11@pitt.edu

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We have had a huge outbreak of Hepatitis A just outside of Pittsburgh. It has killed 3 people, and sickened 510. We were not set up to do a just in time lecture, darn it.

Who wants to be the dean of the school of public health in Antarctica?

Two vultures board an airplane, each carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at them and says, "I'm sorry, gentlemen, only one carrion allowed per passenger." (pun of the day)

Best regards,
Ron, Soni, Mita, Faina, Eugene, Akira, Abed, Wendy, Arin, Charles, Fred, Tomoko, Seok-Won

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