

Supercourse Newsletter
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Wired, and Retired: The response we received from the last newsletter on Wired and Retired was exceedingly positive. There are over 60 scientists in my position, of being tired of the wars of academia, and who are either retired now or will be in a short period of time. I am talking with some people to see if we can use this incredible valuable talent. Also, as we are wired together, if you know of other agencies who would use this powerful health expertise, please let me know at ronlaporte@aol.com

NIH Supercourse:

... in directing programs for the collection, dissemination, and exchange of information in medicine and health...part of NIH Mission Statement

We plan to build an NIH Supercourse and need your help. This will be a new program for the collection, and sharing of the Science of NIH world wide. We would appreciate your help. Please comment and distribute to your friends at the NIH.

On Friday I meet with Elias Zerhouni M.D.. The meeting was really cool. I was scheduled at 4:00, of course I got there at 2:00...Just in case. I had heard about the security systems, and was worried. Instead I received a yellow name tag, and I was asked if I was there to see the Director. Amazingly I was whisked through the security in seconds. I wish I could figure how to do this at National Airport.

The meeting the NIH went very well. Elias very much liked the concept of the NIH Supercourse for translating Knowledge to Teachers worldwide. He also liked the concept of an NIH Supercourse being a Window so that the world could peer into the research, workings and knowledge of the NIH.

He wants to build with us a NIH Supercourse, where we capture the lectures of the NIH, categorize them, and make them freely available to the teachers of the world. He was so interested that he started to suggest some more of his lectures to be included and from others.. He also talked with several of the Institute heads.

I was very impressed with Dr. Zerhouni, and his interest in translating the knowledge of NIH into the classrooms of the world.

It will be wonderful to work with you to establish an NIH Supercourse. It would be great if you could let us know possible means by which we could capture the lectures at the NIH. Also, we would like to form a working group of people at the NIH to provide

for us guidance as to how best to develop this. Please write to me if you are interested at rlaporte@pitt.edu

We were thinking that we might house the NIH Supercourse virtually at several institutions, for example, an NIH Supercourse at Auburn, at Yahoo, at Madrid, with each institution helping to support the overall project. If you would like to be a designated center for the NIH Supercourse please let us know.

If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it” Margaret Fuller

Onward to a NIH Supercourse. It will be very exciting.

CONCEPTS OF EPIDEMIOLOGY 2nd Crash Course 11 - 15 December 2006

This introductory course on the concepts, principles and methods of epidemiology will be based upon the textbook Concepts of Epidemiology (Raj S. Bhopal, Oxford University Press, 2002), which won first prize in the Public Health section of the prestigious British Medical Association Book Awards in 2003 (see <http://www.oup.com/uk/catalogue/?ci=9780192631558>).

THE COURSE LEADER Professor Raj Bhopal CBE DSc(Hon) MD is Professor of Public Health at The University of Edinburgh and Honorary Consultant at the Lothian Health Board. He was previously Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health at the University of Newcastle (1991-1999).

WHO SHOULD ATTEND The course is intended for those who want to lay a sound foundation to their knowledge of epidemiology, particularly as it relates to public health practice, policy and research

Delegate feedback from the 2005 course can be found at www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/cpd/courses/medicine

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Lecture of the week by Faina Linkov

Our Supercourse team is proud to have a wonderful lecture from NIH. Griffin P. Rodgers, M.D., M.A.C.P., the acting director of NIDDK. It is entitled " Research Highlights from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases", which can be accessed at <http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec24901/index.htm>. Dr. Rodgers' lecture outlines the mission of NIDDK and highlights the importance of understanding of obesity epidemic and diabetes. . Obesity is of epidemic importance in

the US and around the world. Is it genes or is it environment that is a driving force behind this epidemic? Please read Dr. Rodgers great lecture to find out more about this topic.

Best regards from NIH-Supercourse land!!

Ron, Faina, Mita, Eugene, Francois, Raj, Soni, Julia, Saida, Rania, Jose

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