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"I will never be an old man. To me, old age is always 15 years older than I am."

Francis Bacon (provided by Andrey Trofan)

Eugene has made available the Ron LaPorte birthday lecture at: It is great to have wonderful friends who would take the trouble to tease me with their words. It was so nice.

Nursing Supercourse: Kawkab Shishani from Jordan is doing excellent work in the building of a Nursing and Disaster Supercourse. If you are a nurse and would like to join the network, this would be wonderful. We want to reach every nursing school in Arab countries first, and then expand to the whole world. If any of you would like to join, please write to Kawkab. ([kawkab.shishani@gmail.com](mailto:kawkab.shishani@gmail.com)). There are 11 million nurses in the world, if we could network and engage this network for disasters and prevention, this will be a very powerful group and of considerable benefit for Global health and prevention. Kawkab has created two nursing and disaster lectures, a short lecture and a long lecture. We would appreciate if you tell your nursing faculty and students about the lectures at:

Please distribute this note to different nursing list servers, and have it spread across your nursing school.

I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took an excuse: F.

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Pittsburgh, world centre?

The G-20 nations looked at Tokyo, London, New York, Paris and Beijing.

They then said....Why don't we go to Pittsburgh to solve the economic problems of the world. The G20 countries will be coming to Pittsburgh in September. It would be great if we could find some means to provide the Supercourse message to the leaders of the G-20 countries. If any of you know of people going to the meeting or could suggest how we might be able to be seen at the G20 meetings, please write to me ([ronaldlaporte@gmail.com](mailto:ronaldlaporte@gmail.com)). Please do not tell the true reason that they are planning to come here, they are thinking of making Pittsburgh the global capital. (only kidding). Pittsburgh was just recognized as the leading American City. (do not tell anyone, as we really do not want people from London, Hawaii, Paris and Tokyo to move here)

Interoperability: We are talking with various US agencies and there seems to be an interest in Building a US Supercourse. With one agency we have identified the names and email addresses for 1700 scientists who we plan to network. In addition, we have found 5000 lectures in the agency that we can include into the overall supercourse. In addition, they have collected lectures

from many of the people who have obtained grants from that agency. This approach can attack the silos within the agency itself, vertically, from local to state to national to world, and horizontally, from NASA, Academia, Health and Human Services, Environmental Protection agency. By the end of the summer we will create a template model, and hopefully several agencies participating.

Ted Talks: If you ever want to hear outstanding lectures, listen to some of the “Ted Talks”, which is an annual talk of expert scientists but presented in an entertainment mode. I presented at the meetings a few years ago, and it was strange as immediately after I talked there was a torch singer who weighed about 150 kilos, sitting on a piano banging out a sad love song (she got a little more attention than my talk on disease monitoring!!).. Here is an excellent talk that shows you what the Ted Talks are about:

[http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/eng/seth\\_godin\\_on\\_the\\_tribes\\_we\\_lead.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/eng/seth_godin_on_the_tribes_we_lead.html)

The Ted talks are like an intellectual YouTube, without the Dancing Cats.

BA Global Knowledge Swat teams:

Ismail Serageldin, Najeeb Shorbaji from WHO and I are developing the concept of BA global knowledge swat teams. This has branched out from our JIT lectures. The BA Swat team would aid disasters by 1) finding people in our network who would be needed in specific disasters, 2) JIT lectures, 3) expert lecturers who could also be in the media, 4) Expert Knowledge feedback using the experts in our network to provide knowledge to those who need it. This could be a very important force in disasters mitigation.

Lecture of the week: Disaster Nursing Golden Lecture

Over the past few decades, disasters have been on the rise. Millions of people have been affected, lost homes and family members, or displaced.

Can nurses help populations in the time of disasters? Please visit Dr.

Shishani 's lecture at

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec35111/index.htm> to find out more.

This is a truly international lecture provided to the Supercourse by lead developers from Jordan, US, and Mexico. In addition to providing interesting information on disaster patterns of mortality and injury, this lecture provides interesting information on the WHO components of effective disaster nursing. If you are interested in providing disaster lectures to the Supercourse library, please e-mail us.

Ron, Eugene, Faina, Mita, Rashid, Ali, Kawkab, Francois, Nabil, Abdel, Najeeb, Nicholas, Soni, Ismail, Ian, Vint, Gil, Francois

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