

Supercourse Newsletter

<http://ssc.bibalex.org/helpdesk/introduction.jsf> (BA Superhelp desk)

<https://www.facebook.com/TheBaSuperhelpDesk> (BA Superhelp Facebook)

[www.pitt.edu/~super1/](http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/)

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FAD(Facebook Addition Disorder): a condition that is defined by hours spent on Facebook, so much time in fact that the healthy balance of the individual's life is affected. We want to recruit FADs

Over the past few months we have been very successful in recruiting 250 Gray/No/Dyed haired research experts to man our help desks. Now we need to shift to recruit, Dark, Long Haired, young Geeks who are hopelessly addicted to Face book (Supercourse FADs). We need them to propagate the Facebook SuperHelp desks in every country in the world.

Calling all FAD Geeks! Come and help us teach the world about research design and statistics.

"I'm not addicted to facebook! You know, I just use it whenever I have time, lunch time, break time, bed time, off time, that time, this time, any time, all the time!" (FAD anonymous)

During the past few weeks we have made remarkable strides in our understanding of how best to set up help desks. Eman set the stage by building the first Facebook SuperHelp Desk. Reza developed his Question and Answer Help desk in Iran and Zaki established his in Pakistan. In the last 2 weeks Harish Pemde developed a help desk in India and Abdel Gaffer developed a facebook help desk in the Sudan. Based upon Eman's facebook model, one can set up a national helpdesk in only a few hours.

Harish paved the way. He heads the 120,000 member Indian Pediatric society which appears to have a bad case of statophobia. There are quite a few well trained and seasoned researchers in Pediatrics. Harish is linking the experts with new researchers through the help desk. What is important is that he identified a young pediatrician who was afflicted with (FAD). The help desk was up over night.

It is now very easy to set up the help desk. You need to first identify a young FAD Geek. Tell them you want to have the Facebook help page set up over night. (Geeks love the night sky), give them a pizza, and in the morning your help desk will appear. Then you need a group of gray/no/dyed hair experts willing to answer the questions. For any questions that may stump your network, it can be referred to the Gray haired global help desk.

"Q: Why is Facebook like a refrigerator?

A: Because every few minutes you keep opening and closing it to see if there's anything good in it!"

Central Asia: We had a wonderful opportunity to meet people at the State Department and other groups and explore possible touch points. We met with Lynn Tracie The Deputy assistant Secretary for Central and South Asia, John Howe, the Head of Project Home, Nancy McKelvey a leader in the American Red Cross, etc. We also met with the Kazakhstan Ambassador to the US. We had the opportunity to discuss with them the work we have been developing in Central Asia,

with our 1300 member network, the Central Asian Journal of Global health and the Help Desk. Faina, Eugene, Kyle and I will be going to Kazakhstan in a few weeks. We are very pleased to help build research capacity in Central Asia. We plan to double the number of publications on public health in 3 years for the region, and build global health capacity there. Shalkar Adambekov is completing an article reviewing the publication trends in Central Asia, let us know if you would like it.

"Health is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity". (WHO)

All students of health should be aware of this WHO Definition of Health.

A few weeks ago as you know there was a supercourse campaign to teach all new (and old) students about the definition of health. Amazingly, with your help, we taught over 1.5 million. For example the International Federation of Medical Student associations shared the definition with 1.2 million students world wide, the definition was presented to 1000s of public health, and dental students. It is not too late to share the Definition of Health with your students. Thanks so much for the help. We will do this for new students next year! Please put the poster up in your school. Please share this Poster with all students of health.

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/globalhealth/What%20is%20Health.htm>

Apps for Mobile Phones by Academic Discipline is an integral part of the Supercourse. Nearly 1000 different subjects are searched in great depth.

250 subjects are enhanced by wikidata linkages to Wikipedia articles in foreign languages.

Keyword searches are up and running in the world's most widely spoken languages, fueled by the growth of wiktionaries and by Google Translate. This web site records 40,000 meta searches and searches

aimed at a mobile Internet for All. Subjects covered fall into categories oriented to national development, namely: Health, Agriculture, Earth Sciences, Geology, Geography, Engineering, Physics, Chemistry, Languages, Biology, Energy, Transport, Mathematics and Statistics, Finance and Natural Disasters. Please see the attached file for the url of our web sites.

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/globalhealth/appsMobilePhones.htm>

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/globalhealth/appsMobilePhones2.htm>

Apps for Mobile Phones in Paper

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Faina's lecture of the Week

"Disasters - An Indian experience" lecture was recently donated to the Supercourse by Dr. Sharma. It provides background information on earthquakes, floods, cyclones, and other natural disasters that are common to India. This lecture suggests that India is prepared for some of these disasters and that disaster situation pose a learning opportunity to be better prepared for the next disasters.

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec50671/001.htm> .

This is a wonderful summary about Indian Disasters. We are prepared for future disasters in India as we have close to 1000 Disaster lectures in the Supercourse to draw upon. Only there are 6500 faculty in Indian with skills in Public Health, therefore we can refer members of the network to disasters in India, as needed.

Thanks so much, from the Supercourse team

Best Regards,

Faina, Ron, Zhaksybai, Shalkar, Sholpan, Aiym, Kyle, Sean, Rob, Eugene, Francois, Nicholas, Ohanyido, Gil, Mita, Ismail, Eric, Kawkab, Vint, Ali, Olga, Maria, Eman