<u>Library of Alexandria Supercourse</u> <u>3600 Lectures on Global Health and Prevention</u>

Dear Friends,

The Library of Alexandria, and the WHO Collaborating Centre at the University of Pittsburgh would like to give to you a DVD which contains all 3600 lectures from the Supercourse. It is a "gift that is meant to be given". We would appreciate if you could copy this for all your medical and public health students.

The Supercourse represents a global network of over 64,000 primarily academic faculty from 172 countries who are interested in Global health and prevention (<u>www.bibalex.org/supercourse</u>; and/or <u>www.pitt.edu/~super1/</u>). Our mission is to improve the teaching of Global Health and Prevention across the world, by empowering educators with outstanding slides and lectures for the construction of their own lectures.

During the past 7 years we have collected 3600 PowerPoint lectures from our distinguished faculty which includes numerous Nobel Prize winners, the Assistant Director General for Non-communicable diseases at WHO, the former head of the NIH, Ministers of health, etc. We included these PowerPoint lectures into an open source library and provide the slides/lectures for free to the world. The lectures have had great utilization with over 1 million students taught by the lectures in the past 12 months.

All of health is both Global and Local. To understand and improve health we need to be "Glocal" (Global to Local). Sadly most medical and public health student receive very little training in global health and prevention. We aim to change this.

We have "packed" a DVD with 3600 lectures from the Supercourse. We would appreciate if you could copy the DVD for each student in your school. The concept is very simple, even if one is a clinician, such as a neurosurgeon, at some point you will need to present or teach about head injuries. The DVD has many lectures on global injury prevention in an easily usable format. The best way to learn about global health is to teach it, and we make it very easy to create new lectures. Many students will find it useful to explore the material in slide formats. In the future these students will include slides in their talks and presentations concerning global health and prevention from the Library of Alexandria Supercourse.

The DVD is being kindly delivered to all medical and public health schools, and medical libraries by the World Health Organization. The cost for each student in your school is that of copying the DVD onto a blank disc, about \$0.20. The DVD represents the

knowledge of over 20 medical books. We do hope that you can duplicate and share the DVDs for your students.

The center of this effort is the Library of Alexandria, as our mission also is the free and open dissemination of Global Health Knowledge.

Thank you very much, we look forward to collaborating with you.