Supercourse Newsletter March 17, 2005

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Dear Friends.

Happy St. Patrick's day!

You've got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your grandfather was." -- Irish Proverb

Lithuania Meeting: We have had an excellent response to the meeting titled: Scientific Networking and the Supercourse for the prevention of threat from man made and natural disasters, which will be in August in Lithuania. If you or others would like to go, please contact Faina (<a href="mailto:faina.linkov@gmail.com">faina.linkov@gmail.com</a>) or Eugene (<a href="mailto:eshub@mail.nsk.ru">eshub@mail.nsk.ru</a>) about your interest in coming to the meeting. Please, do not forget to visit our website <a href="mailto:www.pitt.edu/~super2/nato">www.pitt.edu/~super2/nato</a> and register electronically.

Grant: We are submitting for yet another grant to the Fogarty Foundation titled: Framework Programs for Global Health. It is a small grant designed to bring more global health information into the classrooms of the world. We already have our network and vast experience in research to classroom activities with the Supercourse. We plan to develop several interesting concepts; the first is to expand our network to include more with global health interests world wide. The second is to build a Golden Lecture of Global Health, which would be the best lecture we could create, where the lecture, or the slides of the lecture could be used to teach students about global health. We will also use our network of 20,300 to establish a system linking young clinicians or researchers world wide with centers that might host them. I would be happy to send to you the grant we have developed at <a href="mailto:ronlaporte@aol.com">ronlaporte@aol.com</a>. If you also are planning to submit a grant yourself, we will send you ours, if you will send us yours. We are in potentially good shape to obtain funding as we already have the largest network in existence, and we have show that we can obtain global cooperation and collaboration.

Library of Alexandria: We have been talking with a good friend, Layla Abdelhady, the head librarian at the Library. She is considering putting our Supercourse Newsletter onto their server at the Library. That would be "too cool" the world can see how the Supercourse grew, as well as to find some most interesting facts about Turkeys.

John Cutler: John Cutler was a faculty member at the School of Public health who retired a few years ago and died. I met with him several times to learn from his experiences in global health. He was vice director at PAHO in the early days. He was a very nice person. A John Cutler International health lecture will be given. We are trying to have the Director General from PAHO to give the talk, Dr. Rose, as this would be a very fitting honor for him. I will let you know the date of the meeting.

March Madness: This is the time of the year of the NCAA playoffs, it is really exciting times. The University of Pittsburgh is in the basketball tournament this year, and will probably not make it very far.

Lecture of the week:

A little while ago, our friend Dr. Sinha from India sent us a beautiful lecture on the Epidemiology of Outbreaks <a href="http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec9381/index.htm">http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec9381/index.htm</a>

Please visit this lecture for beautiful descriptions of basic and not so basic descriptions of epidemiological terms and concepts. This lecture is a wonderful source of information for anybody interested in field epidemiology.

Indian Supercourse Network - 320 members, 70 lectures

The Indian Supercourse network is growing by leaps and bounds. We just added 70 new members to our network in a short span of 3 months. Please visit our website at <a href="http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/india/india.htm">http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/india/india.htm</a> We would love to receive new lectures from you. The Indian Supercourse Network is a collection of lectures in Public Health and Community Medicine, on topics of particular interest to teachers and students in India. If you or your friends or colleagues would like to join, please send a note to <a href="mailto:Mital@pitt.edu">Mital@pitt.edu</a>

"Don't be breaking your shin on a stool that's not in your way." -- Irish Saying

Best regards from: Ron, Soni, Faina, Mita, Eugene, Julia, Ellen, Ezzeldin, Samar, Tom, Rania

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