

Supercourse (www.pitt.edu/~super1/)
BA Superhelp Desk

<http://ssc.bibalex.org/helpdesk/introduction.jsf> (BA Superhelp desk)
<https://www.facebook.com/TheBaSuperhelpDesk> (BA Superhelp Facebook)

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Dear Friends,

We are very pleased with the response to our last newsletter for the Central Asian Journal of Global Health (www.cajgh.edu). We received 7 wonderful articles from Afghanistan, Central Asia, India and elsewhere. We plan to establish this as one of the leading global health journals. Please contact Faina at faina.linkov@gmail.com

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not.” Dr. Seuss, The Lorax

National Help Desks

It has been a wonderful learning period for the BA help desk. Things have moved along very smoothly. Eman created the facebook help page to run in parallel (<https://www.facebook.com/TheBaSuperhelpDesk>). A difficulty is that we are not getting much traffic, and not sure why. We have only been receiving about 1 question a week. It may be that researchers do not know about the help desk. They may also feel that they do not need help (as a reviewer of many articles, we know they do). It is really a beautiful web site, and very easy to use. Reza is finding the same thing for his help desk in Iran. We see now that it is easy to build a Facebook help desk, as seen in Eman's message. Almost all top universities have people who know research design statistics, and how to publish. Shouldn't every University have their own help desk? The traffic will not be great. With Facebook we can all become a personal research trainer!!

Dear Maria

It is honor to talk with you. Start a Facebook page as create another page from your own personal Facebook, then you publish this page to all your contact and ask them to share with their friends and ask them to send questions in research method. Then I got the idea that we can use presentations for research method page ... Everyday I pick one presentation and I post it on the Facebook page, every day I can response by what is need of others came from questions posted in my wall So if you need any help I can do it, no problem. Any further questions?

Waiting for you

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With Ersa, Maria, and Didier, and others we are planning to build Facebook Help Desks in Oman, Philippines and Lebanon. Please come join us.

“Only you can control your future.” Dr. Seuss

Doubling Scientific Publications from LMIC in Public Health

Our plan is to double the number of publications from the lowest 25 publishing countries in the world, as well as doubling public health publications from the 5 countries in Central Asia. We have 3 excellent students building the network for these 25 countries. We are convinced that this is possible as there already have been some remarkable changes in a short period of time. For example in Serbia in 2009 there were only 6 articles on public health published. In 2010 there were 181, a 30 fold increase in a year. There have been similar “epidemics” of public health publishing with rapid rises seen in Iran, Brazil and India.

“Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple.”
— Dr. Seuss

Lewis Kuller Award: Lewis Kuller, M.D. is a distinguished professor of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Lewis Kuller has been named the recipient of the 2013 Population Research Prize of the American Heart Association. This prize is awarded each year in recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement of cardiovascular science.

Dr Kuller is one of my mentors and the person who brought me into epidemiology. I have learned much from him, and it is because of him I started in Epidemiology and stayed in Pittsburgh. One very important lesson from Dr. Kuller, is that Epidemiology is fun. A second is he taught me how to practice “high risk” epidemiology where advances are made by taking high risk chances, and one should never fear failure. Please congratulate him at kullerl@edc.pitt.edu.

“Think and wonder, wonder and think.”
Dr. Seuss

Lecture of the week: China Earthquake of July 22, 2013

This week, we are very fortunate to receive June in Time Lecture from our friend and long time collaborator Walter Hays. Walter focused his latest lecture on recent earthquake in China, natural disaster that leads to many more fatalities than one could expect. In this lecture, you will find out more about this disaster and challenges associated with disasters of this nature.

Lecture can be found at
<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec50481/index.htm>

Article of the week

Christopher Zaborcki
Socio-Structural Barriers, Protective Factors, and HIV Risk Among Central-Asian Female Migrants in Moscow
<http://cajgh.pitt.edu/ojs/index.php/cajgh/article/view/31/64>

If you have any questions, please send them to ronaldlaporte@gmail.com

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

Best Regards,

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