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Supercourse Legacy Lectures

The NIH legacy lecture Supercourse is picking up steam. Dr. Zerhouni 's NIH Legacy lecture is being loved by all. Young people across the world translated his lecture into 5 languages, 2 of these were Arabic and Persian. Yesterday a student from Israel indicated that he plans translating it into Hebrew. Elias and lectures marches on, to build a "NIH Health Diplomacy Legacy" which is wonderful.

There is a definite willingness to be completely co-operative, be completely transparent, and to exchange samples with the WHO and with other partners so we can track the genetic changes.
Zerhouni

This fits well with our philosophy of knowledge

We decided to establish the NIH Supercourse as there has been amazing interest from the Institutes. We have lectures from 4 Institutes, and 7 others promised. In addition there were 13 Non-responses and only one Director refused. What was amazing is that in the Supercourse there were already 40 lectures from the NIH.

Draft version please comment: <http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/NIH/nih-legacy.htm>

We are collecting two NIH Legacy types of lectures for translation to the classrooms of the world. The first is a global Window to NIH, where the Institutes are described, as part of this we have a wonderful lecture on the History of NIH. This would also include lectures describing individual components of Institutes and centers, for example we have a nice lecture on the Epidemiology program at NIA. The second type of lecture is the research type of lecture. We want to capture these, and make them available to the world for years to come.

It would be grand to have an overview lecture from you.

Dr. Zerhouni gave a wonderful commencement address at MIT a few years ago. He talked about the concept of "founder groups", which are scientists who get together to create new advances. I think the NIH Supercourse Legacy founder group including you will open to shades of the world to understand the NIH.

We were amazed as to how much interest there was at the NIH. The reason for this, we think, is that for big agencies such as the NIH, CAPM, MOH s, etc. Few people within a country know what the do, and many fewer outside the country have any idea. The concept of a MOH Supercourse, or a Chinese Academy of Preventive Medicine Supercourse helps for educators within the countries to describe what a PAHO, MOH Brazil, Gates Foundation to their students. It also breaks down the silos which impede medical research across countries. Therefore, if we are successful in the NIH, we will then target PAHO, UN, etc.

Please distribute this to your friends at other agencies with large Silos which interfere with sharing of Science.

The Supercourse was written up in Science this year for the second time.
<http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/reprint/313/5785/277b.pdf>

We have a nice overview in Wikipedia as well. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Supercourse>

Eh, what's up, doc? - Bugs Bunny

Babies on Bridgebrook: It is baby season, we 5 baby turkey chicks, a bunny, a baby bat and 4 white speckled fawns. The mother turkey is the best, she truly knows how to take care of her family as if Mr.Squirrel gets too close she stomps its head. The bunny is the size of an I-pod and sits 2 meters from our window munching our weeds. It is a wondrous time of life. The turkey mother keeps here brood of babies within ½ a meter. Sadly, our doe does not take care of her fawns very well. Jan thinks that she was abused when she was young. As you might expect, Benson goes nuts.

Lecture of the week

Supercourse has been experiencing a large influx of lectures from NIH. We recently received a wonderful lecture from Dr. Anthony S.Fauci, the director of NIAID. His lecture entitled "Biodefense and Pandemic Influenza: The Research and Public Health Interface" can be accessed at <http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec24511/index.htm> . This graphical lecture gives many interesting examples of emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, concentrating on influenza. It provides the history of Avian flu and its current research and funding priorities.

Jan and I will be going on vacation the last half of this month to Montreal. Anyone know of good places to eat in Montreal???? Perhaps the la Supercourse Cafe

Best of luck from Pittsburgh

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