

Supercourse Newsletter
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Dear Friends,

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom:

Eric Noji's presentation at the Cutler lecture on Sept. 29 is taking off at break-neck speed. Let me update you with some of the results:

The thing that lies at the foundation of positive change, the way I see it, is service to a fellow human being.

Lech Walesa,

Born on Sept. 29, the day of the Cutler Lecture

We view Eric's talk as a Supercourse service to our fellows.

So much has been going on. We first wanted to create a network of networks. This has expanded beyond our expectations with over 300 networks joining, including the UN, 100s of universities, Harvard, London School of Hygiene, etc. Participants include many from Africa (e.g. Egypt, Cameroon, Nigeria, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, etc), numerous Arab/Muslim countries (e.g. Iran, Iraq, Oman, Tanzania, Tunisia, etc.). Participation by European countries needs to pick up as we only have a handful of countries (Belgium, Croatia, Israel, Croatia, etc.). Asia is rather poorly represented with few centers in China, India and Pakistan. Surprisingly, none of my former students and friends in Japan have volunteered... (sigh) Not unexpectedly there are many centers from the US. Also, the country that has embraced the Supercourse to the Highest degree, Cuba, is very well represented. Please tell your friends about the supercourse, several centers are doing campus wide feeds of the lecture.

Breaking down Silos: What is most amazing is that this is truly an interdisciplinary effort, something we did not expect. The disciplines using our feeds include anthropology, Biology, Computer Science, Cardiology, Emergency Medicine, Epidemiology, Radiation Health, Law, Occupational Therapy, Political Science, Veterinary Science, etc. Isn't that fantastic? Please get your sister in law who teaches physics, your cousin who teaches architecture and your former wife who teaches anger management involved.

Plans:

We are ahead of time. Eric has sent to us a light version of his talk, this is like a movie trailer, and it will give you and students a taste of global health. It is also very small (10-20 slides) so we can send it on virtually any pipeline. This lecture has been included as an attachment to this email message. It will also be put on the web in downloadable format by Sept. 1. Several people offered to translate the lecture. We will have by the end of next week the lecture hopefully in Arabic, Spanish, American English, Real English (only kidding), Russian and potentially a few more. Next week we will have the "heavy version" which has many more slides up on the web.

The web casting looks outstanding. It is amazing how many people will be able to receive the live version. If you want to join, please contact Steve Puluka at: SPuluka@gsphdean.gsph.pitt.edu.

We ask you to encourage many others in your country about the supercourse. Also, please distribute Eric's slides throughout your university and country to get the word out about global health.

I also want to "pod-cast" the lecture, as we can reach a lot of 13 year olds across the world with a pod-cast. The difficult is that most of us epidemiology village elders remember not only Sony Walkman, but even more scary, the 45 and 78 vinyl records!! A pod cast is to take the sound recording of Eric's lecture and make it downloadable into an i-pod. It would be cool to use this plus Powerpoint, it would be almost like Eric was there.

Eric Noji, M.D. Humanitarian and educational Star:
Eric received two major awards just recently. The Center of Excellence Award for teaching from the University of Hawaii, and the Woodrow Wislon Award for public service. Congratulations (exn1@cdc.gov)

Now is the Time to Visit Pittsburgh:

Why not come to Pittsburgh to attend the Cutler lecture? We would love to have you. Pittsburgh in late September is very beautiful. If we have time we will take you for a ride to visit our mother Turkey and her 4 babies, Ringo, George, Paul and John . (She is not a very good mother and we had to report her to Social Services). We do have a beautiful deer family with two fawns, Madonna, and Paris. You can go mountain climbing and skiing on Mount Washington, and surfing on the Monongahela. Also we have several 5 star restaurants from the Southern Part of the United States in Kentucky, with the initials KFC. (only kidding of course) We would love to have you visit, it should be a fantastic presentation.

Beautiful note

From Riana Dewi Nugrahani, Hasanuddin University, Indonesia:

"Keep up the good effort and to let you know that I truly enjoy the supercourse. It helps me a great deal to have better understanding of the world. Not just about health, but also about friendship, communication and team work. Thanks"

Faina will be attending the Peer Review Congress in Chicago, IL, September 16-17, 2005. If you are interested in meeting with her, please e-mail faina.linkov@gmail.com

Please see the attached lecture by Dr. Eric Noji.

Education is a treasure."
-Petronius

Best wishes

Ron, Eric, Faina, Mita, Eugene, Arlene, Saida, Thomas Dewey, Lech, Julia, Steve, Petronius

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