

Supercourse Newsletter
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I wish you all joy of the worm. William Shakespeare

Golden Lecture and Silk Worm

The golden lecture concept is growing very rapidly. It has moved from the range of totally nuts, to "hmmm, that is interesting but slightly crazy". We very much would like your thoughts.

Countries: Faculty from Argentina, Cuba, Egypt, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Pakistan, Russia (FSU in General), and the US have agreed to participate. As indicated in the last news letter, if we achieve 20 countries, we will move.

Goal: 1,000,000 people across the world seeing the "universal" golden lecture about prevention.

Lecture Description: The lecture will be state of the art information about global cooperation and prevention. It will be a PowerPoint lecture in English. We encourage people to modify and translate, and add their own data for each country.

The lecture will be circulated to all members of the Supercourse several times before the "magic date" of Hippocrates birthday on Sept. 19.

What do I have to do? Not much, the simplest is to hit the forward button and send the lecture electronically to your friends (and enemies as all should know)

Golden Lecture or Silk worm? This will be a golden lecture of prevention, however, and it will also be a "joyful" worm. The helpful worm concept is that we can send an outstanding prevention lecture onto the computers of not only those of us engaged in prevention, but also cardiologists, psychologists, vice ministers of health, 8th grade teachers, students and grandmothers. We can be a silk worm, spinning the web of prevention across computers, to bring more people to prevention.

Can we reach a million people? This is the "million dollar" question. We have about 10,000 people in the Supercourse who we will send the golden lecture. If half forward it to 5 people, then this would be $10,000 + 5 \times 5000$ or 35,000 teachers. If 25,000 of these educators teach 40 students about prevention then we have 1,000,000 people learning about prevention using our materials. If this happens by 1/1/04, then on 2/1/04 we put the Supercourse into the Guinness Book of World Records as we the Supercourse Faculty teaching a million people with a single lecture for the total cost of \$1.29.

It is time for the Million Person Prevention "web crawl"

Library of Alexandria: Ismail Serageldin, the head of the library of Alexandria in Egypt is interested in partnering with us. This is wonderful as the library is incredible, and symbolic - a gateway between east and west, Arab and non-Arab. We will most certainly translate the golden lecture into Arabic.

Please send your suggestions about the golden lecture to ronlaporte@aol.com We hope to have you join us.

Women's Health Supercourse
Faina Linkov is working on the development of the Women's Health/Maternal and Child Health Supercourse. This topic is of interest to many faculty members and organizations in the Supercourse network, including UNICEF. We found that women's health information is not being shared adequately on the Internet and we hope to change that situation by sharing our best lectures on women's health via the Supercourse model. If you would like to find out more about this project, to participate in this network, or to contribute a lecture on women's health, please send us an e-mail. Please put "Women's health network" in the subject of the message. We all look forward to hearing from you and we would like to thank you in advance for your participation. We already have over 40 outstanding lectures covering the topic of maternal and child health. They can be found at our main website www.pitt.edu/~super1 at "lecture by topic" section. Please, contact Faina Linkov fy1@pitt.edu with any questions.

Best regards from Springtime, and allergy season in Pittsburgh

Ron, Faina, Mita, EunRyoung, Akira, Shakespeare, Rania (proud new mother of Hana), Eugene, Julia, Abed, Beatriz, Tom, Hippocrates, Deb

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