

Supercourse Newsletter
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Dear Friends,

Nature: We are very pleased to publish a short piece in Nature. It is exciting to have telepreventive medicine published in such a leading journal. Maxine Clark, one of the Editors of Nature has been very helpful to us during the past few years. She helped to have us provide an invited paper titled e-recruitment. In the article we discuss how we were able to recruit with you such a large following and a large number of lectures on the web. Our approach is basically the open source system used in software engineering. http://www.nature.com/cgi-taf/DynaPage.taf?file=/nature/journal/v428/n6985/full/nj6985-876b_fs.html. We think you will like this article. We are seeing the science of translation of scientific information requires bringing people together and working together. Thanks so much for your help.

BMJ: The BMJ as usual have been wonderful in helping our fledgling organization to get off the ground. They just provided to us 70 new lectures, bringing our total to 1770 lecture. The goal of 2000 is well in sight. Tony Delamothe, Richard Smith, and now Gavin Yamey, have helped us from the early 1990s until now. In the next week they will be publishing a piece on the Supercourse that Gavin has written. It has been very impressive as to how well researched this piece has been.

Lancet: Ali Ardalan, M.D. from Iran and Faina Linkov wrote a very nice letter to the editor on doing global distance learning using the Supercourse and Telephone. It describes how Ali could teach students in Pittsburgh. The Lancet will publish this in a few weeks.

It has thus been a banner few weeks for publication.

e-LBP: During the past few weeks I have had several low back pain. A good friend Rashid Chotani, is a brilliant researcher and astute clinician. He indicated that the cause of my LBP was email. I thought that it we should write an article on the epidemiology of email induced LBP. Clearly there is an epidemic of LBP world wide...If Rashid's hypothesis were correct, it HAS to be e-LBP, and internet induced Sciatica.

Update - Tornados: Mita has everything set up for e-Tornados in Kansas. We have all the emails of the principals, and they have all been contacted several times. We are waiting for Tornados. The movie "twister" was on TV the other night, e-twister is ready to roll. We plan to start small in pushing information just into Kansas. Over the summer we plan to e-recruit all the emails for principles in schools in the US, as the network of schools is a powerful network for prevention.

Olympic Supercourse: Soni is in the midst of finishing the first draft of the Olympic Supercourse of Physical activity and Health. We hope to distribute this in the next few days. We would love to get your opinion.

Congratulations for Beatriz to complete her Ph.D. in Epidemiology. She did an outstanding dissertation examining Internet use for epidemiologists in Mexico.

Best regards from Pittsburgh, Mount Olympus, and Nature,

Ron, Faina, Mita, Soni, Eugene, Rashid, Sciatica, Charles, Rania, Abed, Tom, Deb, Beatriz

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