

Supercourse Newsletter
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www.bibalex.org/SuperCourse/
www.bibalex.org/english/initiatives/SupercourseArchive.htm

Dear Friends,

We are busily working away to prepare the BEST 1000 lecture CD, truly an amazing accomplishment by you, epidemiology and global prevention. We actually will have about 1025 lectures to distribute to 139 countries. We want you to "snowball" the Supercourse. This means that when you get it, throw it like a snowball to your friends so that the knowledge of prevention comes out like a wave from you to your students, faculty, and young children. "Snowballing" even works in Haiti, Saudi Arabia, and Bombay, not just in Siberia and Buffalo, NY. We are going to have a form filling out party next week as there are 10,000 custom forms to be completed, we will all join, and hope that you can also!!.

Epi Info:

The 1000 lecture CD will also include something extra special AT NO COST!!! Several people have written back to us saying that in their countries they have had difficulty in downloading Epi Info. We looked and we had room on our disk for Epi Info, so all of you will be able to have this, for free. We thank the folk at CDC for helping us out. So, not only will you all be able to learn from lectures, you will be able to COMPUTE using Epi Info. Epi Info, for those of you who do not know, is freeware produced by CDC. It is a set of programs for health research including statistical, research, forms etc. For most epidemiologic studies Epi Info helps you to set up and analyze data. If you do not have statistical software, it is great, and it is free, so please distribute this to as many people as possible.

Library of Alexandria Supercourse:

We are making considerable progress in developing a Library of Alexandria Supercourse. A major issue is whether we can make this accessible to those who cannot see, or those who cannot read. This indeed appears to be possible. Vint Cerf, as well as experts in disability access, Mike Burks, and Ellen Cohn. It will be exciting to see how we can "reach the unreachable".

Happy Ramadan:

We wish all of our Muslim friends in the Supercourse (~3-400) a Happy Ramadan.

We got a full course:

Nigel Paneth, M.D. from Michigan State University sent to us a full course on Epidemiology. This can be found on the Supercourse Site. It is beautiful!!! And very nice to use. Thanks so much Nigel!

Please take the opportunity to present about the supercourse in your institution, and your country.

When writing to any member of the supercourse...We have a rule...please call us by our first names, ron, akira, faina, soni, etc. We do not care if you are a student, or the MOH, we are a very informal lot, and like to be called by our first names. We do this for a purpose, we see the Supercourse as "ours" collectively, with us all being equal. You cannot be equal if one person is called, Herr Doctor, Professor, King Ron (hmmm, that does not sound too bad!!)...so, we ask permission to call you by your first name, and we ask that you call us by our first names.

Best Regards from Pittsburgh:

If you would like to talk with me (ron), I would love to talk with you, just send a message at ronlaporte@aol.com

Herr Professor Ron, Queen Faina, MOH Akira, Director Eugene, Princess Mita, Dr. Soni, Assistant Director Rania, CEO Julia, CIO Beatriz, COO Tom, Dean Abed, President Deb

If you would like to come off this list, please send a note to super2@pitt.edu