

Supercourse: Global Health, so near, so far

Supercourse Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

Please forward this newsletter to those who want to improve global health.

Prevention is better than cure. (Erasmus)

The Supercourse/Library of Alexandria Global Health lecture is taking off. We plan to markedly increase knowledge of Global Health in the world during 2011 (the year of the Rabbit, and the lecture will run world wide like a rabbit). By the year 2012, we will be a dragon of knowledge in the year of the dragon.

The concept is simple, with your help we plan to double the awareness of global health in the world next year. So far we have had over 100 people fishing for deans, lecture development and translation from 30 different countries, all working together. It is heartening to see our Supercourse/Library of Alexandria world team build awareness for global health for your university, and for centers world wide.

There is a rising world interest in global health, however, few of us are qualified to teach it. However, with our Supercourse lectures, we all can teach about global health.

We have forwarded to each of you all 5 slides on global health, and we asked that you use at least one slide in your teaching, and that you forward the slides to your colleagues and students. Many different professors have and plan to teach using a slide from the Supercourse. It is very exciting. We already have the short version translated by our friends in Arabic, Bosnian, Chinese, French, Hebrew, Japanese, Malay, Macedonian, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese, (<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec40331/index.htm>). We have sent the short lecture in English to over 50,000 people, including you. Already a large number of people have forwarded the lecture to their students and friends. Last week we sent out the translated lectures to our network and medical schools and these have received numerous compliments..

We have been extremely pleased with the response. We would like to have some idea as to how many people are receiving the lectures. Would you please write to me (ronaldlaporte@gmail.com) and tell me how many people you think received the global health lecture in your school, or in other schools in your country?

”Globalization, facilitated by the rapid development of new information and communication technologies, though representing a challenge for cultural diversity, creates the conditions for renewed dialogue among cultures and civilizations.” **UNESCO**

We know that this is large and will grow bigger. The World Health Organization plans to make the Global Health Lecture available through their site. I just talked with a good friend from India, Shiv Mathur, and he indicated that many faculty in India will be teaching about global health because of the Supercourse/Library of Alexandria Lecture.

One of the nicest responses we received was from Shirwa, a Somalian. What is very interesting is that even in a country having the difficulties of Somalia, there is considerable interest in global health. Also, as the result of your lectures, we are providing knowledge support to the country as seen below.

Dear Prof. Ron, though you like to be addressed as simply Ron I have to simply because through you me and my Somali colleagues of health professionals you can't believe the doors you have opened to us! In relation to the high demand of educational resource, based on the fact that Somalia since collapse almost all infrastructure faded and to reestablish was almost unforeseeable to us as the health professionals until we found YOU & SUPERCOURSE ON GLOBAL HEALTH.

Lastly I have to say dear Ron, may the almighty allah(God) give you and your dream team collaborating on this essential and practical project on global health, particularly in the under-served countries.

I will always remain yours,