

Supercourse Newsletter
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Golden Lecture: The golden lecture project is heating up. The Hippocrates "Million Mondiale" Mentor experience...We want to have a million people world wide learn from the golden Hippocrates lecture of prevention. Hippocrates would have turned 2743 years old on Sept. 19, 2003 had he not died. He is not too old to join the festivities.

Hippocrates' email address is greekdoc@zeus.com (only kidding), and where ever he is now, is most certainly cheering us on. The best from of prevention is "do no harm". Hippocrates will be giving to you a prevention lecture, and he asks that you share it with your friends.

Faina Linkov has created the first version for the Hippocrates Million Mondiale prevention day. The lecture is coming from you as we are extracting slides from 1235 lectures, and re-combining these into the golden lecture of prevention (the GLOP lecture). We will first send the lecture to you in a few weeks for comment. Once it is ready, Hippocrates and we will send out a lecture template, which you can use as is, or modify. We also plan to translate the lecture into 10 languages. When you receive your copy of the golden lecture feel free to modify or translate it.

The goal is to forward this to many of your friends and family who might be interested in joining the golden lecture on Hippocrates day. The target is to have 1 million people world wide reviewing and learning from it, either reading it from the web, or being taught by the golden lecture. We can do it. Hippocrates where ever he is today is pushing us forward.

We have several new countries which have joined us, New Guinea, Canada, and Malaysia, we are closing in to the 20 countries. As indicated what you are asked to do is merely to read the lecture and to forward it to as many people as you can. It would be great if you could join so we could start to get input from all 151 countries on the Supercourse. If you want to join, send a note to ronlaporte@aol.com.

It is fascinating to think about the maximum number of people ever taught from a single lecture, perhaps it is 5,000. We can leave that number in the "dust". Let's put a number up like 1,000,000 taught about prevention at a single time. You and the Supercourse faculty will be talked about for years. This will most certainly make the London Times!

The comments and suggestions we have received so far have been wonderful. We will have a great lecture...a golden lecture seen by a million! Hip, Hip, Hurray for Hippocrates. We are counting the days to Sept. 19, there are 158 days left to reach Hippocrates day.

This will be a joint project of the Supercourse and the wonderful Library of Alexandria in Egypt.

Riddle:

Question: What is 0.27% of the year, one Spanish Lunch, ½ of a football game, a visit with your mother in law, 2 dentist appointments, one really boring faculty meeting and 2 baths? It is the time needed for you to build and send a Supercourse lecture.

Question: Which is more important for global health - a faculty meeting, a football game, talking to your mother-in-law or developing a Supercourse lecture? Wow, this is tough question, isn't it?

It is amazing we have 9250 faculty and 1250 lectures, it appears that perhaps 80% of you might have a PowerPoint lecture to contribute. Think about it, we, the other 9149 faculty give you for free, over 1200 PowerPoint lectures. We would be soooo appreciative if you could give us one in return.

Only kidding, of course, but to create a Supercourse lecture from a PowerPoint lecture takes only 2 hours, and you will get to know 2 wonderful people, Eugene and Julia Shubnikov from Novosibirsk, Russia. It is easy, annotated PowerPoint, with the instructions on the front of our home page. A Supercourse lecture can save YOUR life also. You can say "Dear, we cannot go over to your mother's house today, as I have to create a Supercourse lecture to save the people of the world" (some people have used this excuse 113 times already). The bottom line is, where is your time better spent, with the Supercourse, or your mother-in-law or the chairperson of your department?

Women's Health:

Faina Linkov has been getting many positive e-mails regarding the development of the Women's Health Supercourse network. Various faculty members expressed a particular interest in the development of women's health lectures for the developing countries, as well as on many other topics. We would like to thank all of you for your valuable input. If you are interested in joining Women's Health Supercourse network and haven't done so, please e-mail Faina at fyl1@pitt.edu

Comment Slides:

We would like to encourage you and your students to complete the comment slide at the end of each lecture. We have shown we can recruit faculty, and build a lecture library. Now we need to evolve our systems for evaluation.

Thank you very much. We invite you to visit with us in Pittsburgh. It is spring and the allergens are beginning to fly.

Lecture of the week:

From now on, Supercourse newsletters will have "lecture of the week" section, featuring the review of the most interesting Supercourse lectures or topics.

The first lecture elected for this section is "Public Health in Cuba"

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec9881/index.htm> , recently presented to the Supercourse by Peter G Bourne Jardines. The lecture targets the general audience of public health professionals and gives us an important lesson on how much health can be improved through prevention and information sharing. This lecture gives the reader detailed and graphical information about the structure of public health system in Cuba and its achievements. Achievements of public health in Cuba discussed in the lecture include elimination of polio, diphtheria, newborn tetanus, as well as remarkable

achievements in the area of maternal/child health, and dramatic increase in life expectancy. The lecture stresses the importance of virtual health university and library, which is one of the focal point of health information sharing in

Cuba. The length of the lecture is 27 slides, but the content can be expanded and developed in many possible directions. We would highly recommend this lecture for introductory public health courses as an example of how important public health prevention is. The lecture would also be a great addition to any international/global health courses.

Best regards from Pittsburgh:

Ron, Faina, Mita, your mother in law, Eugene, Akira, Hippocrates, Abed, Rania, Julia, Beatriz, Deb, your chairperson, Tom, Ellen, other dead Greek Scientists