

Supercourse Newsletter  
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Friends,

The most important, exciting, and epidemiologic meaningful holiday of the year is about to occur. It is called in English, "The Sharing of the Lectures". It is the time that those in prevention, with Epi Info in their pockets, the Dictionary of Epidemiology in their minds and PowerPoint slides in their hands go out to improve the health of the world.

On Tuesday Dec. 17 Faina Linkov will lead a group of Supercourse collaborators to stuff your CDs in envelopes and to send them out world wide. It is most exciting.

When you receive your CD, please send us a note at [super2@pitt.edu](mailto:super2@pitt.edu) so we know who has received their CDs.

#### Evaluation of Supercourse Utilization:

We have randomly selected 500 of you to complete a 15 minute survey on the utilization of the Supercourse. This is being done as the dissertation of EunRyoung Sa. It is extremely important to us, as we need the utilization data so that we can go out and obtain support to keep the supercourse going. In addition, this will provide invaluable feedback as to the direction of the supercourse. We really need a high response rate for EunRyoung to obtain her Ph.D. We have decided to be mean, as for these 500 we will not send to you the CD unless we receive your survey. It is a really, really good deal, as the survey only takes 15 minutes to complete, it has taken 5 years to collect the lectures!!

We will of course make the results of the survey available to everyone (without names, of course). We will use this survey to help guide us into the future. We very much need your help. I (Ron) may even call each of you personally world wide to collect the survey results (now that is scary!!).

Perhaps we should carve out a day. How about Jan. 14, being the "Day of the Supercourse", and Jan. 13, being Supercourse eve.

We are very excited to hear about what you think of the biggest, best, most beautiful, SUPERCOURSE CD EVER! The TOP 1038 lectures, EVER!! and we ALL did it.

#### Snowballing and Pond Rippling

Remember, remember, remember to snowball the CD. Drive around town, and every library you see, throw a Supercourse CD like a Frisbee into the door of the library. We want the CD to ripple out from you to improve teaching, and to prevent disease.

Best Regards from Pittsburgh,

Ron, Faina, Mita, Eugene, EunRyoung, Akira, Soni, Rania, Julia, Wendy, Tom, Beatriz, Deb

If you would like to come off this list, please send a message to [super2@pitt.edu](mailto:super2@pitt.edu)

