## Supercourse Newsletter

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Z\_CsRVbBCI Youtube Supercourse of Science http://ssc.bibalex.org/helpdesk/introduction.jsf (BA Superhelp desk) www.pitt.edu/~super1/ (Supercourse)

April 22, 2014

Dear Friends, it has been an exciting time. Our team, Ismail Serageldin, Francois Sauer, Eugene Shubnikov, and Eman presented to a very large audience at the Library of Alexandria in Egypt. We furiously put pieces together for the meeting. In doing this we came to several incredible realizations.

1. Research methods are at the core of Science

- 2. If one does not know research methods one cannot do science
- 3. We have built the Bibliotheca Alexandria research library to help you

do science. The Bibliotheca Alexandria research library may be the largest yet constructed. We hope to make the Library of Alexandria return to its research grandeur of 2000 years ago.

"I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library" (Borges) It consists of:

1. Dr. Seregeldin's beautiful lecture on quantitative methods

2. Short PowerPoint, Wiki and Youtube overviews of essential components of research

- 3. >2000 PowerPoint lectures with 10 additional courses on statistics
- 4. A "ask the research librarian", for personal free help
- 5. Survey Portal: We are collecting leading surveys from WHO and

elsewhere. We started with smoking and physical activity. These have been translated into 8 languages. Also, Mark Spohr, is building mobile apps.

6. Research Apps: Eric Marler has been collecting the apps of science during the past 5 years, and we have made these available.

"A library is the delivery room for the birth of ideas, a place where history comes to life" (Cousins) We would appreciate you help in telling your friends, faculty, and students about this very valuable resource, the BA Research Library.http://ssc.bibalex.org/helpdesk/introduction.jsf "A library implies an act of faith" (Hugo)

What is the mechanism that can promote placing your materials into global libraries and improving your science? We believe that publishing is at the core of scientific success: "Publish or Perish".

We invite you to publish the results of your research in Central Asian Journal of Global Health (CAJGH). Our primary goal is to increase the international citation level of Central Asian and Global scientists in the areas of medicine, biomedicine and public health. CAJGH is a peer-reviewed scientific journal, which is published by University of Pittsburgh in collaboration with Nazarbayev University. CAJGH accepts articles from the fields of public health and medicine. To submit your papers, please visit cajgh.pitt.edu or email Faina (<u>faina.linkov@gmail.com</u>)

My last Pittsburgh Lecture, please come. I am presenting a lecture titled "Growing a tribe" on April 24. I describe how the Supercourse tribe grew.

Contact me at <u>ronaldlaporte@gmail.com</u> and I will give you the specifics.

I hope that many of our tribe can be there. It is my last university lecture before retirement.

Best Regards,

Ron,

Faina, Eugene, Francois, Nicolas, Ismail, Vint, Kawkab, Ali, Olga, Maria, Eman, Kyle, Aiym, Rob, Ohanyido, Nabil, Mita, Olga, Gil, Eric Sholpan, Maria, Shalkar, Ghassan