

PRESS RELEASE

The Hellenic Transplant Organization honored the family of the 20-year old Australian Doujon Zammit

In the framework of the International Transplantation Congress which place in Sidney, Australia

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The family of Doujon Zammit, who donated his organs for transplantation after his tragic death, saving 4 patients in Greece, has been honored today by the representative of the Hellenic Transplant Organization (H.T.O.) to the International Transplantation Congress, Mrs Athina Gobou, Head of the Medical Department of H.T.O.

H.T.O, in an unscheduled Board of Directors meeting decided to honor the family of Doujon, considering their donation, as an act of love and altruism, above any national, religious and racial borders.

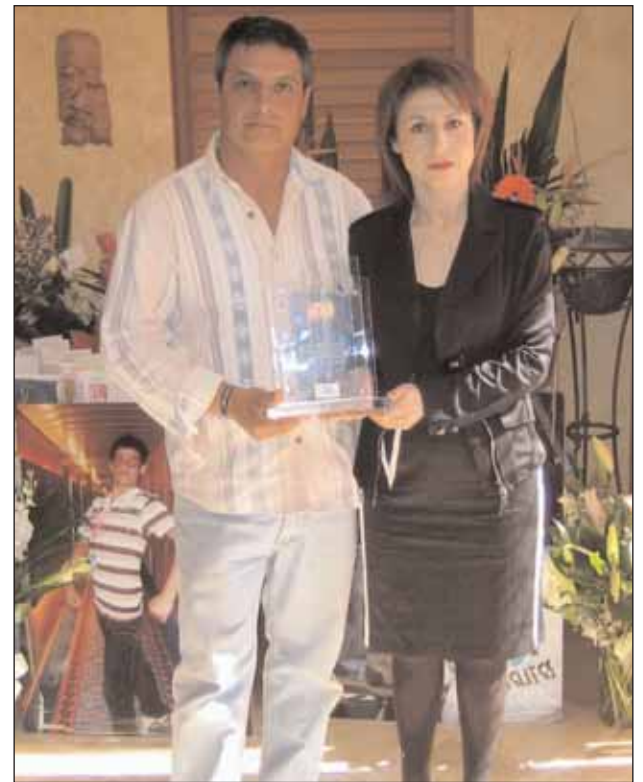
The family welcomed the H.T.O. representative and Greek surgeon staff at their home, where they accepted the honorary plate in the memory of their son. After the ceremony, Mrs Athina Gobou stated: *"The case of the 20year-old Doujon Jammit, moved us all for the abusive and unfair way he lost his life and for the generosity that the tragic father Oliver Zammit and the family showed despite their grief. H.T.O. decided to honor the family as a tribute to the memory of Doujon. The Organ Donation by Doujon is an illuminant example, not only for the*

Greek people, but for Australians too. During our stay here, we noticed that Australians has also been very moved and sensitized towards Organ Donation. Although Australia, like Greece, has one of the lowest rankings in Organ Donation world rates, we believe that this incident is going to be the beginning of positive actions and improvements in both countries, as it demonstrates in an admirable way the generosity and the dignity of human as an answer to hideous actions, as well as the victory of man against the fatality of death. At the same time it reveals the existing social support towards Organ Donation, which, nevertheless, should be supported and demonstrated by all citizens, independently of incidents that bring this lifesaving institution forefront. »

Furthermore, Donjon's family intends to found an NGO in his memory, which will work on the promotion of the idea of Organ Donation and Transplantation in both Australia and Greece.

At the same time rates of Transplantation and Organ Donation in Greece have been very promising during 2008, by an important raise percentage of 135%.

It is important to mention, that during the last



fortnight, since the publication of Doujon's incident, millions of people have registered as Organ Donors in Greece, as well as there is a remarkable raise in actual Organ Donation by deceased people, which lead to many transplantations.

Organ Donation and Transplantation are a valuable gift of life, which could be needed by anyone at anytime of his life, not only to give, but to receive too, in order to keep on living. Doujon has given a great example to 30.000.000 of people in both countries and has bind Australia and Greece with strong life bonds.

Greece most dangerous place in the world for Brit women

Greece was today branded the most dangerous place for female travellers in the world after it emerged 41 British women have been raped there so far this year.

Horrified police revealed there had been a shocking surge in attacks and conceded that they were headed for a 'record' by the end of the season. The statistics make Greece by far the most rape-prone country for British holidaymakers on the planet.

An Athens security police official said: 'The figure of 41 officially reported British rape victims so far is the worst ever in Greek police records. 'At the present rate it is bound to break all previous records and will again give Greece the unenviable record of having the largest number of British rape victims, both in real figures but especially proportionately to the British tourism population.'

By September 15, the official end of the peak season, the number of British rape victims will almost certainly surpass the all-time record of 48 in 2005-06. Earlier this week, the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office released British Behaviour Abroad, which revealed soaring numbers of U.K. nationals were getting into trouble overseas. It also detailed rapes abroad. According to the official figures, between mid-2006 and mid-2007, 29 and 28 British women were raped in Spain and Greece respectively.

However, since Spain received 17million British tourists over that period compared to only 3million in Greece, that means that the rape figure in Greece – proportionately to the British tourist population – is five and a half times higher than in Spain and by far the highest in the world.

A Hard Rain falls on Mount Tomah Botanic Garden

Life imitated art when the skies opened up with a heavy downpour on the first day of the 'Hard Rain' exhibition at Mount Tomah Botanic Garden on Friday 1 August.

Set to the words of the 1963 Bob Dylan song "A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall", this thought provoking outdoor exhibition is an unforgettable collection of photographs illustrating Dylan's prophetic lyrics in the light of contemporary issues such as climate change, habitat loss and poverty. It will be on display in the Formal Garden at Mount Tomah until Friday 22 August.

Created by Mark Edwards, one of

the world's most published editorial photographers, the exhibition was inspired by an incident in July of '69 when he was rescued by a Tuareg nomad in the Sahara Desert. The tribesman took Edwards back to his camp and played Bob Dylan's song on a cassette player eager to find out the meaning of the lyrics.

In the proceeding years, Edwards in his travels to over 150 countries has answered that question photographing what he sees as humanity's impending collision with nature and itself. The words from Dylan's song combined with both his images and those of renowned photographers Sebastiy Salgado, Chris Steele-

Perkins and John Maier leave a lasting memory of what we are doing to ourselves and the planet.

"There is now a widespread acknowledgement that human beings are changing the climate. But we are still in denial. The implications of global warming hover just outside the grasp of our imaginations," comments Mark Edwards on his website www.hardrainproject.com.

"Bob Dylan's piercing lyrics, and photographs that conjure up a future too terrible to contemplate, bring alive the problems that are ours to solve."

This traveling exhibition brought out from the United Kingdom has already visited the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens, Mount Annan Botanic Garden and after leaving Mount Tomah, will continue onto Kings Park in Western Australia.

By hosting the exhibition, the participating gardens hope to inspire visitors to consider their individual role and that of the wider community in the survival of the planet's ecosystems.

To find out more about Hard Rain at Mount Tomah Botanic Garden, visit www.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au or speak with a Visitor Service Officer on 4567 2154.

