



Greece Confirms First Case Of Swine Flu

ATHENS (AFP)--Greece on Monday recorded its first confirmed case of swine flu, a 19-year-old man who recently returned from the U.S., junior health minister Georges Papagiorgos told reporters.

The patient had returned from his first year of study in the U.S. on Saturday. "He only presented his first symptoms on Sunday."

He subsequently underwent tests at Sismanoglu hospital, one of two Athens medical centres equipped to deal with the new A/H1N1 virus, Papagiorgos added. Although he was allowed home after initial treatment he had since been hospitalized at Sismanoglu, Greek media reports said.

His relatives were under medical surveillance and health officials were trying to warn those passengers who had shared the same flight from New York with him, Papagiorgos said.

Greece recording its first case brings to 41 the number of countries worldwide reporting confirmed cases.

Hellenes of the SS Regina d'Italia

'Dall'Italia All'Australia' (Historic Migrant Film - 1924)

Step on board and take part in this historic and unique journey.

'Dall'Italia All'Australia', literally 'From Italy to Australia' is a silent film shot by Italian director Angelo Drovetti in 1924. It chronicles the voyage of the Regina d'Italia (Queen of Italy). This historical footage is one of the earliest known cinematic records showing the migrant voyage to Australia.

In September 1924, this vessel brought 504 migrants from southern Europe to the South Seas. The passengers included some 130 Hellenes, mostly from Kythera, Castellorizo and Cyprus.

Drovetti went ashore in Egypt, Sri Lanka and Australia to film various places and people. Of particular interest is the footage of Fremantle, Port Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane in the Roaring Twenties.

Some remarkable images appear in this film, including Sydney Harbour (before the Harbour Bridge and the



Opera House), Circular Quay, Martin Place and Taronga Zoo.

While almost one-third of Dall'Italia All'Australia comprises footage of this nation in the 1920s it has never before been seen specifically by an Australian Hellenic audience.

Drovetti remained aboard the Regina d'Italia, returning to Italy with his precious film. It was first screened in Milan in 1925, only to disappear into a vault for the next eight decades.

This screening will be the first time Dall'Italia All'Australia will be shown to an Australian Hellenic audience in conjunction with the 27th Greek Festival of Sydney.

The film will be accompanied by live

Italian and Hellenic folkloric music performed by 'The Viaggiatori' (The Voyagers). Tony De Bolfo, journalist and author, will provide an introduction to the film. Dr Panayiotis Diamadis will present the historic context of Hellenic migration to Australia. Rare historic books of the diaspora will be on display showcasing early migration settlement in Australia.

Bookings Essential:

Date: Tuesday 26 May, 7.30pm for 8pm - Venue: The Factory Theatre, 105 Victoria Rd, Marrickville

Cost: \$15 + Booking Fee (Refreshments and canapes included)

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From Greece to Queensland

Greek history, colour and connection to Queensland showcased in Paniyiri Cultural Program

While the Greeks may be famed for their Honey Puffs, the Zorba and the Acropolis, other significant gifts they bequeathed to the modern world included literature and philosophy. Just a snippet of this feast of knowledge will be showcased at the upcoming Paniyiri Greek Festival this weekend (May 23 & 24) through a series of lectures at The Greek Club, South Brisbane.

The free lecture program is an integral component of the Paniyiri Greek Festival. One of the guest presenters and long time supporter, a man whose name is synonymous with the Classics and Ancient History, Professor Bob Milns, said the history of Greece very definitely underpinned western civilizations.

It's not just the leader figures and Greek scientists who forged advances in history, paving the way for the modern world; but the philosophers, the playwrights and the poets who also set the foundations for much of both what and how we learn and think today. Modern society understands and appreciates this, and we find attendance at these lectures continues to increase as people search for an understanding of the foundation knowledge," he said.

Paniyiri will this year join in Q150 celebrations via a series of exhibitions and events tracing Hellenic influences with a particular focus on the life and times of Lady Bowen, formerly Contessa Diamantina Roma, (pictured) the wife of Queensland's inaugural Governor, Sir George Bowen.

Prepare for Hellenic hospitality at its best - Paniyiri

Greek Festival May 23 & 24, 2009

Paniyiri, Queensland's signature celebration of all things Greek and Queensland's largest cultural festival is upon us – prepare for Hellenic hospitality at its best over the weekend of May 23 & 24, 2009 at Musgrave Park and The Greek Club & Convention Centre in South Brisbane.

While the historic steps of the Acropolis may be some 15,000km from the grassy flats of Brisbane's Musgrave Park, all the sights, sounds and tastes from the country which produced Homer and Haloumi; Bouzouki and Baklava and Effie and Eliopita will be celebrated in style during the much anticipated festival.



The Paniyiri Main Stage in Musgrave Park will host almost 20 hours of entertainment over the weekend including the return of So You Think You Can Dance Greek, appearances from Greek Goddess Effie, Grape Stomping, Olive and Honey-puff Eating Competitions, Hellenic Dancing, Zorba Till You Drop and Fireworks.

In Musgrave Park more than 30 food stalls will showcase the tastes, recipes and secrets of food from all corners of Greece while in The Greek Club, a full program of Cooking Demonstrations and Lectures will take place.

Paniyiri 2009 will also join in the festivities of Queensland's 150th Anniversary (Q150) by celebrating the significant role the Greek culture and iconic Greek identities like Countess Lady Diamantina Roma Bowen have played in the city's development.

Now facing its 33rd successful year, Paniyiri is a community initiative of the 25,000-strong Greek community of South East Queensland but also the general community in a celebration of fun, food and friendship. The festival is a testament to Greece, proving that it really is a destination where tradition holds firm and where hospitality and living life to the fullest is everything.

Funds raised by the Paniyiri Greek Festival are channeled back into the community via the Greek Orthodox Community of St George, Brisbane's oldest Greek community established in Queensland in the 1920s.