



### Tourism with a new goal - reproduction!

During the last few years, a new form of tourism is flourishing in Greece – except for the classic one, which connected to the beaches and the islands. This is the so called “reproduction tourism,” which aims for the conceiving experience!

Hundredths of couples from abroad, come to Greece in order to conceive a child with the help of the local experts for aided reproduction. According to experts 300 couples, who have not succeeded in having a baby until now, visit the country every year. Most of them come from Great Britain, Italy, neighboring Eastern countries, the US and Australia.

Why do those people chose Greece, when it comes to the most sensitive topic of conceiving? The answer is not one but three: because the success rate of the aided reproduction method is high; because the law limits are more favorable than in other countries; and because it is less expensive than in other countries.

In Greece, every cycle of artificial insemination costs about €3 500, when the same procedure in the US costs over \$10 000 and in other Europeans countries it is about €6 000.

Based on modern methods for aided reproduction, the success rate reaches 40% per cycle, which based on global criteria is a very high percentage. Except for this, the Greek legislature is very liberal when it comes to this method, compared to the rest of the countries.

# Grandfather of girl who survived horror balcony-fall 'would kill' father if he was allowed to see her

*The grandfather of Mia Hogan, who was nearly killed at the age of two when her father jumped 50ft off a hotel balcony, has said he 'would kill' his wife's ex-husband if he were allowed to see his daughter.*

John Hogan, 35, pushed son Liam, six, 50ft to his death at a Greek holiday hotel in 2006, and then jumped with Mia following an argument with then-wife Natasha Visser.

Mia and Hogan both survived, but a Greek court cleared him of murder, saying he was mentally incapable of understanding his actions.

Hogan, from Bristol, now wants to make contact with Mia - who moved to Australia with Natasha, 36 - on his return in a bid to share 'his side of the story'.

But Natasha's father Phil Steel said Hogan does not have a 'chance in hell' of seeing Mia again.

Speaking from his home in the Philippines, Phil, 62, said: 'I can't speak for my daughter, but I knew her views when it all happened.

'As far as I am concerned he has not got a chance in hell of seeing Mia.

'When she is 18 she can make her own decision. But for now - what is the man thinking of?

'Personally, I would kill him if he was allowed to see her.'

Hogan was released from a Greek psychiatric hospital last Friday and will return back to the UK for further treatment this week.

He was cleared of murder by a Greek court last year after the jury ruled he suffered 'an earthquake of insanity'.



## Thank You to George & Effie Paliouris

### Gala fundraising dinner for St Vincent's Hospital Heart Lung Unit

The St Vincent's Hospital Executive and the staff of the Heart Lung Transplant Unit, wish to express their gratitude and extend their warm thanks to George and Effie Paliouris, their family and friends, the helpers and the Greek Community of Sydney for their generous financial support which will go towards the St Vincent's Heart Lung Transplant Unit.

The St Vincent's Heart Lung Transplant Unit is universally recognised as one of the best of its kind, anywhere in the world, having conducted more than 1,300 successful transplants since the legendary Dr Victor Chang created the Unit some 25 years ago.

The Unit is also involved in cutting edge research and clinical trials and continues to improve both the treatment and care of its patients. The transplant program has con-

tinued to improve, with much higher survival rates despite recipient complexity. Of critical importance to improved survival have been heart assist devices which have sig-

nificantly improved in their reliability and efficiency in addition to having greater usability. These devices are very expensive though and to date there is no cleared

source of funding for them as they are not covered under the State-wide funding for the Heart Transplant Program.

The gala dinner organised by Mr and Mrs Paliouris raised over \$50,000. A truly wonderful result. These funds will greatly support the important work of the hospital in providing new programs and equipment. Your contribution will greatly assist improved patient services and clinical research in heart and lung disease.

We are very grateful for your participation in this fundraising event and please know that your continued support means a lot to the hospital and the Heart and Lung Unit.

