



John G. Rangos Sr. Research Center opens at New Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Greek Cultural Center to stage *Prime Numbers*

The Greek Cultural Center of New York has selected the theatre adaptation of Jiannis Skaragas's English novel *Prime Numbers* to celebrate its thirty-fifth anniversary with an American premiere in February 2009 (until April 2009), directed by the established Greek actress and director Fotini Baxevasi. This choice has been based partially on the interest that the Fulbright Foundation Greece has shown as far as the novel's and the play's humanistic subject, granting the author a scholarship for the famous American writing program of IOWA (IWP).

The play essentially promotes the Greek elements of civilization and tragedy, focusing on a modern aspect of what Greek literary tradition represents nowadays as a mutual exchange of ideas all over the world. And it is deliberately involved with the Greek Community of New York as a present reference to a living culture into the centre of the Western World and the achievements of people who are devoted to carry on their heritage.

The center is seeking sponsor support for the production.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew addresses Synaxis of the Heads of Orthodox Churches

His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew addressed the leaders of the world's Orthodox churches on October 10, 2008, for the official opening of the Synaxis of the Heads of the Orthodox Churches and Pauline Symposium. The three-day meeting was held at the Patriarchal Cathedral of Saint George in Istanbul, Turkey. The church leaders also traveled to sites visited by Saint Paul in Turkey and Greece as part of the Synaxis program.

Australia, Greece sign Social Security Agreement

The Social Security Agreement between Australia and the Hellenic Republic entered into force on October 1. It provides for improved access to the Age Pension for people in Australia and Greece, allowing people who live in either country to claim their entitlement to pensions from both countries, as well as reduce costs for businesses operating in Australia and Greece. Since the Agreement covers Australian and Greek Age Pensions, people will be able to move between Australia and Greece knowing that their pension rights are recognized in both countries.

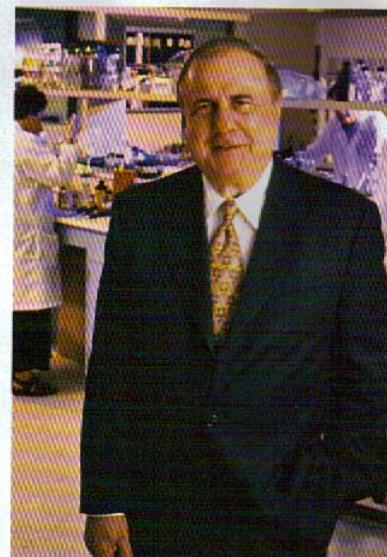
Both countries will share responsibility and costs for the social security coverage of eligible age pensioners in their retirement years, according to their period of residence/insurance. The Agreement will help people in either country to satisfy the minimum qualifying residence period for an Australian pension and the minimum qualifying insurance period for a Greek pension. Periods of residence in Australia and periods of insurance in Greece can be added together to qualify for Australian and Greek pensions.

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC officially opened its new 10-story, state-of-the-art John G. Rangos Sr. Research Center marking the first completed phase of its new premier pediatric campus. The new facility will support biomedical research, including pediatric cancer, diabetes, heart disease, liver failure, childhood infection and inflammatory diseases, genomics, immunology and neuroscience, among other fields. The new flexible lab space can accommodate seventy principal investigators.

"There is nothing worse than a child suffering from a debilitating disease or illness. One way to help build a healthy and strong tomorrow is by supporting research that can help find cures for childhood diseases today," said John G. Rangos Sr. "Children's Hospital provides some of the best pediatric care in the country, and is one of the many reasons why I have continued to support them over the years. It is our responsibility to help ensure all children have a bright and healthy future."

John G. Rangos Sr. has been a strong and consistent supporter of Children's Hospital for more than two decades and has contributed more than \$8 million to support vital research into childhood diseases such as diabetes.

"Mr. Rangos is not only committed to pediatric health care, he truly understands the importance of research and how it can make an impact on pediatric care nation-



wide," said Mary Jo Howard Dively, Esq., chair, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC Board of Trustees, and vice chair, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation Board of Trustees. "The new facility is a real tribute to Mr. Rangos and his leadership. He is a person who understands how important research is to the organization, and he looks at how the contribution he plans to make can motivate researchers and foster overall growth."

The new research building is housed next to the new Children's Hospital, scheduled to open May 2, 2009, located in the Lawrenceville section of Pittsburgh.

Hellenic Heritage Foundation raises \$260,000 in 2008

Thanks to the combined efforts of its directors and volunteers, the Hellenic Heritage Foundation raised over \$260,000 in 2008 for programs it supports, including the completion of the Cultural Arts Center for the Greek Community of Toronto and a new pledge to build the Main Lodge of the Metropolis Youth Summer Camp on Lacey Lake in Kingston, Ontario. The foundation's next event is the annual Christmas Dinner and Dance, to be held November 28 at the Palais Royale Ballroom.

