

**Professor John M. Tzafettas MD, PhD, FRCOG**  
Curriculum Vitae

He qualified from the Medical School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki-Greece and trained in Obstetrics and Gynaecology for six years in England (St' Thomas's hospital Medical School in London) where he taught and performed his PhD on *'Teenage pregnancy'*.

In 1980 he was appointed lecturer in the Medical School of the Aristotle University in Thessaloniki and advanced to the level of full professor and Head of the 2<sup>nd</sup> department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the above University.

Professor Tzafettas over the last 10 years has been vice-president of the Greek Union of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists..

He is a member of 12 International and 18 Greek medical societies, chief editor of the official Journal of the above mentioned Union of Greek Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, member of the editorial board of seven International and Greek medical Journals. Among others, he is honorary vice-president of the American Biographical Institution ABI and member of the executive committee of the Institute *'Who is who in Medicine'* in Cambridge England.

He published himself or in cooperation with others, five medical books among which the *'IVF and other methods of Assisted Reproduction'* and presented in local or international Journals and Congresses more than 250 studies. His main sub-specialty is Reproductive Medicine with special interest in Perinatal Medicine.

**International recognition.** He became Member of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of London-the first Greek doctor to obtain this internationally prestigious postgraduate qualification. In 1992 he was elected Fellow of the College (FRCOG).

He initiated the foundation of the Hellenic Representative Committee of the above College, for Greece and Cyprus-one of the two in Europe outside Britain - to which he served as its first Chairman for five years (2002-2007). In October 2012 he was re-appointed in the same post by the President of the RCOG for the next five years. One of Professor Tzafettas's achievements was the establishment of the promising International RCOG Examination Centre in Greece (based in Thessaloniki at the Interbalcan European Medical Centre) again one of the two operating in Europe outside Britain-London and Edinburgh,). These examinations that take place simultaneously in Britain and other International Centres, are aiming at young doctors not only from Greece and Cyprus but from all East European countries up to the Baltics. They are run by himself or at the presence of British professors.

**IVF-Reproductive Medicine:** he is one of the first doctors involved in this field in Greece and abroad and a founding member of one of the 2 first IVF Units in this country (1985). Before that he gained IVF experience in well known centres in Europe (i.e. St' Thomas's hospital-London where operated one of the first IVF Units, Hallam Medical Centre, the first private unit in London and in Vienna under professor Fightinger and Kemeter. Over the last 30 years he has been actively involved in the whole spectrum of Assisted Reproduction gaining extensive experience in this field and has been a regular invited speaker in most of the related Scientific Events in Greece and often abroad. As already mentioned he wrote and published the book *'IVF and other methods of Assisted Reproduction'*.

**Awards.** He has been granted an *Athens Academy award*, together with Elvira Konecny from Vienna, for their book *'Nikolaus Dumba 1830-1900'* after a 20 years of research on the spectacular achievements of Dumba, a maecenas of the arts in the Vienna of 19<sup>th</sup> century when he played a protagonistic role in the reformation of the Austrian capital. A great benefactor of Austria and Greece.