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Museum of Moulages

OF "ANDREAS SYGROS" HOSPITAL

The first hospital specialized in venereal and dermatological diseases was established in Athens on January 4th, 1910, being at the time the only one of its kind in Europe.

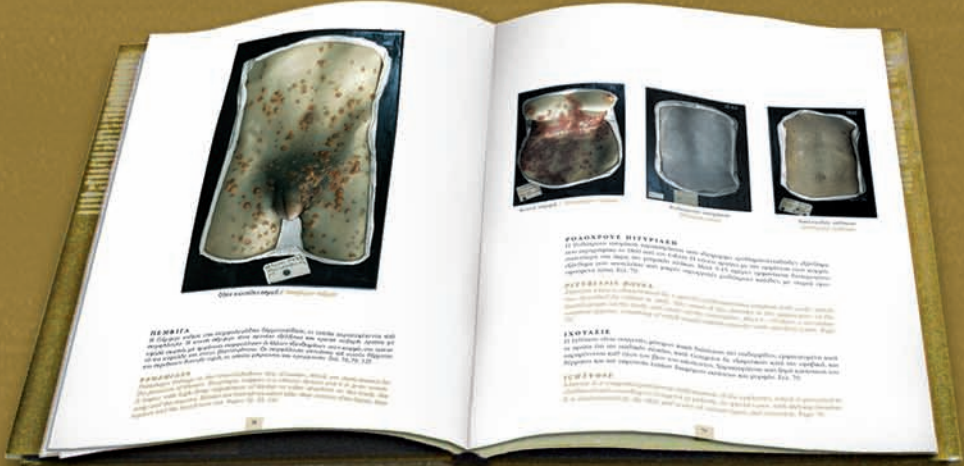
It was built on the left bank of the then Ilissos River, the present day, district of Ilissia, as a heritage of **Andreas Sygros**, a wealthy businessman and great national benefactor, under the supervision of his widow Iphigenia Sygros of the Mavrokordatos lineage.

Andreas Sygros was inspired to found a hospital specialized in treating those afflicted with venereal diseases.

In 1912 a **museum of moulages** was established at the “A. Sygros” Hospital similar to that of the St. Louis Hospital of Paris.

The man who inspired the endeavor was also the first creator of the wax models, Prof. **George Th. Photinos**, who had studied in Paris from 1902-1905. Although he requested Jules Baretta’s instruction in the moulage technique which he employed, Baretta refused to pass on his knowledge. Prof. Photinos continued his education in Berlin and it was there, with the support of Prof. Lassar, that he persuaded the moulage craftsman of the University clinic museum of Berlin, the sculptor Kasten, to initiate him into this technique.

The “Skin and Venereal Diseases Museum of Moulages” of the “A. Sygros” Hospital contains **1,660 moulages** of skin and venereal disorders initially produced by Prof. G. Th. Photinos and later by specially trained craftsmen, such as the painter C. Ch. Mitropoulos.



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