More than 4000 children born in Croatia
Prof. Velimir Šimunić, MD, PhD, IVF Polyclinic owner and medical director, a specialist in gynecology and obstetrics with a subspecialty in human reproduction, was the head of the Institute of Human Reproduction at the Women’s Health Clinic in Zagreb for over 25 years. He is a regular member of the Croatian Academy of Medical Sciences and a professor of gynecology and obstetrics at the Zagreb Faculty of Medicine. Prof. Šimunić, MD, PhD, is a pioneer in gynecological endocrinology and human reproduction on the territory of former Yugoslavia. He started an IVF program at the hospital in Petrovka street as far back as in 1982/83 and was responsible for the conception and birth of the first IVF baby – Robert Veriga. Robert Veriga was born as the first IVF baby in former Yugoslavia and third in Europe. “Veriga was born as the first IVF baby in 1983,” we are informed by IVF Polyclinic’s owner and medical director, Prof. Velimir Šimunić, MD, PhD. He also contributed to the polyclinic’s development.

As in 1982/83 and headed the team responsible for the conception and birth of the first IVF baby – Robert Veriga, Robert Veriga was born as the first IVF baby in former Yugoslavia and third in Europe. Since then doctor Šimunić has enabled more than 4000 IVF children to be born.

IVF Polyclinic: Treating Infertility for 34 years

Each year of our efforts results in roughly a hundred children being born,“ we are informed by IVF Polyclinic, the first private polyclinic for gynecology, obstetrics and reproductive medicine in Croatia, which also performs in vitro procedures – IVF and ICSI. Since its founding in 1997 the polyclinic has established itself as a centre offering all-around care, treatment and therapy to infertile couples, owing to the thirty years of experience of its founder Prof. Velimir Šimunić, MD, PhD, one of the world’s pioneers in IVF treatments.

Significant attention is concurrently paid to the latest ideas and trends worldwide, the clinic’s own practice and research of causes of infertility in men and women, and developing treatment methods. In 2013 the IVF Polyclinic team was joined by Igor Maričić, MD, gynecologist with a subspecialty in human reproduction and a leading expert in outpatient hysteroscopy in Croatia.

Team of top experts
Joining Prof. Velimir Šimunić, MD, PhD, and doctor Maričić on the team are Prof. Srećko Ciglar, MD, PhD, also a subspecialist in human reproduction, Prof. Mirko Korić, MD, a renowned endocrinologist and diabetologist, and member of the British Academy of Medical Sciences, radiologist Edita Parac Blažević, MD, and gynecologist Mihajo Strelac, MD. Clinical embryologists Danko Dobec and Sara Sivec, and IVF Polyclinic’s general manager Anita Šimunić, L.M., E.C., also contribute to the polyclinic’s outstanding results. The elegantly designed IVF Polyclinic occupies almost 400 m2 of the groundfloor of a new modern building.

It features a spacious modern waiting room and two large gynecology clinics, fully equipped for complete diagnostics and minor surgical procedures. The IVF Polyclinic not only offers a variety of outpatient treatments in the areas of gynecology, obstetrics and reproductive medicine, but functions as a day hospital as well. There are two patient rooms, an operating room and an IVF center in a completely separate and protected area.

High success rate
The IVF center is set up according to all modern principles and rules of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Croatia, EU regulations and ESHEC guidelines. The IVF center is divided into four units – an andrology laboratory for outpatients, an embryology laboratory with special rooms for sperm processing, and gamete and embryo cryopreservation.

IVF Polyclinic works closely with and is part of organizations of the most esteemed medical experts in Croatia. Owing to the doctors’ outstanding expertise, their world-class level of experience and exceptionally attentive approach to patients, as well as the quality of service and affordable prices, there is no doubt that the polyclinic is equal to leading infertility treatment centers in Europe and worldwide. The polyclinic is distinguished from its competition primarily by the exceptionally high success rate of artificial insemination procedures (Table 1.).