

International Conference

Exploring Ancient Pharmacology: Drugs, Words, and Practices

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PROGRAMME

November 24, 2025

14:30–15:00 Welcome and Introduction

Session 1: Pharmacological Texts 1

Chair: Caterina Manco

15:00–15:35 **Pilar Pérez Cañizares** (Universität Wien)

Therapeutic Strategies and Pharmacological Practice in the Hippocratic Treatise De internis affectionibus

15:35–16:10 **Nicola Reggiani** (Università di Parma)
The Transmission of Pharmacological Knowledge in Greek Papyri

16:10–16:40 Coffee Break

16:40–17:15 **Francesco Serrati** (ENS, Paris)
Fumigazione e fomentazione nei testi medici greci su papiro

17:15–17:50 **Alessia Guardasole** (UMR Orient & Méditerranée, Paris)

Galen's Nosology in His Pharmacological Works

17:50–18:00 General Discussion

November 25, 2025

Session 2: Pharmacological Texts 2

Chair: Valentina Giuffra

09:30–10:05 **Anna Magnaldi** (Sapienza Università di Roma)

Nec pudeat: rimedi ripugnanti e dolorosi nel Liber Medicinalis

10:05–10:40 **Giuseppe Trovato** (Università degli Studi di Messina)

Prime osservazioni sui Physica di Teodoro Prisciano

10:40–11:10 Coffee Break

Session 3: Tools and Techniques

Chair: John Wilkins

11:10–11:45 **M^a Ángeles Alonso Alonso** (UNED, Madrid)

Strumenti e attrezzi della farmacologia all'epoca romana: terminologia, tipologia e rappresentazione iconografica

11:45–12:20 **Isabella Bonati** (Universidade de Lisboa)

'Cast (the Ingredients) into the Pot': A Journey Between Receptaria on Papyrus and Material Culture

12:20–12:30 General Discussion

12:30–14:30 Lunch Break

Session 4: The Words of Pharmacology

Chair: Alessia Guardasole

14:30–15:05 **Anna Monte** (Università degli Studi di Udine)

Ophthalmic Recipes on Papyrus: Remedies, Ingredients, and Vocabulary

15:05–15:40 **Natalia Kulikova** (Jagiellonian University, Krakow)

The Term Misy in Celsus' De medicina: its Meaning and Linguistic Equivalents in Dictionaries and Translations of the Treatise

15:40–16:15 Coffee Break

16:15–16:50 **John Wilkins** (University of Exeter, emeritus)

What is the οὐσία (Substance) of a Drug? Galen's Answer

Session 5: Drugs and Society

Chair: Alessia Guardasole

16:50–17:25 **Jurgen R. Gatt** (University of Malta)
Challenging Hippocratic Prescriptions: The Role of the Patient in Ancient Pharmacology

17:25–17:35 General Discussion

20:00 Conference Dinner

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Session 6: Drugs and Economy

Chair: Martina Dattilo

09:30–10:05 **Dario Nappo** (Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II)

Medicine is no Luxury. The Economic Meaning of Ancient Spice Trade

Session 7: Paleopathology and Contemporary Reconstructions

Chair: Martina Dattilo

10:05–10:40 **Valentina Giuffra** (Università di Pisa)

Paleopathology and Ancient Pharmacology: Therapeutic Evidence from Ancient Human Remains

10:40–11:10 Coffee Break

11:10–11:45 **Manuela Marai** (Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard University)

Galen and the Science of Compounding Remedies

11:45–12:20 **Andrew Koh** (Yale University)

Navigating Scylla and Charybdis: Advancing Ancient Pharmacology through Transdisciplinarity

12:20–12:45 General Discussion and Closing

Remarks

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