

From Galenic Humors to High-Tech Medicine: A Mediterranean Medical Odyssey

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09:00–19:00

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All scientific sessions include 20-minute presentations followed by 10-minute Q&A.

09:00 – 09:45: Welcome & Opening Remarks

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Öztürk

Founding Director, Galen Research Center

Prof. Dr. Gökhan Akbulut

Chief Physician, İzmir Tinaztepe University, Private Galen Hospital

Prof. Dr. Musa Alcı

Rector, Ege University

Prof. Dr. Mustafa Güvençer

Rector, Tinaztepe University

09:45 – 10:45: Scientific Session I

Chairs: Ayşegül Kaymak Özdemir and Murat Tozan

Dr. Fabrizio Bigotti (Italy and Slovenia)

Unexpected Survivals. Galen's Remedies beyond the Mediterranean

Prof. Dr. Bernardo Machado Mota (Portugal)

Zacutus Lusitanus and the Beginnings of the Portuguese Pharmacopoeia

10:45 – 11:15: Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:15: Scientific Session II

Chairs: Fabrizio Bigotti and Ayşe Nalbantsoy

Assoc. Prof. Murat Tozan (Türkiye)

The Physician's Landscape: Medicine, Environment, and Society in Galen's Pergamon within the Mediterranean Context

Prof. Dr. Wolf-Rüdiger Teegen (Germany) (Online)

Markos son of Tryphon - a Pergamon augur in Galen's time and his illnesses

12:15 – 13:15: Lunch Break

13:15 – 14:45: Scientific Session III

Chairs: Mehmet Öztürk and Neşe Atabey

Dr. Chiara Thumiger (Germany)

What's in a leg. Reading phrenitis in Galen and Early-modern medicine

Prof. Dr. Halil Tekiner (Türkiye)

From Pergamon to the Mediterranean: Galen's Pharmaceutical Legacy

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Somel (Türkiye)

Ancient DNA analysis for inferring social history and natural selection

14:45 – 15:15: Coffee Break

15:15 – 16:45: Scientific Session IV

Chairs: Bernardo Machado Mota and Chiara Thumiger

Assoc. Prof. Thanasis Anagnostopoulos (Greece)

From Galenic Humors to Multi-Omics: The Evolution of Precision Medicine

Dr. Elisabeth Moreau (Belgium)

Matter Theories in Galenic Medicine: Exploring Physiology and Pharmacology in Pre-Modern Europe

Dr. Dan Aparaschivei (Romania)

Landmarks of the Roman medical system in the time of Galen according to the archaeological evidence

16:45 – 17:15 Coffee Break

17:15 – 18:45 TRANSGALEN Living Lab

Moderators: Ayşegül Kaymak Özdemir and Fabrizio Bigotti

Reimagining Health Knowledge through Galenic Reasoning

Transdisciplinary round-table discussion where students, experts, and faculty reinterpret contemporary health challenges through interdisciplinary case discussions inspired by the question of what Galen would rethink in contemporary medicine.

18:45 – 19:00 Closing Remarks

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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