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PRESIDENTIAL REPORT FOR 2025

Prof. Dr. Halil Tekiner

Former President of the International Society for
the History of Pharmacy

In 2025, Halil Tekiner served as President of the International Society for the History of Pharmacy (ISHP), having been re-elected to a second term by the General Assembly during the Belgrade Congress in 2024. Throughout his presidency (2023–2025), he contributed to the Society's institutional development, supported efforts to extend its international engagement, and participated in preparatory discussions related to the forthcoming centenary.

As part of these centenary-focused activities, he presented to ISHP colleagues a proposal to recognize 18 August, the Society's founding date, as International History of Pharmacy Day, and suggested that the period between 18 August and World Pharmacists' Day (25 September) could be considered a "History of Pharmacy Festive" season. These ideas were put forward solely as contributions to the wider discussion on ways of promoting global awareness of pharmacy history.

During this period, the membership processes of several national pharmacy history groups, including the newly established group in Greece, were initiated or advanced within ISHP procedures. He supported these developments by maintaining contact with interested groups and providing information on the Society's aims and membership requirements.

He made a consistent effort to attend national and international meetings where he was invited, with the aim of representing ISHP and introducing its activities to wider professional audiences. As a personal practice, all travel and activity-related expenses connected with these ISHP duties were self-funded in accordance with the Society's Statutes, and no reimbursement was requested.

He maintained regular communication with members of the Society's Executive Committee and contributed to the coordination of ongoing ISHP matters. He also sought to strengthen liaison with national pharmacy history societies and related academic bodies to encourage collaboration and increase the Society's visibility.

On 22 February, he attended the 6th Pharmaceutical Horizons Congress in Ankara (Lokman Hekim University Faculty of Pharmacy) and delivered a lecture on interactions between art and pharmacy. On 24 April, he spoke at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Masaryk University (Brno, Czechia), addressing the role of historical inquiry in professional identity and ethical reasoning. Based on this presentation, he later prepared an editorial article published in *Acta Pharmaceutica Scientia*, entitled “How the history of pharmacy improves pharmaceutical science, education, and practice.”

On 9 May in Mardin, at an event hosted by the Mardin Chamber of Pharmacists, he presented on pharmaceutical ethics and professional values in historical perspective. He also curated an exhibition titled *Pharmacists' Memoirs* from the Halil Tekiner Collection: One Profession, Twenty-One Testimonies, featuring selected professional memoirs and related materials.

On 17–18 May, he participated in the 74th National Congress for the History of Pharmacy in Vercelli, Italy, where he presented a paper on depictions of pharmacy in the works of Gaetano Donizetti. During the Society's National Meeting, he was elected an Honorary Member of the *Accademia Italiana di Storia della Farmacia*. On 5–6 June, he contributed to the 38th Balkan Medical Week in Bucharest, Romania, delivering a presentation on apothecaries in comic opera and visiting the Pharmacy Museum of the Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy.

Throughout 2025, he continued to support the inclusion of pharmacy history in pharmacy curricula and to promote the international visibility of the field among communities interested in the history of the health sciences. Two ISHP working groups established during his presidency—one on pharmacy museums and historical collections and another on women pioneers in the history of pharmacy—began their initial coordination and documentation activities, intended to support further development under future leadership.

In September 2025, the *Journal of Clinical Practice and Research*, where he serves as Managing Editor and leads the *Medico-Pharmaceutical History* section, became a PubMed-indexed journal, thereby increasing its visibility and accessibility to international researchers.

As planned in advance and due to family reasons, Prof. Dr. Halil Tekiner stepped down from the ISHP Presidency on 31 December 2025, marking the end of his three-year term. His service during this period focused on enhancing ISHP's academic presence, supporting collaborative structures, and representing the Society at national and international meetings.



Halil Tekiner at the Pharmacy Museum, “Carol Davila” University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, 6 June 2025.

BELARUS

NATIONAL REPORT 2025 - 2026

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The pharmacy history office in the state pharmacy of Minsk held a seminar with representatives of pharmaceutical enterprises of Belarus, on the basis of which pharmacy museums operate.

Seventy-five excursions were conducted in five pharmacy museums of Belarus (free) for schoolchildren, students of educational institutions, and other categories of citizens.

The "Pharmaceutical magic" project was organized for school and gymnasium students to familiarize them with the process of making medicines in pharmacies.



Members of the club took part in the grand opening of the personal exhibition of the honored artist of the Republic of Belarus, Alexandra Dyatlova, at the art gallery of Mikhail Savitsky in Minsk. In the section "Pharmacy" her ceramic and porcelain works were displayed, which since 1987 have decorated the interior of the pharmacy in the historical part of Minsk.

At the personal exhibition of works by modern artist Lydia Lozovskaya in the History and Art Museum in Lyda, three of her paintings from the cabinet of the history of pharmacy of Belarus are exhibited: portraits of a doctor of medicine of Belarus XVI in. Francis Skorina, Minsk apothecary Joseph XVII in. pharmacist of the rural pharmacy Anna Adamovich XX in.



Sosonkina Valentina prepared a walking tour "Historical-cultural pharmaceutical heritage of Minsk" and presented it at the National Agency for Tourism.

Organized the work of VR museum and Retro pharmacy within the framework of the Minsk international exhibition "My Belarus." During two months, the exhibition area was visited by more than 6,000 citizens of the Republic of Belarus and foreign visitors.



Members of the club gave fifteen presentations at eight scientific and practical conferences in Belarus and Russia.

Four articles have been published in conference digests and in the publication of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus, "Medical Gazette":

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- Sosonkina V.F. "Home doctor book of the English doctor Buken William (1790-1792)". Materials XXI International Book Readings 17-18 April 2025 Minsk, National Library of Belarus, Minsk, 2025. P. 251-257.
- Sosonkina V.F.. Organization of the provision of medicines to the civilian population of Belarus in 1921-1940Materials XLVI of the annual international scientific conference of the St. Petersburg branch of the Russian National Committee for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology of the Russian Academy of Sciences. 27-31 October 2025 r. Issue XLI. St. Petersburg, 2025. – P. 289-292.
- Sosonkina V.F. Walking through the pharmacies of old Minsk // Medical bulleti. № 3, 11 September 2025. – P. 16-18.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA – ASSOCIATION FOR PHARMACY “PHARMACY MUSEUM” SARAJEVO

NATIONAL REPORT 2025 – 2026

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The year 2025 was marked by several important milestone activities for our association and the Museum of Pharmacy in Sarajevo.

In addition to the continuous organic growth in the number of visitors, the Museum's activities ensured a significant number of visits by primary and secondary school students, as well as pharmacy students from Bosnia and Herzegovina, thus fulfilling its primary mission—the promotion of pharmacy as an art, profession, and science to future generations.

The Museum's regular activities include an educational program for its youngest visitors on the safe use of medicines through interactive workshops on making lip balms and vitamin gummy candies.



The Museum also organized two scientific conferences dedicated to the books Ljekaruša—manuscript recipe collections of traditional medicines that are characteristic of the Western Balkans, particularly Bosnia and Herzegovina. One of the conference's key conclusions was the formation of a working group that will prepare a comprehensive monograph aimed at systematically presenting the well-known and preserved Ljekaruša tradition as part of the cultural-historical heritage and health culture of the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina.



These manuscripts are particularly significant because they illustrate the multicultural and multiethnic character of Bosnia and Herzegovina. They were created within Islamic, Catholic, Orthodox, and Jewish communities that have lived together in the region for centuries.

On the occasion of the Museum of Pharmacy's anniversary, the Museum presented the virtual reality application "Display of Sarajevo Pharmacy in the 19th Century." This metaverse experience, called "Pharmaverse," provides visitors with an interactive introduction to the first modern pharmacies in Sarajevo and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The virtual reality experience continues by showcasing the interior of a historic pharmacy, the pharmacist-patient relationship, and the way pharmacies operated, while also presenting interesting historical facts related to pharmacy. The realization of this project was supported by the Ministry of Culture and Sports and the Tourist Association of Sarajevo Canton.



At the end of the year, the Museum hosted the promotion of the monograph *Compendium Elazar*, which presents a collection of previously unpublished but preserved manuscript recipes for medicinal preparations by the renowned Sarajevo pharmacist Samuel Elazar.

Samuel Elazar, a member of the Jewish community, made an immeasurable contribution to the study of the history of pharmacy in Bosnia and Herzegovina through his work in pharmacy and research on traditional medicine. He also contributed significantly to the preservation of Sephardic culture in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Europe as the author of the poetry collection *Jewish-Spanish Romancero* (*El Romancero Judeo-Español*).

The monograph contains more than 30 selected handwritten medicinal recipes that were donated to the Museum of Pharmacy by Samuel Elazar's daughters. The publication was edited by university professors Saša Pilipović, Alija Uzunović, and Tarik Catić.

The year concluded with a public health awareness campaign and an exhibition on diabetes and the historical development of its treatment, supported by the Ministry of Health of Sarajevo Canton.

CZECHIA – THE SECTION OF HISTORY OF PHARMACY OF THE CZECH PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY

NATIONAL REPORT 2025 - 2026

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In 2025, the Section of the History of Pharmacy in Collaboration with the Czech Pharmaceutical Museum organized its 70th Symposium on the History of Pharmacy, which was held in Kuks on May 24. Among other topics, the current situation and future of the field of history of pharmacy in the Czech Republic were discussed. The next symposium is planned on May 2026 in Brno.

Within a series of lectures by foreign specialists, hosted by Faculty of Pharmacy of Masaryk University in Brno, the president of ISHP Halil Tekiner presented a lecture on “History as a Professional Compass” in Pharmacy in April 2025.

Extensive research focused on feminization of Czech pharmacy in the 20th century resulted in study published in journal Česká a Slovenská Farmacie (listed below). More articles on history of pharmacy were published in magazines, such as Časopis českých lékárníků and on-line Magazin Healthcomm (series by Tomáš Arndt Zapomenuté lékové formy / Forgotten Dosage Forms and Slavné české léky / Famous Czech Drugs).

The Czech Pharmaceutical Museum, although organized independently from the Section of History of Pharmacy, has been contributing samples of historical medicinal products for ongoing research on their composition and long-term stability. This research is led by prof. Karel Nesměrák from Faculty of Science, Charles University in Prague.

For more information and updates from our Society and Section, please visit our website: www.cfs-cls.cz.

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FRANCE – FRENCH SOCIETY OF HISTORY OF PHARMACY (2025)

NATIONAL REPORT 2025 - 2026

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The Society for the History of Pharmacy (SHP) had a 2025 that was just as active as previous years. We were able to meet frequently, holding six sessions, including one held in Lyon, which gave us the opportunity to visit several old apothecaries and museums in the region. In addition, we organized a special session at Val-de-Grâce in Paris on the early days of antibiotic therapy in France, particularly with regard to production. Another session, held in partnership with the Musée de Matière Médicale in Paris, was dedicated to botany and medieval gardens. It marked the 400th session since the SHP's founding in 1913. In total, more than 400 people attended our sessions in 2025.

The SHP's various communication channels—the Revue d'Histoire de la Pharmacie, the website www.shp-asso.org, the Facebook group “Société d'Histoire de la Pharmacie,” LinkedIn (994 followers versus 634 in 2024), and Instagram—have all been active and have significantly increased our society's visibility. For over 12 years, our website has published a monthly temporary exhibition (the 201st exhibition is currently running), the latest of which focused on poison and famous poisoners. It also allows users to view or rewatch all the lectures archived there.

As for the Journal, it remains accessible online via the Persée database through the year 2020 (Only abstracts are available for issues published after 2020.) In 2025, our journal published a total of 606 pages (616 pages in 2024), including 21 research studies and 74 miscellaneous articles.



As it does every year, the SHP, together with the Maurice Bouvet-Henri Bonnemain family, established a prize awarded by the National Academy of Pharmacy; this year, the prize was awarded to Mathilde Arterit for her thesis "Portraits of pharmacists and pharmacy students from Nantes exhibiting heroic behavior during the two world wars." The Parmentier Medal was also attributed to Patrick Bouurinet for 2025 for his long experience in the field of history of pharmacy. The Society for the History of Pharmacy, in collaboration with the Paris Faculty of Pharmacy, organized two exhibitions in 2025: The first, titled "History, Pharmacy, and Pediatrics," in February 2025, and the second on "Portable pharmacies and first-aid kits from the 18th century to the present day." Over 700 visitors were able to enjoy these free exhibitions. The "Aspirin" exhibition was presented again in September 2025 at the Faculty of Pharmacy in Strasbourg, then at the site of the Central Army Pharmacy in Orléans, attracting nearly 400 visitors. In total, more than 1,200 visitors enjoyed the SHP's exhibitions.



Finally, the SHP supported the exhibition "Alphonse Allais returns to the Paris Faculty," held in December 2025 in collaboration with the Alphonse Allais Museum in Honfleur. Finally, the SHP launched a restoration program for the memorial monuments of the Paris Faculty of Pharmacy, specifically the two war memorials and the bust of Dorvault, a pharmacist and founder of the Pharmacie Centrale de France, one of the largest pharmaceutical companies of the 19th century.

In 2026, we will continue to actively promote the history of pharmacy. This year also marks the tenth anniversary of the University Diploma in the History of Pharmacy at the University of Paris, with the active involvement of SHP members. Visits and case studies

are also planned. As every year, training will be provided by SHP members. We also participate in courses for pharmacy students in Paris, Lyon, and Lille, as well as a course for the general public in Paris. Two new exhibitions will be held in 2026 : the first, in February 2026, is titled "The Theriac: From Emperor Nero to President Fallières, a Two-Thousand-Year-Old Remedy," and the second, in September 2026, will focus on the early days of the pharmaceutical industry before 1900.

HONG KONG – HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

NATIONAL REPORT 2025 - 2026

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As 2025 was the Year of the Wooden Snake, the profound imagery of "rebirth and renewal" associated with this astrological period renders it an exceptionally auspicious time to embark upon new ventures. A late start in activities was noted:

April: The Hong Kong Society for the History of Pharmacy (HKSHP) was invited to deliver a presentation on "Pharmacy Education during the Republican Era, 1912-1949 at the Straits Hospital Pharmacy Conference held in Chengdu from April 11 to 15. While there, the delegates from Hong Kong and Taiwan were taken to visit the West China School of Pharmacy of Sichuan University, founded by Edwin Meuser (1880-1970), a pharmaceutical missionary from Ontario, Canada in 1918. A Chinese pagoda design school was built to offer a degree course in pharmacy in 1932 (see picture)

June: On June 9, a writing workshop was convened in Taipei by M.K. Yeh, the inaugural secretary general of the Taiwan Food and Drug Administration, and editor of the Taiwan section of The Handbook of History of Pharmacy in Asia. The workshop was facilitated by the volume's editors-in-chief, Patrick Chiu of the HKSHP and Dr. Yolanda Robles, President of the Federation of Asian Pharmaceutical Associations, in preparation for the handbook's scheduled publication by Springer in early 2027.



1932, opening of the new School of Pharmacy building of Sichuan University.



A group photo of the authors and editors of Taiwan History of Pharmacy. Front row, left to right: M.K.Yeh, editor, Chang Yuli, Director, The Veterans General Hospital, Yolanda Robles, president, FAPA and co-editor-in-chief (centre), *The Handbook*, Huang Jin-shun, president, Federation of Taiwan Pharmacists Associations, and Patrick Chiu, president of HKSHP and editor-in-chief of *The Handbook*.

July: The traditional Chinese language version of *A History of Western Pharmacy in China* was launched at the Hong Kong Book Fair by the City University of Hong Kong Press from July 16-21.

As part of the education programmed of the Society, a series of papers and lectures were published or delivered by Patrick Chiu on behalf the Society:

September: An original research article “Chinese Medicine in Hong Kiong, 1842-1941” was published in the *Chinese Medicine and Culture quarterly journal*.

October: An original research article on the “Hong Kong Formulary of 1950” by the *Hong Kong Medical Journal*.

A presentation was delivered by Patrick Chiu at the 12th Convention of the Society for Ethnopharmacology India in New Dehli on October 31.



November: A separate talk was given to the faculty and students on *Asian History of Pharmacy* at the Jadavpur University in Kolkata on November 3.

December: A simplified Chinese language book on *The Cultural History of Western Pharmacy*, published by Shanghai Jiaotong University on December 12 with a webinar held on the same day with over 100 attendants.



In commemoration of the centennial of the International Society for the History of Pharmacy, the HKSHP took the lead in 2025 in coordinating 60 authors—primarily medical historians and pharmacy practitioners—to compile *The Handbook of Chinese History of Pharmacy*. Slated for release in September 2026, this comprehensive volume consists of six sections, 60 chapters, and approximately 600,000 words. The handbook will serve as a major reference work for faculty and students engaged in Asian studies, international relations, the history of medicine, and pharmacy.

GERMANY – REPORT DGGP (DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR GESCHICHTE DER PHARMAZIE) GERMANY 2025

NATIONAL REPORT 2025 – 2026

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For the DGGP – the German Society for the History of Pharmacy – the highlight of 2025 was the Biennial Conference on the History of Pharmacy, which was dedicated to the theme of ‘Salts and Inorganic Compounds’. The conference took place from 25 to 27 April 2025 in Lüneburg, known as the ‘Salt City’.

Our heartfelt thanks go to pharmacist Kathrin Bosse-Bringewatt for her exceptionally successful and comprehensive organisation of the 2025 Biennale, which left nothing to be desired.

As pharmacist Dr. habil Susanne Landgraf was no longer available for reelection as President of the DGGP halfway through her term of office for personal reasons, Dr Angela Raab was elected as the new President of the DGGP by the General Assembly on 25 April 2025. Dr Angela Raab is a pharmacist and the author of numerous specialist and non-fiction books. Dr Angela Raab is also Chair of the DGGP’s Rhineland-Palatinate/ Saarland regional group.

The outgoing and incoming Vice-President of the DGGP is pharmacist Dr Bernhard Müller, who also serves as the regional group representative for the Rhineland-Palatinate/ Saarland regional group.

The scientific lectures at the Biennale, which examined the topic comprehensively and from a wide variety of perspectives, impressively demonstrated just how diverse and significant the use of salts – particularly inorganic compounds – has been in pharmacology since antiquity (and in some cases still is, or has become so once again).

The lectures were published in Volume 22 of the ‘Veröffentlichungen zur Pharmaziegeschichte’ (Publications on the History of Pharmacy). The editor of the conference proceedings ‘Salts and Inorganic Compounds’ is once again Prof. Dr Christoph Friedrich, who, thankfully, also has processed the detailed editorial supervision and editing of the individual chapters. Like the other publications on the history of pharmacy, the academic presentations from the Biennale were once again published as book chapters by Wissenschaftliche Verlagsgesellschaft Stuttgart.

Successful presentations at the Biennale in Lüneburg, which subsequently appeared as academic articles in the conference proceedings 'Salze und Anorganika', were delivered by Dr Detlef Werner, Prof. Dr Michael Mönnich, Esther Jestädt, Prof. Dr Christoph Friedrich, Dr Marie-Krystin Borchers, Dr Marion Baschin, Dr Peter Hartwig Graepel, Prof. Dr Tanja Pommerening, Dr Julia Pflug, Prof. Dr Ulrich Meyer and Dr Annette Marquardt/ Prof. Dr Bettina Wahrig.

The interesting and informative presentations focused on inorganic salts, which played a prominent role as medicines before organic chemistry revolutionised pharmacy. However, as the presentations impressively highlighted, salts did not merely hold a prominent position as medicines – they were also widely used, for example, as preservatives for foodstuffs and as fertilisers in agriculture.

The scientific highlights in Lüneburg were not limited to the presentations, however; 16 scientific posters also enriched the Biennale's programm. Among the prize winners were Marco Steinbacher, who received first prize for his poster 'The History of Barbiturates – from Innovative Medicines to Instruments of (Self-)Murder'. Alexander Hillebrand won second prize for his poster 'Morphine substitution therapy in the Third Reich'. Finally, Carolin Kühn was awarded third prize for her poster 'The chemist Isaac Lifschüj and the dermatologist Paul Gerson Unna as scientific pioneers at Beiersdorf'.

The visit to the Alte Rats-Apotheke in Lüneburg was also particularly impressive. Dr Julia Wellsow, (co-)owner of this traditional pharmacy, guided the participants with great expertise, particularly through the herb chamber on the upper floor, which is accessed via a narrow staircase. Marvelling at curiosities such as 'Pulvis Marchionis' (Margrave's Powder), one felt as though one had been transported back to historical times.

On the final day of the congress, 27 April 2025, Dr Bernhard Müller, amongst others, gave a vivid presentation introducing the city of Gießen, which will be the next venue for the 2027 Biennale.

To mark the conclusion of the Biennale, the outgoing President, Dr. habil. Susanne Landgraf, awarded the Johannes Valentin Medal to Dr. Ursula Barthlen, as well as to Dr. Ursula Hirter-Trüb and Dr. Manfred Frankhauser.

Following the official close of the Biennale, Dr Rolf-Dieter Aye, a pharmacist, guided us through the German Salt Museum in Lüneburg and the salt works. Among other things, the various methods of salt extraction were explained in great detail.

The DGGP's regional groups were once again able to offer their members interesting and impressive events.

For example, the regional groups of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania (Chair: Anne Kerber, pharmacist), Schleswig-Holstein (Chair: Dr Hubertus Hug) and Hamburg (Chair: Kathrin Bosse-Bringewatt, pharmacist) hosted a joint symposium in Ribnitz-Damgarten in July 2025. The event included a guided tour of the German Amber Museum at Ribnitz Abbey, during which participants were able to view the exhibits. Various presentations (including by Prof. Dr Frank Leimkugel, Dr Hubertus Hug, J. Brack and Anne Kerber) rounded off the programme.

In September 2025, Dr Yvonne Remane, chair of the Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt regional groups, organised a regional event in Naunhof under the theme 'Pharmacists, Inventors, Educators – Naunhof's History(ies) beneath the Bridge Crane'. Participants were not only given a guided tour of the Alte Kranwerk in Naunhof; the programme was further enriched by various talks (including ones on 'Verbandmoos' and the pharmacist Emil Lersch and his award-winning insect display cases).

The autumn conference of the DGGP regional groups of Baden (Chair: Prof. Dr Michael Mönnich) and Württemberg (Chair: Prof. Dr Marcus Plehn) took participants to Schorndorf in October 2025. Under the theme 'Secret remedies, devilishly good herbs and strong women – spectacular aspects of pharmacy yesterday and today', participants were treated to a series of high-calibre lectures. A guided tour of the Gaupp'sche Apotheke pharmacy museum was also offered.

The annual event organised by the Rhineland-Palatinate/Saarland regional group (Dr Angela Raab/ Dr Bernhard Müller) took place in the historic cathedral city of Speyer. To begin with, colleagues were able to take part in a guided tour of the medieval Judenhof, including the mikveh and the SchPIRA Museum.

The afternoon began in the historic vaulted cellar of the Einhorn Pharmacy in Speyer. Presentations on various topics – the 2023 PTA reform, Hahnemann's wine tasting – were delivered in a cosy atmosphere with candlelight.

The following day, there was an opportunity to visit the Historical Museum of the Palatinate (in groups).

As can be seen, the regional events in particular combine academic excellence with cultural diversity.

Another highlight of 2025 was the anniversary symposium '60 Years of Roter Graben 10' in Marburg, at which the Institute for the History of Pharmacy and Medicine's milestone anniversary was celebrated in style.

The symposium took place on 12 December 2025 in Marburg; among others, the institute's Executive Director, Prof. Dr Tanja Pommerening, gave a presentation on new research at the institute.

Further events on various topics relating to the history of pharmacy also took place in Marburg during 2025. Also worth mentioning in this context are the 'Marburg Talks on Ancient Medicine', which took place in July 2025. A special feature is that the Marburg lectures can (in some cases) also be accessed as online events.

In summary, it can be said that those interested in the history of pharmacy can attend relevant events throughout the year and in a wide variety of locations.

But it is not only in-person events that can be attended. The 'History of Pharmacy' continues to contribute to the DGGP's ongoing presence; published quarterly as a supplement to the 'Deutsche Apotheker Zeitung', it reaches all readers of this journal – and of course all members of the DGGP. Our special thanks goes here to Prof. Dr Christoph Friedrich and Prof. Dr Axel Helmstädter for their continuous and tireless work.

The fact that the next generation of pharmaceutical historians is already in the starting blocks is evidenced, amongst other things, by a number of doctoral theses that have been successfully completed in 2025 at the universities of Marburg and Braunschweig.

Unfortunately, the year was also marked by a number of bereavements. The universally esteemed Prof. Dr Fritz Krafft passed away in 2025 at the age of 90. It would be futile to list here Prof. Dr Fritz Krafft's extensive contributions to the history of pharmacy, so we shall simply express our gratitude to him for his achievements in this field.

We also had to bid farewell to Dr Rosemarie Dilg-Frank in 2025. Her contributions to the history of pharmacy, which began with her doctoral thesis under Rudolf Schmitz in Marburg, are equally diverse and impressive.

For all colleagues interested in the history of pharmacy, exploring the roots and origins of the profession offers, not least, the opportunity to gain a better understanding of our profession – for it is shaped not least by the past, whilst at the same time undergoing constant change.

Further information on the events and objectives of the German Society for the History of Pharmacy can be found, amongst other places, on the website <https://dggp.de> .

HUNGARY – HUNGARIAN SOCIETY FOR PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES (2021–2025)

NATIONAL REPORT 2025 – 2026

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The 2021–2025 cycle of the History of Pharmacy Section of the Hungarian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences (MGYT) began with the challenges caused by the coronavirus pandemic. After navigating an unexpected leadership crisis, it ultimately became a period of organizational renewal and successful professional work. At the electoral general meeting held on September 23, 2021, the membership elected Tünde Ambrus as president for a fourth term, while Emese Gaál took over the duties of secretary. Although the leadership outlined ambitious plans for the 2021–2025 period at the Society's November coordination meeting, most of the planned events in the initial phase were canceled due to the pandemic. The first significant event in the professional life of the Section took place in September 2022, when an Örkeny memorial plaque was inaugurated at the former "Csillag" pharmacy on the occasion of World Pharmacists Day. This was followed by a lecture session, during which Dr. György Attila Tatár was awarded the József Ernyey Memorial Medal.

The years 2023 and 2024 presented serious organizational challenges for the Section after the then-president left the Society without prior consultation, abandoning her undertaken responsibilities. Continuous operation and the completion of deadline-driven projects were ultimately ensured by the members of the section, under the guidance of Secretary Dr. Emese Gaál and board member Dr. Attila Szabó. Thanks to their professional dedication, the MGYT centenary publication was completed on time despite the difficulties. The chapter summarizing the history of the Section in the volume was written by Dr. Emese Gaál and Dr. László Szmodits, while Dr. Attila Szabó prepared a comprehensive compilation of the medals issued by the Society to date.

The leadership shortcomings also made their impact felt during the organization of the 2024 Congressus Pharmaceuticus Hungaricus (CPH) in Debrecen. Although the historical section was placed in the logistically unfavorable "Pre-Congress" time slot, a Section team formed at the last minute saved the honor of the historical commemoration.

In the session opened by MGYT President Prof. Dr. Éva Szökő—also addressing international guests—numerous high-quality lectures were delivered in English and Hungarian, and the medal collection associated with the centenary publication was available for viewing in person. At the event, the József Ernyey Memorial Medal was awarded to Dr. József Göbel and Dr. László Mihu.

To restore smooth operations, an extraordinary general meeting was held on September 27, 2024, at the Society's headquarters in Budapest, where Dr. Attila Szabó was elected as acting president until the official elections in 2025. In parallel, regular history of pharmacy lecture sessions were relaunched. Following the September meeting, new professional lectures were held in November—alongside a commemoration for the suddenly deceased Prof. Dr. József Lipták—and on February 22, 2025, the membership gathered again for a historical retrospective. The Section also remained active in preserving professional memory: it was represented at the funeral of Prof. Dr. Károly Kapronczay in 2023, and in April 2025, it participated in the inauguration of Prof. Dr. Lajos Dávid's memorial plaque in Szeged.

The cycle, fraught with difficulties but rich in perseverance and professional achievements, was concluded by the national delegate assembly on May 10, 2025, and subsequently by the Section's electoral general meeting on September 19, 2025. At the event held at the MGYT headquarters in Budapest, the membership placed its trust in the leaders who had proven themselves during the transitional period: Dr. Attila Szabó officially became the President of the History of Pharmacy Section, and Dr. Margit Borbély became its Secretary.

ITALY – ACCADEMIA ITALIANA DI STORIA DELLA FARMACIA

NATIONAL REPORT 2025 - 2026

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The year 2025 was marked by numerous activities for the Italian Academy of the History of Pharmacy. The 75th anniversary of the Academy was celebrated under the High Patronage of the International Society for the History of Pharmacy. President Halil Tekiner attended the ceremony in Vercelli in May during the Congress.



In October the Order of Pharmacists of Bolzano dedicated a day of study “The World of Pharmacy and its History”, with presentation by Giorgio Giacomo Mellerio, Chiara Beatrice Vicentini, Ernesto Riva, Giovanni Cipriani, Maximim Liebl, Christian Wiedermann, and Egger Philipp, in commemoration of the signing ceremony in Bolzano at the Aquila Nera Pharmacy on June 2, 1950.

The 74th National Congress, held in Vercelli from May 16 to 18, 2025, at the Salone Dugentesco of the former Ospedale Maggiore S. Andrea, was a great success, thanks to the invaluable efforts of the members of the Consiglio di Reggenza. The presentations were of great interest. The visits to the Picciola Pharmacy Museum and the Bergoglio Museum were not to be missed.





On this occasion, Chiara Beatrice Vicentini was awarded the “Angelo Beccarelli Prize”. Annamaria Monti Beccarelli presented the prestigious plaque to her.



Our journal, *Attie Memorie*, expertly edited by Ernesto Riva, has published all the papers presented at our meetings, along with original contributions from scholars, researchers, and members of the academy:

- <https://museo.unifarco.it/it/riviste/202504-aprile-2025>
- <https://museo.unifarco.it/it/riviste/202508-agosto-2025>
- <https://museo.unifarco.it/it/riviste/202512-dicembre-2025>

We are pleased to announce that the special issue for the 2026 calendar has been printed. It features a survey and census of thirteen of the most fascinating historic Italian pharmacies, accompanied by brief histories and images.



The Italian Academy of the History of Pharmacy, organised a series of evening online lectures throughout 2025 under the title “La Storia Racconta” (Historical Tells), in collaboration with the University of Ferrara. Lecturers Giovanni Cipriani, Marco Zini, Maria Teresa Carani, Paulina Oszajca, and François Ledermann explored various aspects of the history of pharmacy,

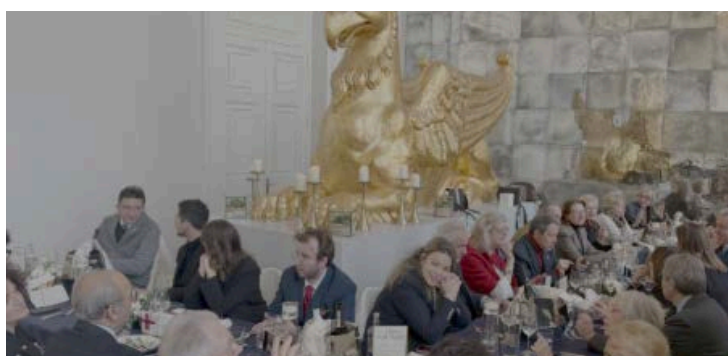
bringing together scholars, researchers, and enthusiasts in an accessible digital format.

In April 2025, our Academy was invited to the annual event "FarmacistaPiù, XII Congresso Farmacisti Italiani", an appointment focusing on the history of pharmacy.



The “Angelo Beccarelli” Museum and Historical-Pharmaceutical study Centre was inaugurated in Varedo (MB) in October. It was strongly supported by the Beccarelli family, fulfilling Angelo’s dream and culminating years of passion in collecting evidence of the history of pharmacy.

Several social events were organized throughout the year, including a convivial gathering held on 30 November 2025, at the “Grifone del Teatro Galli” in Rimini.



Upcoming events:

The Italian Academy of the History of Pharmacy is pleased to announce new initiatives and forthcoming events planned for 2026, aimed at fostering historical scholarship and public engagement in the field of pharmaceutical history.

The 75th Italian National Congress on the History of Pharmacy will take place in Monza from June 19 to 21, 2026, at the “Teatrino di Corte della Villa Reale”. Participants wishing to present should submit a short abstract by April 17, 2026, to: congresso.aisf@unife.it



Exhibition – Tipoteca Italiana (Cornuda, TV) from March 7 to July 4, 2026 will host a major exhibition “Le Medicine raccontano – Il linguaggio della cura tra scienza, grafica e comunicazione”, curated by scholars of the Italian Academy of History of Pharmacy, Chiara Beatrice Vicentini, Ernesto Riva, Annamaria Monti Beccarelli, Paolo Zambon and Carla Camana.



Le medicine raccontano
Il linguaggio della cura tra scienza, grafica e comunicazione

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IRANIAN SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY (IRSHP)

NATIONAL REPORT 2025 - 2026

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The 2nd History of Medicine Meeting, Entangled Histories: Contribution of Iran and Türkiye to the Development of Medical Sciences

This international event was held in Shiraz, Iran from Oct 07 – 10, 2025. The IrSHP contributed to holding this event as co-organizer. Dr. Arman Zargaran, the president of IrSHP chaired this meeting. The Research Office for the History of Persian Medicine at Shiraz University of Medical Sciences hosted the event. The Department of History of Medicine at Tehran University of Medical Sciences and Department of History of Medicine and Ethics, Faculty of Medicine, Suleyman Demirel University (Türkiye) were other co-organizers. Sixteen lectures and oral presentations were given by researchers from Iran, Türkiye, Uzbekistan, and France; and there were also thirty-one poster presentations. The expanded abstracts of 30 top presentations were published in the Journal of Research on History of Medicine.



Participating in 10 days Thai Traditional Medicine short course in Bangkok

Applied Thai Traditional Medicine Center at Siriraj Faculty of Medicine, Mahidol University was the host of 6 PhD candidates nominated by School of Persian Medicine, Tehran University of Medical Sciences; including two PhD candidates of history of medicine and one PhD candidates of traditional pharmacy (IrSHP members) in Bangkok, Thailand from August 20 to 29, 2025.



PSpeech on Ancient Persian History of Pharmacy in the meeting of "Researching the Past, Advancing the Future"

Dr. Arman Zargaran, President of IrSHP, delivered a lecture titled "Ancient Iranian Archaeological Findings in Pharmacy and Cosmetic Sciences" at the "Researching the Past, Advancing the Future" event hosted by the National Technical Museum in Prague, Czech Republic, April 9, 2025.



**Researching the Past,
Advancing the Future of Medicine II**

Wednesday, 9 April 2025

National Technical Museum, Kotelní 42, I/PO 78 Praha 7, Czech Republic

National Technical Museum of Czech Republic is an organizer of this multidisciplinary conference exploring the impact of archaeology and the history of medicine on contemporary practice invite scientists, students, and enthusiasts to join us in uncovering the lessons of the past to shape the future of healthcare.

The study of archaeology and the history of medicine extends beyond academic curiosity—it plays a vital role in advancing modern medical practice. By understanding historical developments, we can avoid redundant research and correct long-standing misconceptions. Our conference highlights how historical insights have influenced and continue to shape contemporary medicine and healthcare.

We warmly invite you to attend the speech:

**ANCIENT PERSIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDINGS
IN PHARMACY AND COSMETIC SCIENCES**

Arman Zargaran, PharmD, PhD
Department of History of Medicine, Tehran University of Medical Sciences

OVERVIEW OF THE SPEECH

Archaeological findings are very important sources for completing the puzzle of medical history development in ancient civilizations, especially since there are not enough written sources, and these findings can help clarify the historical picture, either as a complement or even above. Ancient Persia is one of the oldest civilizations dating back thousands of years ago. Ancient times of Persia (Iran) applies to the history of Persian from prehistoric times to entrance of Islam to Iran in 7th century by invasion of Muslim Arabs to Iran. There was an advanced medicine and pharmacy there that had developed and matured over the centuries. We aimed to make clearance to pharmaceutical development in ancient Persia using archaeological findings in this study. The findings are the result of images that the researcher obtained by traveling and photographing museums and historical sites in Iran and other countries. Results show advanced pharmaceutical tools like censers, distillation tools, sieves, pestle and mortars, tripods, pharmaceutical containers, etc. Also, the findings clarify the tools used for cosmetic sciences, including the evidence on cosmetics and also tools and materials in antiquity. Merging these findings with other sources can help us to shed light the history of pharmacy and cosmetics in ancient Persia.

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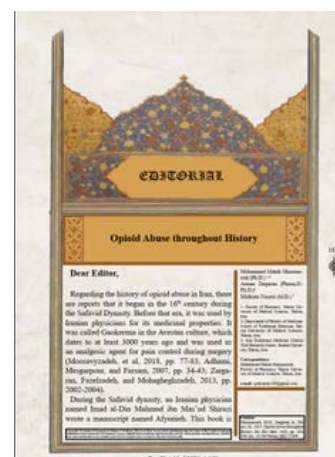
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Publications:

IrSHP members contributed to scientific projects on the history of pharmacy and medicine. Some examples of published articles by them are shown below:



JAPAN – THE JAPANESE SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY (JSHP)

NATIONAL REPORT 2025 – 2026

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Message from the JSHP President:

On behalf of the Japanese Society for the History of Pharmacy, I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to the International Society for the History of Pharmacy (ISHP) on celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2026. I wish the ISHP continued success in recognizing the important contributions that pharmacy has made to the health of the global population.



Dr. Shinji Funayama,
President of JSHP

JSHP celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2024, and we look forward to engaging in highly fulfilling activities in the future. As the President of JSHP I would like to present a brief summary of my background. As I joined JSHP in 1976, this year will mark my 50th year as a member. In April 2024, I assumed the role of President. March 2026 will mark two years of having the honor of serving the society in this role.

My initial motivation for joining JSHP in 1976 was a concern that even though it had been over 100 years since the introduction of the pharmacist system in Japan, the work and status of pharmacists had not been firmly established. Since then, however, some major changes have occurred in Japan, including the extension of the length of study at university pharmacy schools from four to six years in 2006. I believe it is necessary to examine what has been gained and lost due to this major reform in the pharmacy education. In other words, I feel a strong need to look back at the past, assess the present, and anticipate the future. The connections between these perspectives continue to fascinate me.

JSHP currently has approximately 250 members. The history of pharmacy is truly 1 the history of human culture and its health, and this is for me endlessly absorbing. I would like to invite more people, especially young researchers and students, who are interested in this fascinating history of pharmacy to join our circle. To that end, I will strive to ensure the smooth operation of the society, so that we can hold even more active and enjoyable annual meetings as well as produce academic publications.

At the same time, through our collaborations with ISHP, we hope to actively exchange information and look forward to the continued support of its members from around the world.

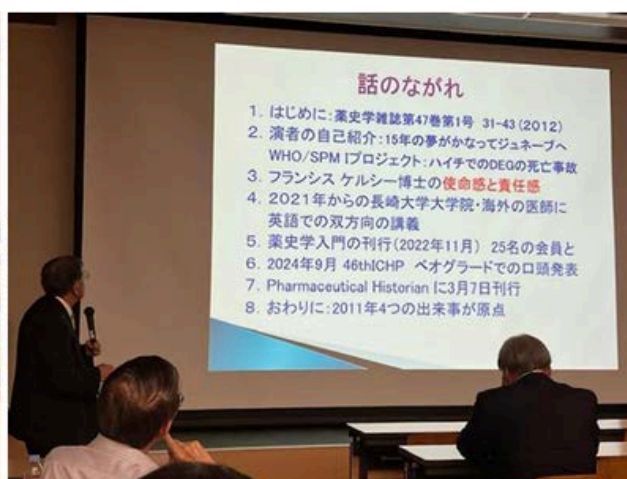
Meetings:

• JSHP held a public lecture on April 19, 2025 in the auditorium of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Tokyo with two presentations: Lecture 1: Where was the University of Tokyo Model Pharmacy? by Dr. Tetsuo Nagano, Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo; and Lecture 2: Twenty-five Years of Ethics Educational Materials Development for Medical Students - Fostering a Sense of Mission and Responsibility by Dr. Kazushige Morimoto, Visiting Researcher, National Institute of Health Sciences (NIHS), Visiting Professor, Nagasaki University, Department of International Health, Medical care and Welfare.

Snapshots from public lecture:



Dr. Nagano's lecture venue



Dr. Morimoto giving a lecture

The General Assembly Meeting of JSHP was held on April 19, 2025. All proposals, including the previous year's activity report, financial statements, this year's activity plan, executive structure, and budget were approved as proposed. In addition, the awards of the 2024 Annual Meeting were presented to the following recipients:

1. Best Presentation Award (Oral Presentation): Mr. Yu Yamagata (Graduate School of Letters, Nishogakusha University)
2. Excellent Presentation Award (Oral Presentation): Ms. Otoha Bando (Kindai University, Faculty of Pharmacy)
3. Excellent Presentation Award (Poster Presentation): Dr. Kazuyoshi Takeda (Yokohama Pharmaceutical University)

Photo of the award ceremony:

Mr. Yamagata (left) receiving the Best Presentation Award from the previous year's chairman(right)

The 16th Shibata Forum was held on August 2, 2025 at the Ochanomizu Campus of Nihon Pharmaceutical University in Tokyo, and 26 participants attended. To commemorate Dr. Shoji Shibata (1915-2016), the 4th president of JSHP, this forum has been held in the summer, bringing together cutting-edge scholars conducting research related to the history of pharmacy.

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Two presentations were made: Lecture 1: *Materials on Japan's First Female Bachelor of Science Researcher: Chika Kuroda and the Archives* by Dr. Satoshi Kato, Professor, Tohoku University Museum; and Lecture 2: *The Ama-no-Iwato Myth and the Science of Cannabis: Unraveling the Wisdom of Ancient Peoples Suggested by the Thermal Isomerization of Cannabidiol (CBD) to Δ 9 Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)* by Dr. Kazuyoshi Takeda, Visiting Professor, Yokohama Pharmaceutical University. After these lectures, exchanges between participants and an open discussion session were held.



Opening remarks from the chairman



Dr. Kato giving a lecture



Dr. Takeda receiving the Excellent Presentation Award and giving a lecture

On October 4, 2025, the Annual Meeting was held at the Shizuoka Institute of Science and Technology with 107 attendees. Fourteen oral presentations and nine poster presentations on diverse themes were delivered, which were followed by lively discussions. Two special lectures were also delivered. They included a presentation by Dr. Munenori Inoue, Director, Sagami Chemical Research Institute, entitled, *The Development History of Fluorine-Containing Pharmaceuticals: From Poisoned Arrows to Blockbusters*, and another by Mr. Kentaro Sato, Science Writer, entitled, *Drugs that Changed World History*. Before the closing ceremony, Mr. Hirohiko Suzuki (Pharmacist, Mutsugoro Pharmacy; Visiting Lecturer, Toho University) gave an invited lecture related to the history of the Shizuoka area, entitled, *Traditional Kampo Medicines of Tokugawa Ieyasu: His Interest and Expertise in Pharmacology*. Tokugawa Ieyasu, one of Japan's greatest rulers, became shogun in 1603, and was known to have had a deep interest in medicinal plants. That evening, a reception was held, where members enjoyed conversations over delicious food.

The following day, 40 members enjoyed a Pharmaceutical History Bus Tour in Shizuoka with visits to the Nihon-daira, Kunozaan Toshogu Shrine, Fugetsuro, Iozan Yusanji Temple, and Sawano Clinic Memorial Hall.



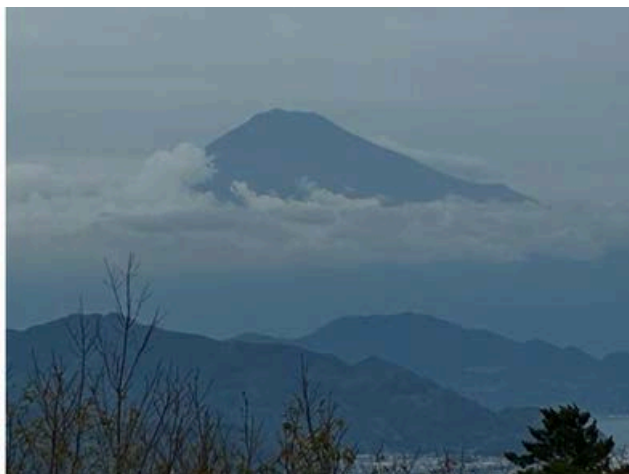
Venue view of the oral presentations



Poster Presentation Session



Opening speech at the reception



Mount Fuji as seen from Nihon-daira



Inside the bus, surrounded by smiles



Tour of Kunozan Tosyogu



☆ The Kunozaan Toshogu Shrine has a history of over 400 years, and enshrines Lord Tokugawa Ieyasu, who founded the Tokugawa Shogunate in 1603, bringing peace to Japan for 265 years. The beautifully decorated shrine buildings were designated as a National Treasure in 2010.



Group photo at the strolling pond garden of Fugetsuro



Exterior of Sawano Clinic Memorial Hall

The Six Societies Meeting of the Histories of Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Nursing, and Western Learning was held on December 20, 2025. At this meeting, Dr. Takuji Yamamoto (President of Matrixome Company, Ltd.), a member of JSHP was invited to present a lecture entitled, The History of Research and Development of Collagen Medical Applications.



Dr. Yamamoto answers questions



Scene from the social gathering venue

JSHP Publications:

JSHP published volume 60 numbers 1 and 2 of the *Japanese Journal for the History of Pharmacy (Yakushigaku-Zasshi)* and the *History of Pharmacy Newsletter (in Japanese)*, numbers 94 and 95.

Member Awards:

Dr. Shinji Funayama, JSHP president, has been awarded the 2025 Pharmaceutical Society of Japan Education Award by the Pharmaceutical Society of Japan (JSP). The award was presented in recognition of "Enlightening People at All Levels of Society about Pharmaceutical Knowledge through His Writings and Lectures." This award recognizes Dr. Funayama's many years of dedication to writing, lecturing, and educational activities centering on pharmaceutical history, particularly in Japan.



Photo of Award ceremony

Member Publications:

Dr. Shinji Funayama published *The Japanese and Plants: From Food, Clothing, and Shelter to Poisons and Medicines* (in Japanese), Hara Shobō Publishing Company, in December 2025. This book describes the historical relationship between the Japanese and plants, their role as poisons and medicines, and in particular the history of their medicinal uses.



Book cover of "The Japanese and Plants: From Food, Clothing, and Shelter to Poisons and Medicines"

Pharmaceutical History Exhibition at the University of Tokyo:

From April 2022 to March 2025, the University of Tokyo Pharmaceutical Library has hosted six exhibitions in the 2nd floor reading room, aiming to promote the development of pharmaceutical research and pharmaceutical history in Japan. For details of past exhibitions, please refer to the following URL (Japanese only): <https://www.lib.f.u-tokyo.ac.jp/tenji/>

The most recent exhibition, held from January 24 to March 25, 2025, was titled, *The Establishment and Significance of the Pharmaceutical History Library — Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Founding of the Japanese Society for the History of Pharmacy (JSHP)*. It showcased valuable academic materials from those who contributed to the founding and development of the JSHP, highlighting the establishment and significance of the Pharmaceutical History Library.

For the exhibition catalog, please refer to the following URL (Japanese only): [zuroku_yakushigakubunko20250124.pdf](https://www.lib.f.u-tokyo.ac.jp/tenji/yakushigakubunko20250124.pdf)

47th ISHP Congress:

To promote international collaboration between ISHP and its member organizations as well as information exchanges with overseas researchers, JSHP has decided to partially cover the participation costs of the presenters representing JSHP at the 47th ISHP Congress (100th Anniversary Commemoration), scheduled for September 2-5, 2026 in Innsbruck, Austria.

Website Update:

The JSHP website was updated to include smartphone support, social media links, and YouTube videos (oral presentations made at the annual meeting, recorded and edited by the presenters). A Content Management System (WordPress) was also introduced in Japanese with English subtexts.

The URL for these resources is <https://plaza.umin.ac.jp/yakushi/>

Journal articles in Japanese, which include an English abstract can also be downloaded free-of-charge from the same website.

LITHUANIA – LITHUANIAN SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

NATIONAL REPORT 2025 – 2026

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Key Activities and Commemorations in 2025

The Lithuanian Society for the History of Pharmacy continues its activities in close cooperation with the Museum of the History of Lithuanian Medicine and Pharmacy.

Museum Anniversary

In 2025, special attention was devoted to the 50th anniversary of the Museum of the History of Lithuanian Medicine and Pharmacy. The anniversary was commemorated through academic and public events, including conference presentations and publications (Fig. 1. Prof. Ramunė Morkūnienė, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy at Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, congratulates the museum on its anniversary and presents a valuable exhibit (Photo: Edvinas Kričkovas)).

The history of the museum was also presented at the international conference held on October 17–18 in Basel, dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the Pharmacy Museum at the University of Basel.

Presentation: Vilma Gudienė – *“Pharmaceutical History, Politics, and Passion: The Making of a Museum in Soviet-Occupied Lithuania.”*

This presentation highlighted the museum’s development from a small faculty collection into an important academic and cultural institution.

The articles dedicated to the museum’s anniversary were published in professional journals.

International Conference

April 10: The international conference “Contemporary Pharmacy: Issues, Challenges and Expectations 2025” was held at the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences. The conference was dedicated to the centenary of the first pharmacy diploma awarded in Kaunas (1925).

Each year, a dedicated section on the history of pharmacy is organized as part of the conference. The presentations explored the development of pharmacy education, student life, academic traditions, and the role of pharmacists in different historical contexts (Fig. 2. Dr. Agnė Mazurkevičiūtė next to a collage illustrating pharmacy diploma awarding and graduation celebrations over a century).



International Cooperation

On April 3, 2025, the Museum hosted representatives of Aromas Itinerarium Salutis (AIS) from the University of Valencia.

Discussions focused on future cooperation in preserving European pharmacy heritage. During the visit, the joint exhibition “*Materia Medica*” was opened in collaboration with the Botanical Garden of Vytautas Magnus University.

Exhibitions and Heritage Activities

An exhibition on pharmacy interiors in Soviet Lithuania was prepared by Angelė Rudžianskaitė at the Museum of the History of Lithuanian Medicine and Pharmacy. The exhibition revealed the aesthetic, functional, and ideological aspects of pharmacy interiors from the 1970s to the 1990s. The topic was further developed in a conference presentation (“*The Phenomenon of Pharmacy Interiors in Kaunas (1970–1990)*”) and presented to a wider audience through a public article in the media (Fig. 3. Interior of a Soviet-era pharmacy in Kaunas, 1980).

Another important focus of the year was the centenary of the historic “Viltis Pharmacy” in Kaunas. This pharmacy is notable for preserving an exceptional interior, including a unique fresco of artistic and cultural value (Fig. 4. Fresco created in 1983 by artist Antanas Kmieliauskas in the Viltis Pharmacy, Kaunas. (Photo: Edvinas Kričkovas). Its anniversary attracted considerable public and media attention, highlighting the importance of safeguarding pharmacy heritage as part of the broader cultural landscape.



NORWAY & CYGNUS – ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE NORWEGIAN SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

NATIONAL REPORT 2025 - 2026

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Introduction

The board's objective has been to maintain activities at the same level as previous years and ensure that membership does not decline. The Society for the History of Pharmacy has appointed a new chairperson and treasurer, which has required significant time for understanding operations and establishing routines. The board has sought to renew meeting concepts, venues, and overall operations, for instance, by expanding the use of the board web platform, establishing a new banking relationship that enables bank integration with the board web, and reducing manual follow-up on invoices, among other initiatives. A separate annual report for Cygnus has been prepared (attached to this annual report).

The Board

The composition and establishment of the board after the election at the general assembly on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, have been as follows:

Name	Role	Term
Kristin Svanqvist	Chair	2025-2027
Agnes Gombås	Board Member	2025-2027
Holger Moe Tørisen	Board Member	2025-2027 *
Anne Gerd Granås	Board Member	2024-2026
Anne Elise Eggen	Board Member	2024-2026
John Billy Nenningsland	Board Member	2024-2026

*Holger Moe Tørisen passed away in February 2025.

Nominating Committee

- Bente By Jansen 2025 – 2027
- Håvard Selby Ebbestad 2024 – 2026

Auditor

- Paul Tore Nielsen was chosen for 1 year. Deputy auditor: Svein-Olav Elvegård, chosen for 1 year.

Board Meetings

Five digital board meetings have been held in 2025. Additionally, the board has maintained good communication, clarifications, and decisions via email.

Activities

April

- General Assembly and Spring Meeting on April 8
- Spring Meeting: Pharmacists Without Borders (FUG) celebrates its 20th anniversary – 3 presentations:
 - “FUG established in Norway.” Karl Arne Wærnhus, pharmacist, former pharmacy owner.
 - “FUG – a sprightly 20-year-old that has made an impact in several countries in Africa. How did it start?” Inger Johanne Ektvedt, pharmacist, former pharmacy owner.
 - “Pharmacies in refugee camps.” Ørjan Leiknes Apeland, pharmacist and managing director of Ås Production Lab.

August

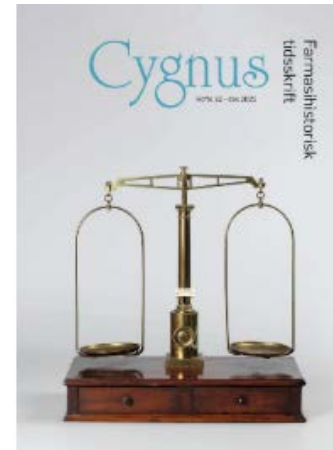
- Svanestup, Svanen Bar on August 25: Conversations with former employees/interns.
 - Anne Gerd Granås held discussions with three pharmacists: Helge Knudsen Strømme, Agnes Gombos, and Merete Klausen. They shared stories from their time at Svaneapoteket. The event was a great success with 70 participants.

November

- Fall Meeting on November 6, "Pharmacist Migration & Pharmacy Coverage – What's Happening?"
 - Immigration of pharmacists to Norway over the last 25 years has been influenced by various factors, such as changes in the pharmacy market, increased demand for healthcare personnel, globalization, and shifts in the education system. Many pharmacists from EU countries and other parts of the world have come to Norway for work, contributing to filling the shortages in the country. Presentations by Kristian Svendsen, Anne Elise Eggen, and Saleem Iqbal.
 - A fascinating meeting with 60 participants, and a journalist from Farmatid attended and produced a feature article.
- Participation with a booth at the Pharmacy Days on November 13-14, Oslo Congress Center, People's House.

March

- Launch party for the new issue of Cygnus on March 3, Collettgården, Norwegian Museum of Cultural History:
 - The three contributors to this year's issue of Cygnus presented their articles:
 - "Weight as a Tool and Symbol – Precision, Standardization, and Morality in Pharmacy History." Gjertrud Sæter
 - "Dispensing Veronal as Fox Poison with Certification from Police or District Officer. Illustration. Pharmacy Nordstjernen in Tromsø (1959 – 1971)." Gunvor Solheim
 - "Mapping and Registering Pharmacy Exhibits and Pharmacy Collections throughout Norway." John Billy Nenningsland
 - A very successful launch meeting with 38 participants.

**Members & Honorary Members**

Membership Overview: As of December 31, 2025, there are 226 paying members and 3 honorary members. The current honorary member is Gunvor Solheim. Honorary members who have passed away: Holger Moe Tørisen (b. 1941 - d. 2026), Mathis Gundersveen (b. 1928 - d. 2025), Yngve Torud (b. 1940 - d. 2017), Aslaug Gombos (b. 1937 - d. 2021).

Oslo, March 15, 2026

The chairperson thanks everyone for a great collaboration and a good year!

Annual Report Cygnus, Issue 32 - 2025

We have 226 members. Cygnus Issue 32 - 2025 was printed in 261 copies, and 221 were sent to members in March 2026.

Brief History:

The chairperson of NFHS, Kristin Svanqvist, and I were contacted early in October 2025 by former editor Holger Moe Tørisen, who wished for me to take over as editor. He was then hospitalized after an acute illness and passed away in February 2026. Please see the attached obituary. Three planned contributions were sent by the authors, to which I provided written feedback in two rounds. KS and I had a meeting in December with Holger and Arvid (Graphic Production for previous Cygnus), both of whom declined the responsibility for the new issue. Previous backups of texts and logos are considered lost, as Arvid's computer crashed. PDFs of previous issues have been posted on our websites. Sissel Brinchmann has copies of these, as well as the logos.

New Agreements and Updates:

An agreement was established with Jonny Johansen at Yeah Yeah for 40 hours of work. This also included the responsibility for obtaining two quotes from a printing company, and he communicated with the selected printer. Yeah Yeah followed up on the printing of the proof copy and dispatch to members in the last week of February 2026. Yeah Yeah created a layout proposal (text, images, fonts, etc.). We had two rounds of proofreading that included Anne Gerd and contributors Gjertrud Sæter, Gunvor Solheim, and John Billy Nenningsland. Jonny corrected all printing errors and integrated all feedback. Membership lists were updated by Kristin Svanqvist and Agnes Gombos. Text, images, logos, and fonts are sent from Yeah Yeah to the editor and stored in our shared archive on the board's website and the Flickr image archive.

Theme for the Next Journal 2026:

The theme for the next journal is almost self-evident - 25 years with the new pharmacy law.

- Anne G will send a copy to the National Library, agreed with Sissel Brinchmann.
- The deadline for issue 33 - 2026 is printing on December 1, 2026, to keep us on schedule with the years.
- The deadline for written contributions is October 1.
- Yeah Yeah is open to taking on the graphic design for this issue.
- Anne G and chief conservator Gjertrud Sæter had a meeting in February with Magne Nylenna, a longtime editor for the Norwegian Medical Association's journal and now for Michael – a historical journal for doctors. He provided many useful tips for further strategic and practical work with *Cygnus*.
- Anne G will establish an editorial committee of 3-4 people by April 1.
- Anne G will register *Cygnus* with the Norwegian Journal Association. The membership offers opportunities for funding to hold debate meetings from Fritt Ord, plus much expertise on journals via courses and seminars.
- See below for a copy of the invitation to the launch party for *Cygnus* 2025. About 40 new and long-standing members attended a very pleasant party!

Expenses for Cygnus:

Graphic design, printing, and postal dispatch. Total: NOK 42,000. In addition, catering at meetings and three gift cards for contributors to *Cygnus*: NOK 2,237 (plus expenses for catering at the launch, to be added: Kristin).

Best regards, Editor of *Cygnus*, Anne Gerd Granås Ski, March 12, 2026

Attachments: Copy of the launch party invitation Attachments: Obituary for editor Holger Moe Tørisen, published in NFT 2/2026

Launch Party - Invitation

The launch party was held at the Folk Museum, Bygdøy, on March 3, with about 35-40 in attendance. Hooray! **Invitation** Launch of the latest issue of the pharmaceutical historical journal *Cygnus* • Norwegian Pharmaceutical Historical Society We are pleased to present a fresh issue of *Cygnus*.

Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2026

- Time: 18:00 – 20:00
- Place: Norwegian Folk Museum, Bygdøy (Collettgården, opposite the Pharmacy Museum)

Program

18:00 Welcome and practical information Presentations: The three contributors present their articles in *Cygnus*) 18:10 – 18:30 The Balance as a Tool and Symbol – Precision, Standardization, and Morality in Pharmaceutical History. Gjertrud Sæter 18:30 – 18:45 Coffee Break 18:45 – 19:05 Distribution of Veronal as a Poison after Authorization from the Police or Bailiff. Illustration. Pharmacy Nordstjernen in Tromsø (1959 – 1971). Gunvor Solheim 19:05 – 19:20 Mapping and Registration of Pharmacy Exhibitions and Pharmacy Collections Throughout Norway. John Billy Nenningsland 19:20 – 19:30 Tribute to Former Editor, Holger Moe Tørisen. By Former Chairperson of NFHS, Liv Slettevold. 19:30 – 20:00 News from the Board and Information about Upcoming Activities. Mingling and discussion about new contributions to the journal 20:00 Conclusion

Obituary - Holger Moe Tørisen (1941–2026)

Holger will be remembered as the father of the Joint Catalog in Norwegian pharmacy. Born August 3, 1941, in Tretten, Øyer, he grew up in post-war Norway with a strong curiosity and thirst for knowledge that characterized his entire life in the service of the profession. He graduated with a pharmacy degree in 1964. As the editor of the Joint Catalog from 1972 to 2008, Tørisen shaped both content and format, following the work from lead type to data output and online solutions; the last print edition came in 2018. He concluded his professional career there after 36 years. Quality and trustworthiness were inviolable principles for Tørisen: “The information must be trustworthy” – a credo he almost wrote on the wall.



Simultaneously, Tørisen was deeply engaged in pharmaceutical history. He served on the board of the Norwegian Pharmaceutical Historical Museum from 2009-2021, including five years as chairman. He led Cygnus publishing from 2001 to 2012 and was instrumental in the development of the pharmaceutical historical series, which ensures documentation for posterity. When the publisher was discontinued, he contributed to Cygnus continuing as a society magazine for the Norwegian Pharmaceutical Historical Society, in an exclusive edition for members. In the Norwegian Pharmaceutical Historical Society, he faithfully served as secretary from 2009 to 2025. For his long and active work, Tørisen received numerous awards, including the Poison Cross in 2004 and the King's Medal of Merit in silver upon his retirement in 2008 – an honor he greatly appreciated. His contributions to Norwegian pharmacy and pharmaceutical history were both practical and principled: to build knowledge, ensure quality, and preserve history. In 2024, he was appointed honorary member of the Norwegian Pharmaceutical Historical Society. Holger Moe Tørisen leaves behind a professional legacy that will endure for a long time. His integrity, industriousness, and love for the profession will serve as a model for future generations. Our thoughts go to his loved ones. The Board of the Norwegian Pharmaceutical Historical Society Kristin Svanqvist, Agnes Gombos, Anne Elise Eggen, John Billy Nenningsland, and Anne Gerd Granås

POLAND - NATIONAL SECTION OF THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY OF THE POLISH PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY

NATIONAL REPORT 2025 - 2026

Submitted by

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The year 2025, for the National Section of the History of Pharmacy of the Polish Pharmaceutical Society (OSHF) brought many interesting events. One, perhaps, groundbreaking, was the defense of a master's thesis completed at the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Opole. The thesis is titled: „Selected Pharmaceutical Substances of Groups N (narcotica), A (venena) and B (separanda) in Prescriptions Contained in the „Manual” by Tadeusz Wyczęsany, M.A.” from 1928. The thesis was prepared under the supervision of Maria Pająk, M. Pharm. Deputy Chair of OSHF.

This event and the well-prepared thesis may allow for the re-writing of theses, which will include content on the history of pharmacy in pharmaceutical fields at Polish universities, a practice that has been lacking since 2022.

On May 9-11, 2025, the 3rd National Scientific Conference in the series Humanistic Aspects of Pharmacy took place in Szczecin, in which a significant group of pharmacy historians participated, presenting four papers on topics related to the history and philosophy of pharmacy.

A special publication dedicated to Dr. Jadwiga Brzezińska has been published, the promotion of which took place during the Fourth Edition of the International Scientific Conference Medicinal Plants in Science and Culture. Warsaw-Ciechanowiec, May 22-25, 2025.

During the same Conference, on May 24, 2025, due to the large participation of OSHF members, the Section's board was elected for another five-year term. Dr. Lidia Maria Czyż from Rzeszów was once again elected Section Chair.

The 9th National Interdisciplinary Scientific Conference: Biographies Unknown, Forgotten, Overlooked and Excluded, organized by the Pedagogical Institute of the Zamość Academy, took place on September 18-19 2025 in Zamość. Three members of the Section participated in the conference presenting profiles of forgotten but distinguished pharmacists.

Publications

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I. Arabas, M. Biniecka, R. Paliga, To serve well..., [in:] *Beautiful Things, the Heart is not a servant ?!*, ed. M. Wrześniak i N. Mojżyna, UKSW Warszawa 2025, s. 413-419.

I. Arabas, P. Daszkiewicz, R. Księżopolski, About the project: The Lost Collection: The Podlasie Natural History Cabinet of Princess Anna Jabłonowska (1728-1800) [in] *Why Were There No Great Women Museum Professionals? The Herstory of Museum Studies in Poland* ed. Marianna Otmianowska, Małgorzata Wrześniak, Joanna Wasilewska, Warszawa 2025, s. 99-109. ISBN 978-83-67002-57-8, <https://www.lazienki-krolewskie.pl/public/upload/download/e-book%20Muzealnuczki.pdf>

Iwona Arabas, Piotr Daszkiewicz, The technique of conservation of specimens of the animal kingdom in the Natural History Cabinet of Princess Jabłonowska, nee Sapieha. *Quarterly of the History of Science and Technology* 2025 vol. 70 no 2 pp. 55-70.

Lidia Maria Czyż Joanna Kossuth- musical images of nature- subjective philosophical interpretation, Warszawa 2025, Farmapress Publishing House.

Lidia Maria Czyż *Nihil est tam aeduum, quod non humana mens vincat. There is nothing so difficult and inaccessible, that human reason cannot overcome.* Jadwiga Brzezińska (Trąpczyńska) March 8, 1924 – January 26, 2024. OSHF Commemorative Print.

ROMANIA – THE ROMANIAN SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

NATIONAL REPORT 2025 – 2026

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In 2025, the Society for the History of Pharmacy participated in numerous national and international scientific events in the field of the history of pharmacy, during which relevant papers were presented.

A landmark event was the National Reunion on the History of Pharmacy, organized by the Romanian Society for the History of Pharmacy. The event took place on June 14–15, 2025, within the conference “Days of the Faculty of Pharmacy” of the “Carol Davila” University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Bucharest, at the headquarters of the Faculty of Pharmacy.

The program of the meeting included two dedicated scientific sessions, as well as the General Assembly of the Romanian Society for the History of Pharmacy.

The authors of the presented papers were academic staff from the University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Bucharest and other university centers in Romania (Cluj, Iași, Oradea, Sibiu), as well as researchers interested in the field of the history of pharmacy and the pharmacist profession.

At the end of the event, the group visited the George Stephănescu Memorial House (1843–1925), located in Arefu, Argeș County, on the occasion of commemorating 100 years since the passing of the founder of the Romanian Opera.

The general topics of the meeting and its program are presented below:

- Milestones in the history of Romanian pharmaceutical education. 170 years since the establishment of the Military School of Minor Surgery
- Homeopathy in the context of the 270th anniversary of the birth of Samuel Hahnemann (1755–1843)
- Representative personalities from other fields who pursued pharmaceutical studies
- The use of plants in therapy
- Pharmaceutical heritage – identification, research, and promotion. Legislative context
- From the history of hospital institutions – 290 years since the founding act of Saint Pantelimon Hospital in Bucharest
- Miscellaneous

PROGRAM NATIONAL REUNION ON THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY**Saturday, June 14, 2025 – 9:30 AM, Library Hall of the Faculty of Pharmacy****Session I**

- Testimonies on the beginnings of university pharmaceutical education in the museum collection of the Faculty of Pharmacy in Bucharest – Adriana-Elena Tăerel
- Dr. Pharm. Eng. Ștefan G. Ciulei on the history of pharmacy in Moldova – Dana Baran
- 290 years since the establishment of Saint Pantelimon Hospital in Bucharest – historical contributions to combating major epidemics (plague, typhus, tuberculosis) – Daniela Mihăilescu, Maria-Gabriela Suliman
- Museum of the History of Pharmacy – Lisbon – Valentina Soroceanu
- María del Carmen Francés Causapé – an internationally recognized personality dedicated to pharmacy and the history of pharmacy – Emilia Stancu, Adriana-Elena Tăerel
- Ancient medicinal plants: past and present – Daniela Benedec, Iliora Oniga, Daniela Hanganu
- Aspects regarding the identification of the chemical composition of several containers from the “Assoc. Prof. Pharm. Zisi St. Fârșirotu” collection – Alexandru Toma (1st year student)
- Pharmacologist Prof. Dr. Emanoil Riegler, trustee of the Spiridonia Hospital in Iași – Dana Baran
- Iov Burlacu (1874–1941) – the monk pharmacist of the infirmary of Neamț Monastery – Luminița Agoroaei, Ioana-Cezara Caba, Alexandra Jităreanu
- Father Nicolae Bordașiu (1924–2018). Student years at the Faculty of Pharmacy in Bucharest – Lucian-Mihai Stănescu, Iulia-Maria Stănescu
- Manifesto for supporting the role of the history of pharmacy and its connection with traditional natural therapies in modern therapeutics – Ladislau Rosenberg
- Homeopathy between tradition and contemporary research – Andreea Dobra, Adriana-Elena Tăerel

General Assembly of the Romanian Society for the History of Pharmacy (SRIF)

12:30–13:30

Break

13:30–14:00

Session II - 14:00-17:30

- Rituals and traditions – the benefits of sacred plants on spiritual and physical health – Gabriela Antoaneta Vlăsceanu, Maria-Gabriela Suliman
- Traditional contributions to the alternative treatment of certain conditions – Cristina Rais
- Medicinal and aromatic plants of Transylvania from a museum perspective – Ladislau Rosenberg, Ana-Maria Păpureanu
- Alchemy and Transylvanian alchemists – Maria Soporean, Maria-Gabriela Suliman
- Iulia Hașdeu – victim of relentless tuberculosis – Maria Besciu
- Between science and practice: Constantin C. Hepites and the first Romanian Pharmacopoeia – Ana-Maria Atănăsoie, Adriana-Elena Tăerel, Emilia Stancu, Cristina Rais
- Medico-pharmaceutical documents from the family of composer George Stephănescu (1843-1925) – Lucian-Mihai Stănescu, Iulia-Maria Stănescu

17:00 – Closing of the event**Sunday, June 15, 2025 – 08:30**

Visit to the George Stephănescu Memorial House (1843-1925), Arefu





At the international level, the scientific activity included participation in the **EUFEPS Annual Meeting 2025**, held between February 19–21, 2025, in Vienna (Austria), during which, in the pre-conference session dedicated to the history of pharmacy, the paper “Austrian influences in the pharmacist profession” was presented, carried out in collaboration (Adriana Elena Tăerel, Doina Drăgănescu, Emilia Stănescu).

In addition, the activity was complemented by participation in the quarterly scientific sessions of the Romanian Society for the History of Pharmacy – Bucharest Section:

Quarterly Scientific Session of the Romanian Society for the History of Pharmacy (SRIF) – Bucharest Section, 22.03.2025

1. Professor Constantin Anastasatu (1917–1995) – academic and scientific contributions in phthysiology and respiratory medicine – Daniela Mihăilescu, Maria-Gabriela Suliman
2. Pharmaceutical ethics – a philosophical perspective – Alexandru-Iulian Sterea
3. Ancient medicinal plant recipes from Prahova County – Maria Stan
4. Prof. Dr. Gh. Morait (1925–2003) – 100 years since birth – Mihai Stănescu
5. Elena Stănescu (1931–2025) – genealogy and the life story of my grandmother – Mihai Stănescu
6. Pharmaceutical updates – Adriana-Elena Tăerel

Quarterly Scientific Session of the Romanian Society for the History of Pharmacy (SRIF) – Bucharest Section, 10.11.2025

1. *Ludwig Winkler and the centenary of the International Society for the History of Pharmacy* –Adriana-Elena Tăerel
2. *Pharmacohistorical contributions in museums* –Lucian-Mihai Stănescu, Ana-Maria Atănăsoie, Maria Soporean
3. *Tuberculosis and the fate of Romanian intellectuals: personalities affected by the “disease of the century”* –Daniela Mihăilescu, Maria-Gabriela Suliman
4. *Brief scientific and biographical notes on bacteriologist Victor Babeş* –Alexandru Toma (2nd year student)
5. *The female multidisciplinary team behind the development and patenting of Gerovital H3 and Aslavital preparations* –Maria-Gabriela Suliman, Gabriela-Antoaneta Vlăsceanu
6. *Pharmaceutical updates* –Adriana-Elena Tăerel

2025 Anniversaries – Members who reached 75, 85, and 90 years of age



Publications – Farmacist.ro (3 articles):

1. *Austrian influences on the pharmacist profession in the Romanian space* – Emilia Stancu, Doina Drăgănescu, Adriana-Elena Tăerel, Farmacist.ro, Year XXII, No. 222 (3) 2025, pp. 34–39
2. *Event: The 47th International Congress of the History of Pharmacy – 100 years since the founding of the International Society for the History of Pharmacy* – Adriana-Elena Tăerel, November 21, 2025
3. *The activity of the pharmacist in the dynamics of historical evolution: Romanian spatio-temporal milestones* – Adriana-Elena Tăerel, Emilia Stancu, Farmacist.ro, Year XXII, No. 222 (4) 2025, pp. 32–37

In conclusion, the activity carried out in 2025 highlights the constant involvement of the Society's members through active participation in prestigious scientific events and the presentation of relevant works in the field of the history of pharmacy.

SERBIA – THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY SECTION OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF SERBIA IN 2025

NATIONAL REPORT 2025 - 2026

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In 2025, the members of the History of Pharmacy Section of The Pharmaceutical Association of Serbia took part in several international and domestic reunions. To name few: Prof. Krajnović was a participant by invitation, as a representative of the Section and general Secretary of the ISHP at the international scientific conference "Contemporary Pharmacy: Issues, Challenges and Expectations 2025", organized by Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Faculty of Pharmacy in Kaunas, Lithuania, on April 10, 2025. On that occasion she delivered a lecture on the topic entitled "Professionalism and Ethics in Pharmacy: The Relevance of the Apothecary Oaths". Several lectures related to museum artefacts were delivered by Jelena Manojlovic, curator of the History of Pharmacy Museum, from Faculty of Pharmacy University of Belgrade. Ethnopharmacology research was conducting in preparation for the presentation for the 47th ISHP Congress in Innsbruck.

The main project of the Museum in 2025 is preparing the exhibition 'NOTA – a story about scent,' which was opened at the end of the year. The exhibition was organized in collaboration with the Museum of Science and Technology and included a large number of collaborators from different fields, aiming to present the phenomenon of scent from multiple perspectives – cultural, biological, psychological, linguistic, archaeological, and technological. Collaboration has also been established with the International Perfume Museum in Grasse.

SPAIN – SOCIEDAD DE DOCENTES UNIVERSITARIOS DE HISTORIA DE LA FARMACIA DE ESPAÑA (SDUHFE) NATIONAL REPORT 2025 – 2026

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The main activities and news related to the Sociedad de Docentes Universitarios de Historia de la Farmacia de España (SDUHFE) have been disseminated through our website (<https://sduhfe.wordpress.com>) and its corresponding associated facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/SDUHFE>). This information can be followed through the subscription service we offer, both on the website and on the facebook page, or by visiting the "We are News" section (<https://sduhfe.wordpress.com/category/so-mos-noticia>), where most of the content published throughout 2025 has been included. Below, in chronological order, we offer an extract of this news:

January 15: Guided tours of the Museo de la Farmacia Hispana (UCM).

Guided tours of the Museo de la Farmacia Hispana (UCM) will resume on January 20. La Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Cultura Complutense) has launched an online booking platform, accessible through the Cultura Complutense and entradas.com websites. As a new feature, each ticket will cost €2, with proceeds going toward the promotion, conservation, and restoration of the Complutense heritage. Tours are scheduled on weekdays, Monday through Friday, through mid-June, in the morning (at 10:30 a.m.). Some tours will also continue to be offered on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. The maximum capacity for each tour is 22 people. Access to the basement is not suitable for people with limited mobility. Meeting point: Lobby of the main entrance to the Facultad de Farmacia at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Plaza Ramón y Cajal, s/n). Metro: Ciudad Universitaria (L6). Buses: 82, 132, G, U.



January 22: “Medicine and the Humanities” Series.

On Monday, January 20, a “Medicine and the Humanities” series, organized by the Fundación Ortega-Marañón and the Universidad de Extremadura, was held at the Ortega-Marañón Foundation Library (53 Fortuny St., Madrid). Speakers included Fernando Bandrés, Florencio Monje, and our colleague Cecilio Venegas Fito, who gave a lecture titled “Enfermedad, terapéutica y especiería en la Expedición de Magallanes y Elcano”.

Ciclo de “Medicina y Humanidades”



Lunes 20 de enero 2025 | 16:30 horas
Biblioteca de la Fundación Ortega-Marañón
Fortuny, 53, Madrid




programa

16:30 h. | Introducción y bienvenida


Fernando Bandrés
Director del Centro de Estudios Gregorio Marañón de la Fundación Ortega-Marañón.
Catedrático de Medicina Legal de la Universidad Complutense de Madrid.

17:00 h. | “Una sombra en el rostro de Freud: La agnía de un pensador”


Florencio Monje
Director de CICOM (Centro de Implantología, Cirugía Oral y Maxilofacial), presidente de FEDICOM (Fundación para el Estudio y Desarrollo de la Implantología, Cirugía Oral y Maxilofacial) y profesor titular de la Facultad de Medicina de Badajoz.

18:00 h. | “Enfermedad, terapéutica y especiería en la Expedición de Magallanes y Elcano”


Cecilio José Venegas
Doctor en Farmacia por la Universidad de Sevilla, Presidente del Colegio Oficial de Farmacéuticos de Badajoz y miembro del Pleno del Consejo de Colegios Oficiales de Farmacéuticos de España.

January 29: Doctoral dissertation defended at the Universidad de Alcalá.

Last Friday, January 24, at the Universidad de Alcalá, Ignacio Romero Jiménez defended his doctoral thesis, titled: Historia de la visita médica en España: industria farmacéutica, ciencia, venta y profesión. It was supervised by Raúl Rodríguez Nozal and evaluated by the following committee: Antonio González Bueno (chair), Antonio Ramos Carrillo (member) and Jesús I. Catalá Gorgues (secretary). It was awarded the grade of summa cum laude.

**February 7: 7th SDUHFE Conference.**

The conference organizers have sent us the fifth circular, the schedule, the list of accepted papers, and an accommodation guide.

February 10: Lecture titled “Loscos Bernal y José Pardo Sastrón y la flora aragonesa”.

As part of the “Aragonese Scientists” Lecture Series, organized by the Real Academia de la Historia and the Ibercaja Foundation, our president, Antonio González Bueno, will deliver a lecture titled “Loscos Bernal y José Pardo Sastrón y la flora aragonesa”. The event will take place at the Real Academia de la Historia (C/ Amor de Dios, 2, Madrid) on February 11 at 7:00 p.m.

February 14: Lecture on Ignacio Jordán de Asso y del Río.

As part of the “Aragonese Scientists” Lecture Series, organized by the Real Academia de la Historia and the Ibercaja Foundation, our colleague Raúl Rodríguez Nozal will deliver a lecture titled “Ignacio Jordán de Asso (1742-1814): investigador, escritor y diplomático, autor poliédrico de la Ilustración española”. The event will take place at the Real Academia de la Historia (C/ Amor de Dios, 2, Madrid) on February 18 at 7:00 p.m.

March 24: Rosa Basante Pol at the Instituto de España.

On March 20, our colleague Rosa Basante Pol spoke at the third and final session of the series marking the tenth anniversary of King Felipe VI’s reign, held at the headquarters of the Instituto de España. She spoke on behalf of the Real Academia Nacional de Farmacia. Her presentation was titled: “El medicamento: un decenio de avances legislativos y sociales”. She was joined at the panel by Jaime Domínguez Abascal (Real Academia de Ingeniería) and Ana María Gil Lafuente (Real Academia de Ciencias Económicas y Financieras). The session was closed by Manuel Pizarro, president of Instituto de España and Real Academia de Jurisprudencia y Legislación de España.

Ciclo de Conferencias
Científicos Aragoneses
Coordinador: Francisco Javier Puerto Sarmiento



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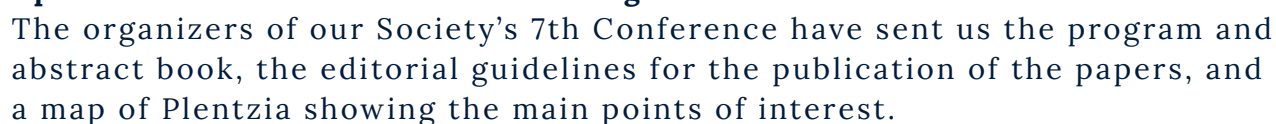
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April 23: Election of the Board of Directors.

The Sociedad de Docentes Universitarios de Historia de la Farmacia de España (SDUHFE) is launching an election process to renew its Board of Directors, in accordance with the following schedule: 1. Submission of nominations: deadline May 1, 2025. Nominations must be sent to the Society's secretary via email (raulrn@uah.es). Please note that each nomination must include a president, a secretary and a treasurer; partial nominations for only one or two positions will not be accepted. The proposed Society members must be up to date with their dues. In order to achieve greater representativeness and diversity, it is recommended that, in each nomination, the three proposed members belong to different institutions. 2. Provisional publication of nominations: May 2, 2025. 3. Final publication of nominations: May 5, 2025. 4. Voting: May 10, 2025, at 9:15 a.m., at the Society's General Assembly, to be held in Plentzia (Vizcaya).

May 5: Passing of our colleague María del Carmen Francés Causapé.

On May 2, our colleague María del Carmen Francés Causapé passed away due to complications arising from a kidney infection. Below is an excerpt from the statement published by the president of our Society, Antonio González Bueno, on the website of the Real Academia Nacional de Farmacia de España, an institution of which she had been a full member since 1995 (medal 43): "Born in Bubierca (Zaragoza) on May 21, 1944, she was a professor of the History of Pharmacy since 1988; president of the International Academy of the History of Pharmacy (1995–2001); honorary member of the Nobile Collegio Chimico-Farmaceutico di Roma (1994); full member of the 'Reino de Aragón' Academy of Pharmacy (2012) and a corresponding member of the Royal Academy of Doctors of Spain and of the National Academies of Medicine and of Pharmacy and Biochemistry of Buenos Aires (1997), the Peruvian Academy of Pharmacy (1998), the Chilean Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences (2000), and the Royal Academy of Pharmacy of Catalonia (2001). Honorary member of the Benelux Circle of the History of Pharmacy (1995), the Peruvian Society of the History of Pharmacy (1996), the Argentine Society of the History of Pharmacy (1997), the Argentine Pharmaceutical Confederation (1997), and the Medical-Pharmaceutical Institute of Catalonia (2015). Research Award from the Royal Academy of Pharmacy IBYS (1975) and Antibiotics (1976), Recipient of the "Giulio Conci" Award from the Italian Academy of the History of Pharmacy (1997). Recipient of the Gold Medal from the School of Pharmacy at the Complutense University of Madrid (1997), and recipient of the Schelenz Plakette awarded by the German Society for the History of Pharmacy (2009). Rest in peace.

**May 14: Conclusion of the 7th Annual Conference of the Society.**

The 7th Annual Conference of the SDUHFE was held on May 9 and 10 in the town of Plentzia (Vizcaya). On behalf of our Society, we would like to thank the organizing committee—composed of Enrique Aramburu (chair), Javier Garaizar (secretary), Josu Hernando (member), Juan Gondra (member), and Carlos Sanz (member)—for their hard work in ensuring that everything went perfectly. They succeeded in sparking the interest of many pharmacy historians, executed the program with wisdom and efficiency, and, thanks to their kindness and hospitality, made us feel right at home. Thank you very much.



May 19: Passing of María del Carmen Francés: a letter from colleagues at the University of Barcelona.

Our colleagues at the University of Barcelona have sent our Society of University Professors of the History of Pharmacy in Spain (SDUHFE) a text to which all of us who knew Dr. Francés's work and lifelong dedication to the advancement of the history of pharmacy wholeheartedly endorse.

May 26: Tribute book for Professor Francisco Javier Puerto.

As agreed at our Society's last assembly, and at the direction of our president, we are announcing the formal call for contributions to the tribute book for Francisco Javier Puerto Sarmiento.

May 27: Funeral in memory of María del Carmen Francés Causapé.

The Cofradía de San Cosme y San Damián, of which our colleague María del Carmen Francés was a member, is organizing a memorial service in her memory next Thursday, May 29, at 8:00 p.m. at the Real Colegiata de San Isidro (Calle Toledo, 37). The SDUHFE joins in this event.

June 4: The SDUHFE Conference in the Media.

The organizers of our Society's 7th Conference, held in Plentzia, have sent us a news item published in the specialized journal *Diario Médico*, and an article by Javier Gondra titled "Tres hitos durante la industrialización de la Farmacia en Bilbao," published in the newspaper *Bilbao*, which also includes information about our Society's Conference.

June 9: Photos from the 7th Conference.

We're sharing some photos from our Society's 7th Conference, held in Plentzia (Biscay), which some colleagues have sent us. If you have more photos and would like to share them, just send them our way. Thank you!



June 13: Video featuring our president for Asefarma.

Our president, Antonio González Bueno, gave an interview to Susana Cabrita of Asefarma's Communications Department. In it, he discusses the Real Academia Nacional de Farmacia as a think tank, a research center, and a promoter of pharmaceutical sciences, as well as a unifying force and guardian of the heritage of pharmacy. He also discusses other topics: from the evolution and future of pharmacy to our SDUHFE, covering artificial intelligence, the (vocational) practice of the pharmaceutical profession, the role patients should play in decision-making centers, the importance of history for pharmacy students, and an interesting and thoughtful reflection on the importance of industrial medicines in society. Thank you, Antonio, for talking about our Society and reminding us that we exist.

September 11: Guided tours of the Museum of Hispanic Pharmacy.

Below is a notice published by the Museum of Hispanic Pharmacy (Faculty of Pharmacy, UCM) regarding its guided tours: "Guided tours of the Museum of Hispanic Pharmacy will begin on October 6 at 10:30 a.m. Starting Monday, September 15, at 12:00 p.m., tours can be booked at this link:

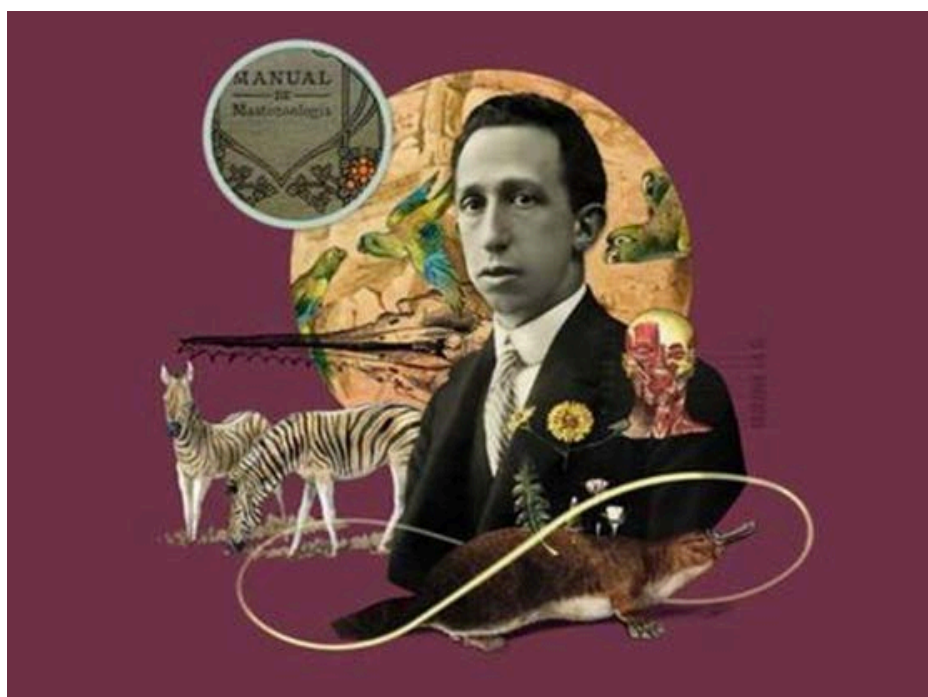
<https://www.ucm.es/cultura/entradas>. Tours will take place Monday through Thursday at 10:30 a.m. (following the academic calendar of the Faculty and the University) and will have a maximum capacity of 20 people (including the group coordinator, who must reserve their ticket). For now, only morning tours will be available. If we resume offering afternoon tours, we will let you know. Best regards. P.S.: This year, there will be special tours on Fridays for secondary schools (IES) at a reduced price. We will let you know when they become available".

September 24: Obituary session in memory of María del Carmen Francés Causapé.

On September 30, 2025, at 8:00 p.m., a solemn obituary session will be held in memory of our colleague María del Carmen Francés Causapé, who passed away on May 2 of this year, as we previously announced on our website. The event will be organized by the Academia de Farmacia «Reino de Aragón», an institution of which she was a full member. The required speeches will be delivered by Santiago Andrés Magallón, José María Jaime Lorén—a member of our Society—and Esperanza Torija Isasa, members of this Academy. The session will take place in the Auditorium of the Official College of Pharmacists of Zaragoza (Avenida Tenor Fleta, 57-C, 1st Floor - 50008 Zaragoza). The event will be held in person at the Association's headquarters and online via the COFZ's training platform; registration is required for both in-person and online attendance by calling 976 48 14 14 or through the website of the Colegio Oficial de Farmacéuticos de Zaragoza.

October 13: Ángel Cabrera, the Infinite Naturalist.

From October 9, 2025, through April 12, 2026, visitors can see the exhibition “Ángel Cabrera, the Infinite Naturalist,” curated by Isabel Rey Fraile and our colleague Alberto Gomis Blanco. It is located at the Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales (CSIC) –Calle José Gutiérrez Abascal, 2, 28006 Madrid– and can be viewed during the museum’s regular hours.

**October 17: 47th International Congress for the History of Pharmacy.**

The 47th International Congress for the History of Pharmacy will be held in Innsbruck (Austria) from September 2 to 5, 2026, organized by the Austrian Society for the History of Pharmacy and the Department of Pharmacy at the University of Innsbruck, under the chairmanship of Heinrich-Justin Evanzin. The theme chosen by the organizers is: “Drugs and medicine of the mountains.” The congress coincides with the celebration of the centennial of the founding of the International Society for the History of Pharmacy (ISHP). This Society was founded in Innsbruck on August 18, 1926, by Ludwig Winkler, Fritz Ferchl, Georg Urdang, Walther Zimmermann, and Otto Raubenheimer, under the name “Gesellschaft für Geschichte der Pharmazie.” Andreas Winkler, grandson of Ludwig Winkler, is one of the driving forces behind this event. The conference will host the ceremonial meeting of the International Academy of the History of Pharmacy. More information about this conference (registration, abstracts, preliminary program, etc.) is available on its website; we have also included a fixed informational widget on the right-hand side of our website.

November 7: Antonio González Bueno becomes a corresponding member of the Academia de Farmacia de Santa María de España de la Región de Murcia.

Our president, Antonio González Bueno, was inducted on October 28 as a corresponding member of the Academia de Farmacia de Santa María de España de la Región de Murcia. His inaugural address was titled “A Century of Relations Between Murcian Apothecaries and Madrid’s Governmental Structures (1737–1833).” In this speech, he addressed three distinct areas: the presence of inspectors appointed by the central government to inspect the pharmacies of professionals established in the Kingdom of Murcia during the 18th century; the desire of Murcian apothecaries to align themselves with the court’s power structures, exemplified by the Real Colegio de Boticarios de Madrid; and the specific case of Pedro José Bermúdez (1763–1810), an apothecary of Murcian origin who served directly at the court. The session can be viewed on YouTube.



November 12: “La Humanización de la Sanidad a través de la historia: la Ilustración”.

The Fundación de Ciencias de la Salud has launched a new series, this time dedicated to the Enlightenment period, as part of the series “La Humanización de la Sanidad a través de la historia”. Participants include María Dolores Herrero Fernández-Quesada, Miguel Ángel Puig Samper, Inés Pellón González, Josep Lluís Barona, José Fernández Bravo Álvarez, and our colleague Antonio González Bueno, with a lecture titled: “Expediciones y botánica ilustrada,” now available as a video on the organizing institution’s website and on YouTube. The series, and the presentation of the sessions, are led by Francisco Javier Puerto Sarmiento, also a member of our Society.

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Presentador de las sesiones: D. Francisco Javier Puerto Sarmiento
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Emisión 29/05	Características generales del periodo D^a María Dolores Herrero Fernández-Quesada Profesora Titular del Departamento de Historia Moderna e Historia Contemporánea de la Facultad de Geografía e Historia de la Universidad Complutense de Madrid
Emisión 26/06	Características generales de la ciencia ilustrada D. Miguel Ángel Puig Samper Profesor ad honorem del Instituto de Historia del CSIC
Emisión 16/10	La química ilustrada D^a Inés Pellón González Profesora Titular de la Universidad del País Vasco (UPVEHU), especializada en Historia de la Química.
Emisión 06/11	Expediciones y botánica ilustrada D. Antonio González Bueno Catedrático de Historia de la Farmacia (UCM) Y Real Academia Nacional de Farmacia
Emisión 27/11	La medicina ilustrada D. Josep Lluís Barona Catedrático de Historia de la Ciencia, UV
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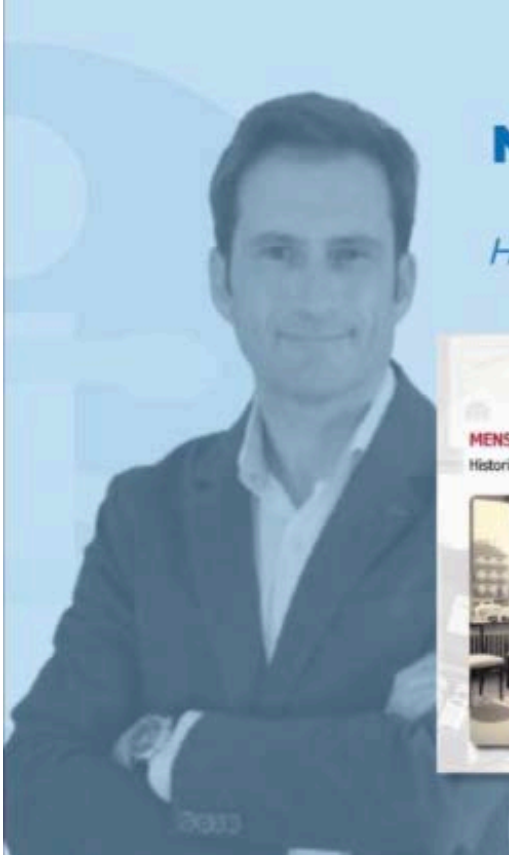
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November 26: Book Presentation: Mensajeros de la Ciencia, historia de la visita médica en España.

Tomorrow, November 27, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., there will be a presentation of the book titled *Mensajeros de la Ciencia, historia de la visita médica en España* (Madrid: Díaz de Santos, 2025), by our colleague Ignacio Romero Jiménez, based on his doctoral thesis, defended at the University of Alcalá under the supervision of our secretary, Raúl Rodríguez Nozal. The event will take place at the headquarters of ADEVIME (Professional Association of Technical Pharmaceutical Representatives of the Community of Madrid): Avenida de Burgos, 44 (28036-Madrid). A virtual connection will be available.



Nacho Romero Jiménez
Mensajeros de la ciencia
Historia de la visita médica en España



- Presentación del libro con el autor **Ignacio Romero** y **Dr. Raúl Rodríguez Nozal**. Catedrático de Historia de la Ciencia de la Universidad de Alcalá.
- **Jueves, 27 de noviembre 16.30h**
- **Sede de Adevime, Av. de Burgos 44, Chamartín, 28036.**

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The newsletters of the Museo de la Farmacia Hispana (Facultad de Farmacia. Universidad Complutense de Madrid), published on a monthly basis, contain various information grouped in the section "we are working ..." and, in each issue, a "piece of the month". The pieces of the month for the year 2025 were the following:

- "Fotografía de la reproducción de la botica del Hospital Tavera conservada en el Museo de la Farmacia Hispana. Guillermo Folch. 1950-1960. Papel fotográfico sobre cartulina. 23,7 x 17,7 cm. de altura. Inscripción en el reverso: Reproducción de la Farmacia del Hospital Tavera. S. XVII".
- "Botica del Hospital Catedralicio de San Juan Bautista de Astorga. Siglo XVIII. Museo de la Farmacia Hispana".
- "Botica del Licenciado Maeso y Bildroff de la plaza de Santo Domingo de Madrid, finales del siglo XIX. Museo de la Farmacia Hispana".
- "Botica de Sangarcía (Segovia). Siglo XIX. Museo de la Farmacia Hispana".
- "Visita al Museo di Storia della Medicina (Sapienza Università di Roma)".
- "Talleres realizados sobre infusiones y tinturas con plantas aromáticas y píldoras".
- "La botica del mes: Antigua Farmacia Bellogín, ca. 1840. Antes situada en la Plaza de la Rinconada nº11, en Valladolid. Desde 2009, en el Museo de la Farmacia Hispana. Facultad de Farmacia. Edificio Aulario. UCM".

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In addition to the usual busy programme, 2025 was the year in which the BSHP resumed awarding its highest honour, the Leslie Matthews Medal. This recognises original and scholarly work in the history of British pharmacy and was last awarded in 2018, to Briony Hudson.

Medals were awarded to two recipients. Dr Anne Stobart is a leading historian of seventeenth-century domestic medicine whose pioneering research has reshaped understanding of household healthcare and herbal practice in early modern England. As lead founder of the Herbal History Research Network, she has played a transformative role in advancing rigorous, evidence-based scholarship on the history of western herbal medicine through research, networking, and collaborative publications.

Dr Chris Duffin is a leading authority on the history of pharmaceutical mineralogy, whose extensive scholarship has advanced understanding of the medicinal use of minerals from antiquity to the modern era. Through prolific publication, international engagement, and dedicated service to the British Society for the History of Pharmacy, he has made a significant contribution to the history of British and global pharmacy.

The 57th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Saturday 5 April 2025 at the George Marshall Medical Museum, Worcester. The following short papers were given:

- Chris Duffin Early Modern Plague Amulets
- Briony Hudson Sir Edwin Landseer's part in pharmacy history
- Jelena Manojilovic Stomatin from the laboratory of pharmacist Mr Milan Kovacevic
- Graeme Tobyn Culpeper on compound medicines in the Pharmacopoeia Londinensis 1618
- Edward Wawrzynczak Serum medicines meet the market

As well as visiting the Museum's galleries, delegates were also offered an optional visit to see medical highlights from the Worcester Cathedral Library, hosted by Librarian David Morrison.

A summer visit was held on 18 July to see the 'Curious Cures: Medicine in the Medieval World' exhibition at Cambridge University Library and to view the Heberden Medicine Cabinet at St John's College.

Our successful series of free online discussions and talks continued in 2025 on Zoom, with our programme as follows:

- Monday 12 May 2025: From Spring Tonic to Syphilis: Sassafras; an Indigenous Herbal Cure-all, by Dr Kim Jacobson, retired physician and researcher
- Monday 7 July 2025: "Just another shop"? Boots The Chemists in New Zealand and Fiji, by Dr Hilary Ingram, University of Nottingham
- Monday 1 December 2025: A Dose of Satire: Caricatures Tracing the History of Turkish Pharmacy, by Dr Halil Tekiner, Erciyes University School of Pharmacy, Turkey

Four issues of the *Pharmaceutical Historian*: An International Journal for the History of Pharmacy (Vol. 55, Nos. 1,2,3,4) were published during the year dated March, June, September and December. Stuart Anderson continued with the editorship under the existing arrangement to publish the journal on-line and thus internationally with the International Society for the History of Pharmacy (ISHP). The hosting contract with Ingenta terminated on 31 December, with all content being transferred to Braunschweig University Library's pharmRxiv (PharmArchive) platform from 1 January 2026. This platform already hosts the *Pharmaceutical Historian* archive content from 1967-2016.

Four issues of the *Gazette*, our quarterly newsletter, were produced and distributed to coincide with publication of the four issues of *Pharmaceutical Historian*.

The BSHP website (bshp.org) was successfully relaunched in January 2025 giving the Society much greater flexibility in terms of updating the site. It includes many links to research resources for British pharmacy history.





Visiting the George Marshall
Medical Museum, Worcestre



Early herbals displayed at
Worcester Cathedral Library

USA – AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

NATIONAL REPORT 2025 - 2026

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Main Activities

The American Institute of the History of Pharmacy (AIHP) is pleased to share this summary of our major accomplishments, activities, and challenges during 2025.

2025 was a year of significant growth and unexpected challenges. In January 2025, AIHP launched the Edward Kremers Digital Library and Archives Digital Collections, a major milestone funded through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the largest public funder of the humanities in the United States. This platform increases global accessibility to unique archival materials documenting American pharmaceutical history, enabling scholars worldwide to explore digitized content previously only available in person.

AIHP hosted a full slate of virtual programs and lectures in 2025, most of which are available on our YouTube channel. Key events included: *Lunch and Learn: A Guided Tour through the New Digital Collections of the Edward Kremers Research Library and Archive*; *The Kremers Award Lecture: How Empire Turned People into Patients* featuring Zachary Dorner; *Artifacts Roadshow* with Greg Higby; a two-part series with Dr. Jason Perepelkin: *Pharmacy Fatigue & Burnout*, and *Ketamine Therapy and Pharmacy*; Christiane Staiger presenting on *How is pharmacy reflected in popular music? Examples from a pharmaceutical playlist*; and Stuart Anderson presenting on *Influence and Cooperation: British and US Pharmacopeias, 1720-1990*.

AIHP and the Consortium for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine (CHSTM) launched a Pharmacy History Working Group, which meets monthly for scholarly talks, collaborative workshops, and book discussions. These monthly meetings run from September through May, on the third Wednesday of the month, and are free to attend. Participants must create a free CHSTM account and apply to join the work group before they can attend a meeting.

Flood Recovery and Community Support

In August 2025, a flood impacted AIHP's archives and offices. Thankfully, everything that got wet was successfully dried out, and thanks to rapid support from members, donors, and partner organizations, we have started replacing our shelving, restoration efforts began immediately, and damage to the collections was mitigated.

Awarding of the 2025 George Urdang Medal

In 2025, AIHP proudly awarded the George Urdang Medal, the Institute's highest honor for lifetime achievement in the history of pharmacy, to Dr. Dennis B. Worthen.

Dr. Worthen was selected in recognition of his more than five decades of influential scholarship, including his well-known works such as *Heroes of Pharmacy*, *Pharmacy in World War II*, and *We Remember Them: Pharmacy's Fallen*. His career exemplifies the qualities the Urdang Medal seeks to honor: meticulous research, compelling storytelling, and a sustained, transformative impact on the field.

Awarded biennially, the George Urdang Medal recognizes individuals whose scholarly contributions have significantly shaped the global understanding of pharmacy's history. Dr. Worthen's distinguished body of work reflects a lifelong commitment to documenting and interpreting the profession's rich heritage.

Obituaries

In Memoriam: Dr. Robert A. (Bob) Buerki (1939-2025)

AIHP was deeply saddened by the passing Dr. Robert A. Buerki, a cherished friend, longtime supporter, and one of the most influential figures in the Institute's modern history. Dr. Buerki passed away on June 7, 2025, leaving behind a remarkable legacy of scholarship, service, and generosity.

Over more than half a century, Dr. Buerki contributed extensively to the history of pharmacy in the United States. His leadership within AIHP included service on the Board of Directors, multiple officer roles—including President—and, most recently, recognition as Honorary President. His scholarship ranged widely, with particular impact in the history of pharmacy education, earning him the Edward Kremers Award in 2004.

Together with his wife Leslie, Dr. Buerki's philanthropy profoundly shaped the Institute's future, including the endowment of the George Urdang Chair in the History of Pharmacy and support for graduate fellowships at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy. His dedication, warmth, and mentorship touched generations of students and colleagues.

AIHP honors Dr. Buerki's extraordinary contributions and remembers him with gratitude and affection.

How the history of pharmacy improves pharmaceutical science, education, and practice

Editorial Article

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The history of pharmacy is more than heritage; it offers usable methods that inform drug discovery, strengthen pharmacy education, and support trustworthy practice. Read with today's tools, historical sources provide practical insight across the pharmacy spectrum—from community practice to industry, academia, and regulation—and for pharmacy students alike.

Discovery: from historical clue to experiment

Historical records can narrow the search for promising compounds: a quantitative analysis of Matthioli's 1568 edition of *De Materia Medica* (On the Materials of Medicine)—Dioscorides' first-century compendium cataloging simple drugs, preparations, and uses—mapped plant-indication pairs, many of which still align with contemporary pharmacotherapy. Such patterns help research teams prioritize candidates with computational screening and then advance the most plausible options to laboratory testing. The artemisinin case illustrates this pathway: guided by the fourth-century Chinese text *Zhouhou Beiji Fang* (Handbook of Prescriptions for Emergencies) by Ge Hong, Youyou Tu re-read a recipe for *Artemisia annua*, tested a “cold” extraction, and helped deliver the first-line antimalarial artemisinin—work recognized with the 2015 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. Within ethnopharmacology, the sequence is straightforward: frame a historical claim as a hypothesis, test it *in silico*, then assess it experimentally—a route that can shorten the search and improve the odds of success.

Education: quicker judgment, clearer reasoning

In 2024, the European Commission revised Directive 2005/36/EC through Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2024/782, requiring pharmacy graduates to demonstrate critical, creative, and research-oriented competencies. These expectations underscore that understanding the historical and social foundations of the profession is essential, making historical training a core component of the cross-disciplinary education now required across Europe.

Historical sources—pharmacopeias and hospital formularies; prescription logbooks and formula cards; torsion balances, pill machines, and early glass ampoules; original labels and packaging; period photographs, patent-medicine advertisements, public health posters, and newspaper clippings—offer concrete evidence of how medicines were prepared, labeled, dosed, used, and understood by the public across periods. Brought into teaching, they turn abstract standards into observable practice and give students a firmer basis for judgment.

Object-based sessions built around bottles, labels, instruments, and pages from formula books help students connect procedures to purposes and appreciate the material, social, and ethical sides of pharmacy; studies suggest that professional identity may form earlier as a result. While outcomes vary by setting, the trend is consistent. In contexts rich in pharmacy museums and collections—Türkiye among them—this work can also foster meaning and belonging, factors linked to resilience against burnout. More broadly, engaging with the past strengthens critical reasoning, clarifies core concepts (dose, purity, stability, documentation), and encourages respect for continuity and change—capacities that matter when evidence and practice standards evolve quickly.

Practice: professionalism put to work

Studying the profession's history does more than foster professionalism—it helps deepen professional identity so that judgment holds under pressure and change. By showing how today's standards emerged (from poison labeling and role separation to modern pharmacovigilance), history equips pharmacists to act with purpose and consistency in contemporary settings: counseling convincingly on teratogenic risk and vaccine hesitancy; stewarding antibiotics and navigating deprescribing; communicating the rationale for pharmacogenomic testing and consent; exercising prudence with AI assisted decision support; and documenting clearly, escalating promptly, and disclosing transparently when safety is at stake. Because historical study also strengthens critical thinking, leadership, and cultural competence, it helps teams manage drug shortages and misinformation, make fair formulary and triage decisions, and collaborate steadily across disciplines. In this sense, history-informed teaching translates directly into practice behaviors—clearer patient communication, more coherent records, more consistent escalation thresholds, and calmer leadership during change—benefits that extend beyond professionalism while reinforcing it at the counter and on the ward.

Promoting the history of pharmacy across the profession

Graduate programs, practice settings, and professional life benefit when historical insight is built into routine work, not kept apart from it. In courses, a brief historical scan—preferably at the start of each topic—can place novelty and ethics in context; small, team-based archive-to-assay exercises, co-taught by history-of-pharmacy scholars and relevant pharmaceutical science specialists, can turn curated references into concise *in silico* screens and short lead lists. In daily care, short “history minutes” at team huddles and counter-side “why we do this” notes tie counseling steps to precedent; one-page precedent summaries appended to SOP revisions make explicit the principle behind a change and the rule that follows. Professional organizations can carry these habits to the wider community through continuing-education case histories, newsletter “precedent notes”, and compact traveling or digital exhibits aligned with May 14 (Turkish Pharmacy Day), August 18 (International Day for the History of Pharmacy), and September 25 (World Pharmacists Day).

Brief commemorations linked to these dates—highlighting Galen of Pergamon (systematic compounding, “galenicals”); Ibn Sīnā/Avicenna (the Canon of Medicine’s rules for testing medicines and its drug compendium); Friedrich Sertürner (isolation of morphine; birth of alkaloid chemistry); Carl Wilhelm Scheele (apothecary-chemist; discoveries including chlorine and glycerol); Nagayoshi Nagai (isolation of ephedrine); and Henri Moissan (isolation of fluorine; 1906 Nobel Prize in Chemistry)—and, locally, Prof. Dr. Kasım Cemal Güven, a landmark figure in Türkiye’s pharmacy history and the founding editor of this journal under its earlier name—help anchor current initiatives in a shared professional story.

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CALL FOR ISHP RESEARCH GRANT 2026 - 2027

Prof. Dr. Dusanka Krajnovic
ISHP General Secretary

In alignment with its statutes, the ISHP is committed to fostering research, education, and dissemination in pharmaceutical history. Consequently, the Society will continue to endorse research projects of global significance within pharmaceutical history, including a €2,500 grant. This grant is predominantly aimed at scholarly endeavors, though not exclusively so.

Submission of proposals for the 2026/2027 ISHP Fellowship Grant is required to be emailed in English to the ISHP General Secretary by October 1st, 2026. Proposals should encompass:

- A comprehensive description of the research project, typically (though not mandatorily) conducted within an academic framework
- An extensive discourse on the project's international relevance
- The applicant's curriculum vitae
- The relevant national organization's confirmation of the applicant's ISHP membership
- A record of the applicant's prior research projects and publications
- A recommendation letter from a senior academic advisor
- A detailed enumeration of anticipated expenses (e.g., travel costs, literature acquisition)

A fellowship committee consisting of the ISHP President, the General Secretary, and three eminent scholars in pharmaceutical history appointed by the Select Executive Committee will evaluate proposals. The successful candidate's obligations include presenting the project at the ISHP General Assembly or another suitable venue during the International Congress for the History of Pharmacy in 2028. Following the project's conclusion, detailed outcomes (e.g., a comprehensive report and reprints of publications) must be submitted to ISHP. Furthermore, annual progress reports are expected in December each year until the project's completion.