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**PREHISTORIC, ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL MEDICINE: NEW  
PERSPECTIVES AND CHALLENGES FOR THE  
TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY**

21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Institute for History of Medicine and Foreign Languages  
First Faculty of Medicine  
Charles University  
Prague, Czech Republic

**SECOND CIRCULAR**

**I. Introduction**

Thank you for your registration for the conference.

This interdisciplinary symposium aims to bring together scholars of different disciplines and specialisations who are interested in various aspects of medicine in the prehistoric, ancient, and medieval world as broadly defined.

We are delighted to report that support has been overwhelming and that we have attracted papers or participation from scholars in fourteen different countries: Austria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Latvia, North Macedonia, Slovakia, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the United States of America. In this second circular, you will find details of the symposium arrangements, which should be self-explanatory. If you have any queries, however, do not hesitate to contact the Symposium Administrator on [alusikt@gmail.com](mailto:alusikt@gmail.com).

We are pleased to inform you that we have received 38 papers presenting various aspects of prehistoric, ancient and medieval medicine. New research projects, both from the field and laboratory-based, together with more theoretical and/or methodological approaches, as well as new methods and their applications will be described. The geographical spread of the topics is from the Near East through Europe to Mesoamerica.

## II. General conference programme

The provisional programme and the abstracts will be available on our [Institute website](#) in late June to early July. The programme may, however, be subject to change.

Three leading scholars were invited to hold an evening lecture. We are pleased to inform you that these scholars agreed to give their special evening lectures: Dr. Milena Melfi (Faculty of Classics & New College, University of Oxford), Dr. Claire Burridge (Department of History, The University of Sheffield) and Prof. Václav Smrčka (Institute for History of Medicine and Foreign Languages, First Faculty of Medicine, Charles University).

Those presenting papers are reminded that other than the keynote speakers/evening lecturers, thirty minutes will be allocated to each paper, which ideally should be twenty minutes to present and ten minutes' discussion. The language of the symposium will be English.

As some of the participants, especially from overseas, might not be able to participate in-person, one or two online sessions (via Zoom) will be held. *Those who wish to present their papers online are asked to write or confirm their online presenting status by the end of June.*

(Last minute changes from in-person to online presenting statuses will be, of course, accepted and the conference programme will be modified accordingly).

***Speakers are requested to send to the Symposium Administrator a note (up to ten lines) outlining their academic career, major publications and projects etc. This is to assist the chair of your session to introduce you.***

### **Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September** (main conference hall, U Nemocnice 4)

The registration desk is open 10-17

13:30-14 opening remarks

14-18 presentation of 5 papers, special evening lecture 1 and discussion

Informal meeting in the pub close to the conference venue

### **Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

The registration desk is open 8:30-16

8:30-12 presentation of 6+6 papers in 2 parallel sessions (in main and small conference halls, U Nemocnice 4)

12-13:30 lunch

13:30-18 presentation of 6 papers, special evening lecture 2 and discussion (main conference hall, U Nemocnice 4)

### **Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September** (main conference hall, U Nemocnice 4)

The registration desk is open 9-12

9-12 presentation of 5 papers

12-13:30 lunch

13:30-18 presentation of 6 papers, special evening lecture 3 and discussion

Symposium Dinner

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September** (Large Stomatology Hall; Katerinska 32)

9-11 presentation of 4 papers

11-11:30 coffee break

11:30-12:30 final discussion and closing remarks

### III. Location

The main conference venue is the **building no. 497, U Nemocnice 4, Prague 2-New Town**. It is a seat of the Institute for History of Medicine and Foreign Languages (ground floor, left) and the Institute of Scientific Information (the rest of the building).



You can easily get there by public transport and/or by walk. It is situated in the same street as the main complex of the General University Hospital in Prague, only a few hundreds of metres from the largest square of Prague (Charles Square – Karlovo náměstí, which is an important public transport junction, incl. a yellow metro line (B) station). It's also located 5 to 7 minutes' walk from another large square and public transport junction – I. P. Pavlova Square (náměstí I. P. Pavlova; red metro line (C) station).

The website of the [Prague Public Transport Company](https://www.dpp.cz/) (Dopravní podnik hlavního města Prahy).



[Google Maps image of the vicinity of the conference venue](#)

This building will host all conference sessions on Days One to Three (Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September):

The main conference hall – no. 1.26 – is located on the ground floor, to the right. It can accommodate 100 persons.

The small conference hall – no. 1.20 – which will host one conference session on Day Two (Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September) in the morning, is situated within the premises of the Institute for History of Medicine and Foreign Languages (ground floor, left). It will also house the registration desk and can accommodate 30 persons.

The Day Four (Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September) session, final discussion and closing remarks will be held in the Large Stomatology Hall, Katerinska 32 (the building of the Faculty Dean's Office and Department of Stomatology; located within 5 minute-walking distance from the Institute for History of Medicine and Foreign Languages). It is situated on the second floor of this building – no. 3.033 – and can accommodate 115 persons.



All conference halls and the registration desk will be signposted.



[Google Maps image](#)

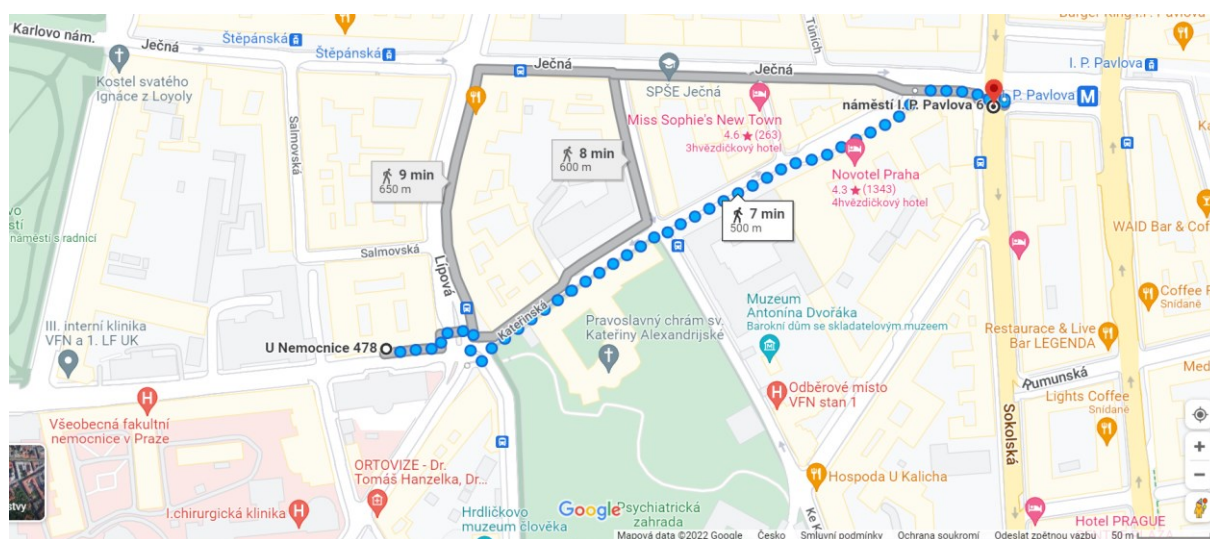
## IV. Refreshments and Symposium Dinner

All refreshments during all breaks will be held within the premises of the Institute for History of Medicine and Foreign Languages and are included in the registration fee.

There are enough of restaurants and pubs, serving Czech and international cuisine, in the vicinity of the conference venue (within ca. 10 minutes' walk) for having lunch. (These lunches are not included in the symposium fee).

On the evening of Day One (Wednesday), there will be an informal gathering in one of the nearby pubs, located in the close vicinity of the conference venue, where it will be possible to purchase a reasonably priced meals and drinks. A section will be reserved for symposium participants.

On the evening of Day Three (Friday), Symposium Dinner will be held in [Restaurant U Gráffů](#), serving traditional Czech cuisine. It is located ca. 7 minutes of walk from the conference venue (I. P. Pavlova Square 6, Prague 2 – see the map below). This event is included in the registration fee.



[Google Maps image](#)

**All participants are requested to confirm their presence at the Symposium Dinner by 30<sup>th</sup> June. (The first authors are requested to do so for all their co-authors).**

## V. Publication

The publication of the symposium will be undertaken by a team in Prague, led by the symposium organizers.

After submission, all papers presented at the Symposium will be subject to two anonymous peer-reviews first. After this review process is finished, the conference proceedings will be prepared. In case of secure funding, the proceedings will be published by Karolinum, the official academic press of Charles University. Otherwise, a low-cost publication option will be arranged, in Archaeopress (Oxford) or similar publishing houses.

Full details of the timetable for the submission of papers and the style guide will be available in the symposium pack.

## VI. Accommodation

As the conference venue is located within the historical centre in Prague, there are enough hotels, hostels and Airbnb to satisfy everyone. Three hotels ([Hotel Ibis Praha Wenceslas Square](#), Katerinska 36, [Novotel Praha Wenceslas Square](#), Katerinska 38, and [Hotel Ankora](#), Katerinska 42) are situated very close, within ca. five-minute's walk.

The conference administration is, of course, ready to assist you with finding your accommodation.

## VII. Symposium fee and registration

The symposium fee of 70 € includes admission to the symposium, abstracts of papers, the symposium programme, all refreshments during the breaks and the Symposium Dinner.

**The fee is due for payment by all participants (in-person and online), including all co-authors of papers.**

Payments should be made by in Euros to the following account. Please remember to give the variable symbol "15091" and *your name in the notes section on the transfer document* when making your payment.

IBAN: CZ1401000000192823800227

SWIFT: KOMBCZPP

Variable symbol: 15091

Bank: Komerční banka, Na Příkopě 33, P.O.BOX 839, CZ-11407, Prague 1, Czech Republic (Headquarters)

Czech participants can pay in CZK (the sum of 1750 Kč) to the following account. (Again, please remember to give the variable symbol "15091" and *your name in the notes section on the transfer document* when making your payment).

Account no.: 37434021/0100 (Komerční banka)

**Please complete your payment by 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at the latest.** After completion of the payment, send the bank confirmation to the conference administration, please.

**The registered participants are requested to confirm their in-person participation at the conference (or online status). The first authors are requested to confirm the presence or notify us on the absence of all co-authors.**

The registration desk will be located within the premises of the Institute for History of Medicine and Foreign Languages, in the small conference hall no. 1.20. The desk will be open:

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September: 10-17

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September: 8:30-16

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September: 9-12

The Organizing and Academic Committee, we all look forward very much to welcoming you to the First Faculty of Medicine, Charles University, Prague in September to our symposium.

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