

“New Insights into Ancient Egyptian Medical Prescriptions”

A Public Lecture in the framework of COSIMENA



Drugs in the pharmacy of Harraz in Cairo; © Tanja Pommerening

Realization	On-site Event; DAAD Regional Office Cairo
Date	Wednesday, May 31 st , 2023 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Cairo Local Time)
Guests	Researchers and Scientists working in the field of archaeology, history, cultural heritage, health, medicine and pharmacy from Egypt
Duration	3 h
General Moderation and Contact Person	Nermine Abdelaty
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Concept Note

In the past, ancient Egyptian remedies have been the focus of research by scientists from a variety of disciplines, especially Egyptologists, historians of science, physicians, biologists, and pharmacists. The first part of the lecture will indicate the reasons for the remaining insufficiencies in modern research by looking at the history of science.

The second part will provide a methodological discussion and basic insights which have enabled the speaker to broaden our knowledge and to describe more precisely our understanding of ancient Egyptian medicine. The aim of the lecture is to present new insights into the medical world of ancient Egypt with its 2000 prescriptions and 1500 drugs.

The event is organized within the framework of the DAAD project “Clusters of Scientific Innovation in the Middle East and North Africa” (COSIMENA), which is a platform that aims to strengthen and initiate scientific cooperation and networks between researchers and universities in Germany and the MENA region. As a result, existing cooperation is made visible and potential synergies are initiated.

Bio of the Speaker



Prof. Dr. Tanja Pommerening holds degrees in pharmacy, history of science and Egyptology. She has been a professor of the History of Pharmacy and Medicine at the University of Marburg and director of Marburg’s Institute for the History of Pharmacy and Medicine since 2020.

From 2010 to 2020 she held a full professorship in Egyptology at the University of Mainz. Her research often takes her to Egypt, starting with her PhD work in 2002 on the Ancient Egyptian Capacity measure. Since 2009 she has been a member of the excavation team in Dayr al Barsha, and since 2020 she has been part of the DAAD-funded project “Cultural Heritage in Cyberspace”, which aims to establish cooperations with the Egyptian academic and memory institutes.



Programme

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5.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.	Registration
	Greeting Words Dr Carsten-Michael Walbiner Director of the DAAD Regional Office Cairo
6.00 p.m.- 6.10 p.m.	Felix Haala Head of Culture and Education at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Cairo
6.10 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.	Presentation: “New Insights into Ancient Egyptian Medical Prescriptions” Prof. Dr Tanja Pommerening Philipps-University Marburg
7.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Q & A session
7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Joint Networking Reception
