

ABOUT

This conference aims to explore in a new light the work and influence of the late antique medical writer Caelius Aurelianus. Caelius Aurelianus is the author of a major treatise *De morbis acutis et chronicis* (*On Acute and Chronic Diseases*) as well as of the *Gynaecia* and *Medicinales Responsiones* which only survive in fragments. It has been several decades since the last dedicated conference on him and his work; it is now time to propose a reevaluation of his figure as a medical thinker, author, and doxographical source, take stock of the scholarly *status quaestionis* and envisage future lines of inquiry.

This conference is an occasion to discuss key aspects of his work, his significance in the history of medicine, and his status in contemporary scholarship.

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

CAELIUS AURELIANUS

MEDICINE AND MEDICAL TRADITION

14-15 SEPTEMBER 2023

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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2023

- 08:45 – 09:15 | *Registration and Coffee*
- 09:15 – 09:30 | Chiara Thumiger & Krystal Marlier
Introduction and Welcome
- 09:30 – 10:15 | Nicolas Lamare (Université de Picardie Jules Verne, France) &
Chiara Thumiger (ROOTS, Christian-Albrecht-Universität (CAU), Kiel, Germany)
The Doctor from Sicca Veneria: Caelius Aurelianus in Context

Session 1. Medical Practice & Medical Text: Nosology, Pathology, Therapeutics, Language

- 10:15 – 11:00 | Marke Ahonen (University of Helsinki, Finland)
Caelius Aurelianus on Sleep Paralysis
- Coffee Break**
- 11:30 – 12:15 | Krystal Marlier (CAU, Kiel, Germany)
*Benevolent Deception and Other Therapeutic Techniques:
Case Studies in Caelius Aurelianus' Acute and Chronic Diseases*
- 12:15 – 13:00 | Jean-Christophe Courtil (Université Toulouse 2-Jean Jaurès / Institut
Universitaire de France)
*Is Sex Good or Bad for Health? Controversies Over the Usefulness of
Intercourse in Caelius Aurelianus*
- Lunch Break**
- 14:30 – 15:15 | George Kazantzidis (University of Patras, Greece)
*Hallucinations of Madmen in Caelius Aurelianus: Tradition and Innovation
(De morbis chronicis 1.150-152)*
- 15:15 – 16:00 | David Kaufman (Transylvania University, USA)
Irrational Emotions, Emotional Blindness, and Madness in Caelius Aurelianus
- Coffee Break**
- 16:30 – 17:15 | Lesley Bolton (University of Calgary, Canada)
Death and Dying in Caelius Aurelianus
- 17:15 – 18:00 | Lutz Alexander Graumann (University Hospital, Justus-Liebig-University Gießen,
Germany)
*A Tale of 'talus': Some Observations on Anatomical Terminology in
Caelius Aurelianus*

Conference Dinner (19:30)

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2023

- 09:30 – 10:00 | *Registration and Coffee*
- Session 2. Transmission and Reception**
- 10:00 – 10:45 | *Anna Maria Urso (Università di Messina, Italy)
*Tra medicina e filologia. Il contributo di Robert Constantin all'editio Rovilliana
di Celio Aureliano*
- 10:45 – 11:30 | Caroline Petit (University of Warwick, England)
Resounding Silence? Potential Subtexts in Caelius Aurelianus
- Coffee Break**
- 12:00 – 12:45 | Gabriel A. F. Silva (University of Lisbon, Portugal)
Caelius Aurelianus as a Source for the Portuguese Renaissance Medicine
- Session 3. Medical Tradition: Methodism, Methodical Thought, Doxography**
- 12:45 – 13:30 | Arthur Harris (Needham Research Institute and Darwin College, England)
Debating Health in Caelius Aurelianus' De Salutaribus Praeceptis
- Lunch Break**
- 15:00 – 15:45 | David Leith (University of Exeter, England)
*Beyond the Koinotētes: Individual Diseases and Pre-Methodist Therapeutics in
Caelius' Acute and Chronic Diseases*
- 15:45 – 16:30 | Susan Prince (University of Cincinnati, USA)
*Hydrophobia and the Methodist: How Caelius Aurelianus Fits a Disease to his
Scholastic Doctrines*
- Coffee Break**
- 17:00-17:45 | *Domenico Pellegrino (Università di Messina, Italy)
*Una dottrina in evoluzione: la teoria metodica delle comunità nella diaphonia di
Celio Aureliano*
- 17:45 | Concluding Remarks**

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