

# Programme

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Keynote Speaker

**Lawrence M. Principe**

Confirmed Speakers

**Meagan Allen**

**Chiara Crisciani**

**Michela Pereira**

**Xavier Renedo-Puig**

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## 22 October

13.00 *Speakers Registration*

13.30 *Welcoming Address*

### Session I - The Alchemical Quest to Prolong Life

Chair: Lawrence M. Principe

13.40 *Color-Coded Touch: Synesthetic Healing & Health Discourses in Isabel de Villena's Vita Christi*  
Alba Lara-Granero

14:00 *Alchemical Pharmacology & the "Prolongatio Vitae" in Roger Bacon's Opus maius*  
Meagan Allen

14:20 *Discussion*

### Session II - Alchemical Secrets & Remedies

Chair: Sebastià Giralt Soler

14:40 *A History of Alchemical Thyriacitas from Arnau de Vilanova until Jehan de Rhodes (15th Century)*  
Antoine Calvet

15.00 *Medicinal Waters Preparation Techniques in the Manuscripts Collection of the Sacro Convento in Assisi*  
Paolo Capitanucci

15.20 *Discussion*

15.40 *Coffee Break*

### Session III - Between Convent & University

Chair: Doriane Moenaert

16.00 *Alchemy in the Expositio Problematum Aristotelis by Pietro d'Abano*  
Jacopo Tomatis

16.20 *The Elixir in Western Medieval Alchemy: An Overview*  
Michela Pereira

16.40 *Discussion*

### Session IV - Alchemical Transmutation & Cure

Chair: Xavier Renedo-Puig

17.00 *"As Good as Gold." The Role of Gold's Purity in 14th-15th Century Alchemical Remedies*  
Doriane Moenart

17.20 *The Radical Moisture in the Alchemy of the 14th & 15th Centuries*  
Chiara Crisciani

17.40 *Discussion*

18.00 *Conclusion*

## 23 October

10.30 *Welcoming Coffee*

### Session V - Cross-Cultural Dynamics

Chair: Elena Morgana

11.00 *It is a Stone but Flesh. The Use of Animal & Human Ingredients in Medicinal Alchemy*  
Sergei Zotov

11.20 *The Healing Powers of Precious Stones in 15th-Century Ottoman Empire: "Fa'ida" & "Hawass" in Shirvani's Tuhfa-i Muradi*  
Ahmet Göksu

11.40 *Discussion*

### Session V - Healing Powers in the Iberian Peninsula

Chair: Ahmet Göksu

12.00 *De Consideratione Quintae Essentiae by Rupescissa: A Text Inspired by the Magister Testamenti*  
José Rodríguez-Guerrero

12.20 *Palmistry & Physiognomy in the Terç del Crestià*  
Xavier Renedo-Puig

12.40 *Discussion*

13.00 *Lunch*

### Session VII - The Alkahest

Chair: Jacopo Tomatis

14.00 *Alkahest: Virtues & Vices of a Universal Solvent*  
Marco Ghione

14.20 *From Elixir to Alkahest: The Evolution of a Panacea in the Kingdom of Naples 1620-1670*  
Elena Morgana

14.40 *Discussion*

### Session VIII - Digital and Experimental Alchemy

Chair: Alba Lara-Granero

15.00 *Arnau de Vilanova the Alchemist: from a Legend to a Database*  
Sebastià Giralt-Soler

15.20 *Sephardic, Catalan, & Occitan Alchemists in Search of the Elixir: a Divine & Practical Revolutionary Longing*  
Stefania S. Buosi-Moncunill

15.40 *Discussion*

16.00 *Coffee Break*

16.30 *New Light on John of Rupescissa's Alchemy: Experimental Practices, Franciscan Spirituality & Theoretical Innovations*  
Lawrence M. Principe

17.15 *Discussion & Final Remarks*