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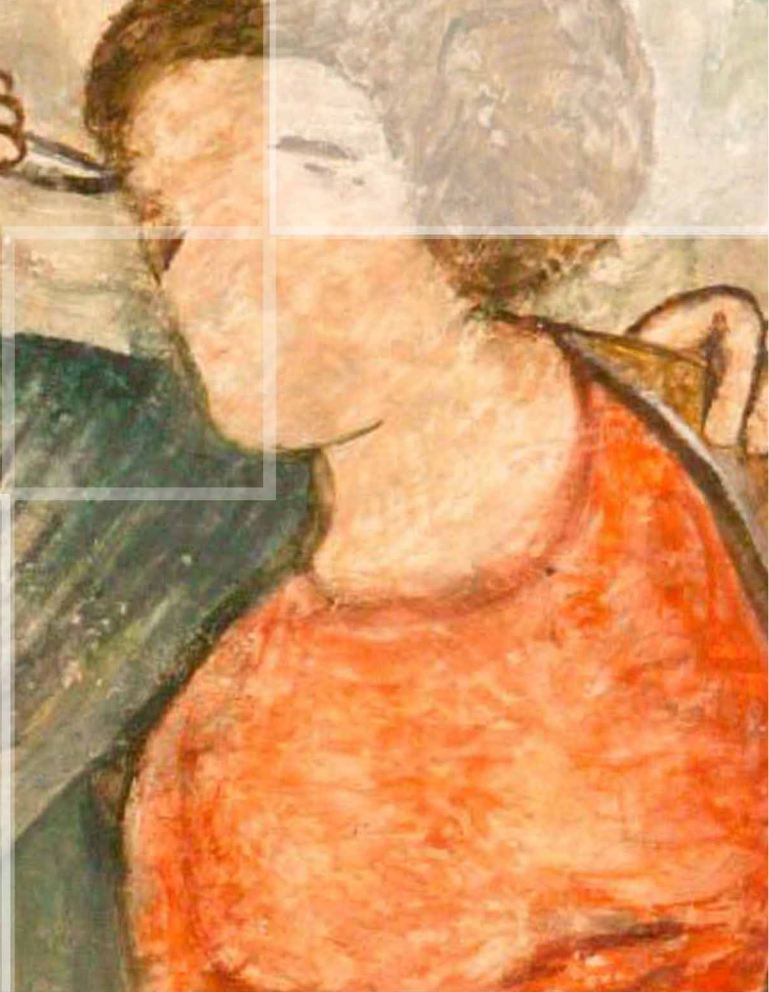
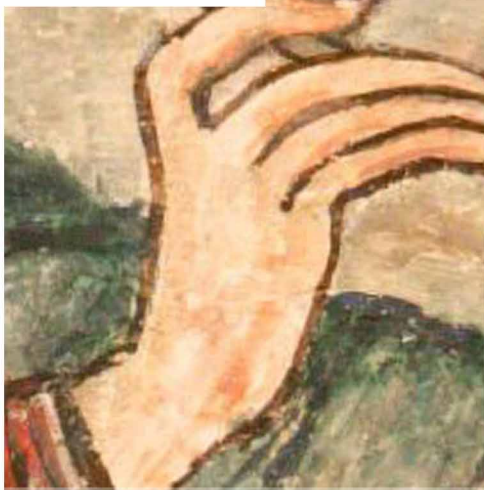
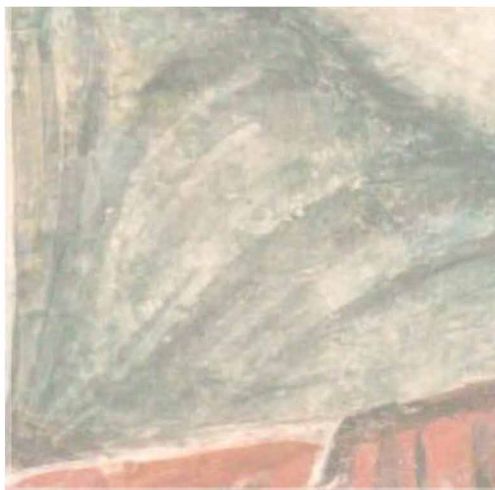


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COPTIC MEDICINE & ITS REMEDIES

22
APRIL
2025
5.00 pm CET

EXPLORING AN ANCIENT PHARMACOPOEIA

MONA SAWY • Georg-August-Universität Göttingen — Assiut University

This presentation delves into the pharmacopoeia of ancient Egypt as preserved and practiced by the Copts, who have inherited and adapted a rich medical tradition that dates back to the time of the pharaohs. This exploration will uncover the various medicaments used in Coptic medicine, including herbs, minerals, and animal products, and their applications in treating a range of ailments. Through an examination of ancient texts, medical papyri, and recent

archaeological findings, we will shed light on the sophisticated understanding of pharmacology possessed by the Copts. Additionally, this presentation will highlight the continuity and transformation of these medical practices over centuries, illustrating their influence on both medieval and modern medicine. By understanding the pharmacopoeia of Coptic medicine, we gain insights into the cultural and scientific heritage of one of the

world's oldest civilizations and its enduring impact on contemporary medical practices.