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“He then bade Paeon heal him, whereon Paeon spread pain-killing herbs upon his wound and cured him, for he was not of mortal mould. As the juice of the fig-tree curdles milk, and thickens it in a moment though it is liquid, even so instantly did Paeon cure fierce Mars”.

The Iliad by Homer, 800 B.C.E, Book V.



Dear Archons,

Being a Hellenic politician, gynecologist and the Head of the Ethnic Organisation for Farmakon (EOF), I would like to emphasize the protagonist role of the Hellenic culture and phraseology in the ecumenical epistemology and especially in the sphere of pharmacon.

Therefore, in the **prologue** of my **laconic panegyric** of this **polyglot synod**, I have chosen to speak in a **dialect** I am sure it **echoes** English to all of you. Thus, **sympathize** with me for my **lexical zeal** and **overdose** of Hellenic **glossary**.

It is *historically* and *chronologically* proven that a *plethora* of *iatric & pharmaceutical themes*, such as *etiology, nosology, pathology, diagnostic techniques, biochemical & physiological effects of medicines and therapeutic schemes* have their *genesis* in *Classical Greece*.

Empirical gnosis of the archaic pharmacon and its therapeutic characteristics was systematized and metamorphosed to theory and episteme

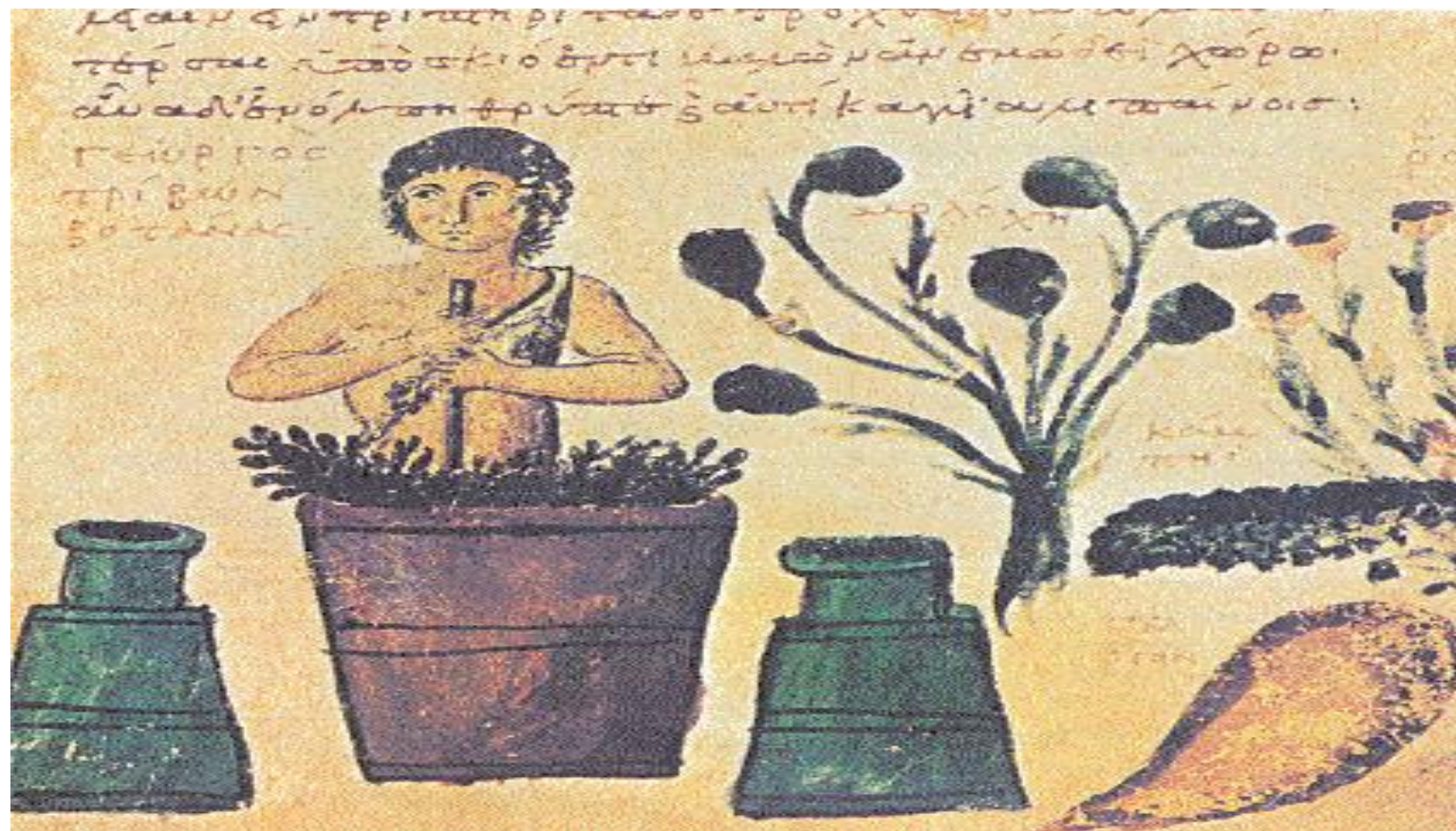
Hippocrates (c. 460 – c. 370 BC),

Dioscorides (c. 40 – 90 AD),

Galen (AD 129 – c. 200).

Some pharmaceutical symbols have their genesis in ancient Greece, as well.





The **Greek episteme** is **diachronic & cosmopolitan**, though. Even today and despite the **chaotic economic crisis** and **criticism** Greece has received, without any **amphibole**, it has the **academic gnosis, dynamism** and **enthusiasm** to **program** such events as the **Hellenic** Presidency and to **generate new ideas, technologies** and **practices**, thanks to its **ethnical physiognomy** and **democratic pneuma**.

We are all **martyrs** today of a **catastrophic economic epidemics**, which is neither **symptomatic** nor **epidermic**. **Exogenous & endogenous parameters** have **synthesized** this **economic odyssey**. The **systems** and **tactics** practiced so far were not **panacea** or **analeptic** to this **socioeconomic paralysis**, which has also **traumatized** **dramatically** people's **Hygeia**.

However, although our period is characterized by critical economic and political problems, my thesis is that our harmonic, symmetrical symbiosis and systematic synergistic effect, as well as our paideia and Patriotism, will be the antidote to this phenomenon. To paraphrase, despite our countries' idiomorphic, polymorphous ethnical practices, Europe must be pragmatically homogeneous and certainly not pathetic to all these. Crisis must not become a chronic asthenia. Our gnomon must be philanthropy & philia and not economic bulimia. Our scope and policy should not be antagonistic. My hypothesis is that if we use this 'Pharmacon', it will be an analgesic to the arrhythmia, agony and melancholy we feel today. My prognosis is that there will be a catharsis, eudemonia and giant anode in European countries in the end.

Dear **Archons**,

We are all here today at this **polyethnic synod** of the **European** Heads of Agencies and under the **aegis** of EOF, to **dialogue** on ‘**pharmacon**’, not only as a **tonic** with **political, ethical** and **social drasis**, but **basically** as a **therapeutic** means.

Let this **synod** be an **anabiosis** of the **archaic Hellenic practices** and **symposiums**, with this **aesthesis** of **euphoria** this **historical** site of Athens, Zappeion Megaron, **generates**.

Our European Organizations are here today to synchronize their thesis, analyze and synthesize drastic pharmaceutical and therapeutic policies and strategies for the best of people's health. Pharmacovigilance in Europe, Clinical Trials, Medical Technological Devices, Taxonomy of Pharmaceuticals, Homeopathy, generic & prototype medicines procedures, are some of our themes to be discussed.

Let me emphasize my eucharistia to the eugenic, eponymous guests, epistemologists of this symposium, participants, as well as the organizers of this event.

Also, my kudos to EOF's experts.

I welcome you to the philoxenous country of Greece, a geographical paradise, of unparalleled beauty and myriads of archaeological and historical sites, as well as the graphic metropolis of Athens, with its authentic nightlife, but also great gastronomy.

Looking forward to seeing you in the next phase and
programmed synod of the Heads of Agencies in Toledo,
Spain in April.