

Pre-Congress INFORMATION Session (Half-Day)
Cult, Science and Society: Health Economics and Ancient Greek Medicine
Friday, July 6. 8:30am - 12:30pm
Lund, Sweden

Ancient Greece is a fascinating society. It witnessed great advances in literature, philosophy and science. The institutional development is equally interesting, entailing – for example – direct male democracy in Athens, taxation, changing social norms, government subsidies to the poor and the emergence of markets. One striking feature of ancient Greek society is that it witnessed both the birth of "scientific" medicine and the proliferation of healing cults.

This session will provide three perspectives on ancient Greek medicine: health economics, history of medicine, and ancient history and archaeology. The session will include both examples and overviews.

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