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"Iris in Dioscorides: A Multidisciplinary Approach"

ABSTRACT

Iris was a potent plant in antiquity, a favorite of Dioscorides and Celsus who used it to treat a wide range of medical ailments – from gynecological ills to pneumonia – and also the floral basis of the famous *irinon* perfume. This talk offers a brief "plant biography" of iris as Dioscorides used it. It presents preliminary results from new research in phytochemistry, archaeology and environmental science that allow us precisely to identify the chemical compounds that made it such an effective *pharmakon*, the historical environments where it grew, and offer some thoughts about why it may have fallen out of medical favor.

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