

## Press release

### 2nd Annual Forum of Aromas Itinerarium Salutis – The European Route of Historic Pharmacies and Medicinal Gardens to be held on April 16–17, 2026 in Kaunas, Lithuania

(València, Spain – December 11, 2025)

Aromas Itinerarium Salutis (AIS) – The European Route of Historic Pharmacies and Medicinal Gardens, certified as a Cultural Route of the Council of Europe since 2024, announces that its 2nd Annual Forum will take place on 16–17 April 2026 in Kaunas, Lithuania. The event is organised in cooperation with Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, and the Lithuanian Pharmaceutical Association.

This second edition, dedicated to the theme “Pharmacy objects: an international bridge for science, culture, studies and the dissemination of scientific and humanistic knowledge”, will bring together scholars, heritage professionals, researchers, university students and AIS members from more than 12 European countries.

The AIS 2nd Annual Forum’s goals are:

- To foster and preserve the ethnographic heritage of pharmaceutical objects.
- To develop science, culture, studies and disseminate scientific and humanistic knowledge.
- To promote cooperation on a national, regional, international and intercontinental scale within the AIS.

The two-day programme will open with an official welcome session and introductory remarks, followed by an open discussion dedicated to reflections and future perspectives within the AIS framework. Participants will then join guided visits to the Museum of the History of Lithuanian Medicine and Pharmacy and to the Scientific Sector of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAPs) at the Vytautas Magnus University Botanical Garden. The scientific core will include a plenary session, oral presentations and a poster session, followed by thematic working groups dedicated to the strategic development of AIS. The Forum will conclude with the meeting of the AIS General Assembly, the adoption of the Forum Resolution, an Honor Ceremony with the presentation of new members, and a post-Forum cultural programme in Kaunas.

Registration and abstract submissions are open until 15 January 2026. Accepted authors will be notified on 2 February. Full details and updates will be available on the official AIS website: <https://aromassalutis.eu/>

About Aromas Itinerarium Salutis (AIS): AIS promotes the cultural and scientific legacy of historic pharmacies and medicinal gardens through a transnational network of municipalities, museums, universities, research centres, associations and SMEs across Europe and beyond. The route highlights the intertwined development of pharmacy, botanical knowledge and materia medica, advancing sustainable cultural tourism, academic cooperation and public engagement. The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme, launched in 1987, demonstrates how the heritage of different countries and cultures of Europe represents a shared cultural heritage and puts into practice the fundamental values of the Council of Europe: human rights, cultural democracy, cultural diversity and identity, dialogue and mutual exchange across boundaries and centuries. The Aromas Itinerarium Salutis – The European Route of Historic Pharmacies and Medicinal Gardens has been a “Cultural Route of the Council of Europe” since 2024.

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