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THE DEPARTMENT OF DRUG SCIENCES AND THE LABORATORY OF HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES ORGANISE AN

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION:

Promoting Medicinal and Aromatic Plants in Health and Nutrition



2 DECEMBER 2026

About the conference

The Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy of Tangier (Abdelmalek Essaâdi University) is organising **an international conference dedicated to ancestral knowledge**, the **valorisation of natural resources**, and their **therapeutic and food applications**. This scientific event is part of an international research and innovation initiative, bringing together academic researchers with extensive experience in the health sciences, particularly in the development of novel molecules with high added value.

This event is organised within the framework of several research and cooperation projects, including **Erasmus+ K171 mobility programmes** with the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences in Kaunas, Lithuania, and Tarsus University, Türkiye; the **French Embassy mobility project** involving the Faculty of Pharmacy of Montpellier and the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy of Tangier; the **Morocco–Hungary bilateral research project**; and the research project dedicated to the **valorisation of medicinal and aromatic plants (4VPMA)**, carried out within the framework of the **CNRST** and **Abdelmalek Essaâdi University**. This collaborative framework also includes **COST Action CA-22134**, entitled "**Sustainable Network for Agrofood Loss and Waste Prevention, Management, Quantification and Valorisation**" (FoodWaStop), as well as cooperation with Sama Bioconsult Développement, based in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso.

This event aims to strengthen the links between traditional approaches, contemporary scientific research, and innovation in the field of natural substances.

In Morocco, as in many other parts of the world, ancestral knowledge related to the use of medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs), as well as other natural resources, represents a valuable heritage preserved and passed down from generation to generation. This knowledge constitutes an important social and cultural legacy, particularly in the fields of health and food. Modern approaches to its assessment rely on documentation and scientific investigation to gain a better understanding of its potential, biological properties, and possible applications.

In this context, natural products are attracting increasing scientific interest due to their chemical diversity and biological properties. They offer promising opportunities for pharmacological research, the development of novel therapeutic approaches, the design of value-added ingredients, and innovation in the agri-food and nutrition sectors. Their effective valorisation requires a multidisciplinary approach integrating natural products chemistry, pharmacology, biotechnology, health sciences, and food sciences.

Through scientific presentations and interdisciplinary discussions, this conference aims to highlight recent advances, address current scientific challenges, and explore new opportunities for innovation related to ancestral knowledge and natural products.

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Wednesday, 2 December 2026 | **Thesis Hall – FMPT** | **Coordination: Prof. Noureddine El Aouad**

TIME	PROGRAMME	SPEAKERS
08:30–09:00	Welcome and registration of participants	
09:00–09:20	Opening remarks	**Prof. Hinde Cherkaoui Dekkaki** Vice-President for Scientific Research, Cooperation and Partnership, Abdelmalek Essaâdi University **Prof. Abdellah Oulmaati** Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy of Tangier – Abdelmalek Essaâdi University
09:20–09:40	Presentation of the Laboratory of Health and Life Sciences (FMPT-UAE)	**Prof. Rajaa Chahboune and Prof. Noureddine El Aouad** Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy of Tangier – Abdelmalek Essaâdi University
09:40–10:10	CONFERENCE 1 **Traditional Medicine and Pharmacopoeia in the Sahel: The Case of Burkina Faso, a Model for Integrating Traditional Knowledge and Practices to Support Public Health Goals** 25 min presentation + 5 min questions	**Dr. Marc Olivier** Ethnobotanist and consultant, Sama Bioconsult Développement, Bobo-Dioulasso · **Burkina Faso**
10:10–10:40	CONFERENCE 2 **A Comprehensive Analysis of the Interplay Between Scientific Research, Studies, and Industrial Development** 25 min presentation + 5 min questions	**Prof. Jurga Bernatonienė** Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Kaunas · **Lithuania**
10:40–11:10	CONFERENCE 3 **Non-Enzymatic Oxylipins: Biomarkers and Actors for Human and Plant Health** 25 min presentation + 5 min questions	**Prof. Claire Vigor** Institut des Biomolécules Max Mousseron, University of Montpellier · **France**
11:10–11:30	COFFEE BREAK	
11:30–12:00	CONFERENCE 4 **Biological Effects of Resveratrol** 25 min presentation + 5 min questions	**Prof. Lolita Kuršvietienė** Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Kaunas · **Lithuania**
12:00–12:30	CONFERENCE 5 **Plant Archives and Living Knowledge: Biocultural Collections as Tools for Ethnopharmacology** 25 min presentation + 5 min questions	**Prof. Julien Antih** Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Montpellier · **France**
12:30–13:00	CONFERENCE 6 **Sustainable Food Processing and the Valorisation of Plant-Derived Bioactive Compounds** 25 min presentation + 5 min questions	**Prof. Gülden Gökşen** Tarsus University · **Türkiye**
13:00–13:30	CONFERENCE 7 **Small Scale, Big Questions: EU Regulatory Reform and the Global Challenges of Patient-Specific Advanced Therapies** 25 min presentation + 5 min questions	**Mrs. Migle Bernatonyte** Faculty of Law, Vilnius University · **Lithuania**
13:30–14:10	Scientific discussion, question-and-answer session and conference closing	**Organising Committee / Speakers**

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