



**ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI
PRESS OFFICE**

ph. (+30)2310 997158 e-mail: press@auth.gr

Administration Building «K. Karatheodori» AUTH, P.C. 541 24, Thessaloniki

[@Aristoteleio](https://www.facebook.com/Aristoteleio) [@authuniversity](https://www.instagram.com/authuniversity) [@Auth_University](https://twitter.com/Auth_University)

PRESS RELEASE

**Rare Aristotle University Manuscripts on Aristotle and Galen to Be
Exhibited as Part of the Aristotle Innovation Forum**

Thessaloniki, 18 May 2026

Rare and valuable manuscripts on Aristotle and Galen from the Collections of Manuscripts, Facsimiles and Incunabula, as well as from the Rare Books Collection, will be showcased in two thematic exhibitions organized by the Library and Information Centre of the Aristotle University as part of the Aristotle Innovation Forum. The opening ceremony will take place tomorrow, Tuesday, 19 May 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the Central Library.

The exhibitions will present representative examples of the timeless evolution of knowledge, from the Byzantine period to modern scientific production. Among the exhibits, a particularly notable item is the incunabulum of Galen containing the works “Therapeutic Method” and “Therapeutics to Glaucon” (printed on 5 October 1500). This exceptionally rare edition—the editio princeps of these works—survives today in only nine copies worldwide, two of which are hand-colored. The Library preserves one of these two copies in its collection and has produced a reprint in collaboration with Barbounakis Publications.

The document AUTH 149, “Experiments in the Teaching of Organic Chemistry,” is of particular importance, while AUTH 52, an autograph manuscript by Vikentios Damodos, and AUTH 150, which constitutes a characteristic example of an interpretative approach to Aristotle’s work, also stand out.

The section dedicated to incunabula and rare editions includes, among other items, a 1503 edition from the printing house of Aldus Manutius (Trikoglou Donation), as well as an exceptionally rare incunabulum by Sebastian Brant (1495), of which only seven copies survive worldwide.

At the same time, the exhibitions present editions of Aristotle’s works in the original Greek or in Latin translation, along with later European editions and translations that reflect the enduring influence of Aristotelian thought.

The Central Library of the Aristotle University has significantly strengthened its international presence, as it joined the global catalogue of incunabula in 2022 and the global catalogue of manuscripts in 2024. At the same time, it continues to develop scientific collaborations with institutions in countries such as the United States of America, Australia, Canada, and the Vatican.

The exhibitions form part of the Library’s outward-looking strategy and aim to highlight the richness of its collections while strengthening the connection between cultural heritage and contemporary research and education.

The Aristotle Innovation Forum—one of the most dynamic innovation forums in Southeastern Europe—is organized by the Aristotle University from 17 to 23 May 2026.

The AIF takes place under the auspices of His Excellency the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Konstantinos An. Tasoulas. The AIF is held with the support of the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports, the Municipality of Thessaloniki, and the Region of Central Macedonia, while the Thessaloniki International Fair serves as a strategic partner. Major sponsors include PPC and Piraeus Bank. The event is open to the public.

Exhibition Duration: 19–22 May 2026

Opening Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

More information: <https://aristotleforum.auth.gr/>

We kindly request that this event be published, broadcast, and covered by the media.