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**Experiences with the new website  
([www.gyogyszeresztortenet.hu](http://www.gyogyszeresztortenet.hu))  
of the Hungarian Society for the  
History of Pharmacy**

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# Beginning of 2013:

## Development of

[www.gyogyszeresztortenet.hu](http://www.gyogyszeresztortenet.hu) started

### Aims (1):

- ▶ **To increase on-line access to sources of history of pharmacy** (books, doctoral theses, articles, photos, films, news flow, links to related websites, such as fellow societies, museums, libraries, journals, genealogy)
- ▶ **To provide home-based access** (without travelling) to the above sources, to our members (many of them elderly, frail and/or living in the countryside, having limited access to libraries/information)

# Beginning of 2013: Development of [www.gyogyszeresztortenet.hu](http://www.gyogyszeresztortenet.hu) started

## Aims (2):

- ▶ To promote research by providing easily accessible information
- ▶ To provide access to the Hungarian history of pharmacy to our non-Hungarian colleagues in English (the English version of the website provides titles of publications in English)
- ▶ To publish and popularise the history of pharmacy to the wider public
- ▶ To provide a cheap and efficient form of publication on the history of pharmacy (no printing costs, accessible to a very wide circle, no limit of circulation).

# Current characteristics of [www.gyogyszeresztortenet.hu](http://www.gyogyszeresztortenet.hu) (1)

- ▶ Documents available in pdf format with optical character recognition
- ▶ Built-in Google search engine makes it possible to search for words or expressions concurrently in all pdf files or in an individual document.
- ▶ The above technique increases speed, precision and efficacy of research in a way unimaginable in a traditional literature search.
- ▶ People can find information in Google even without knowing us, because the Google search engine finds and lists information from our website.

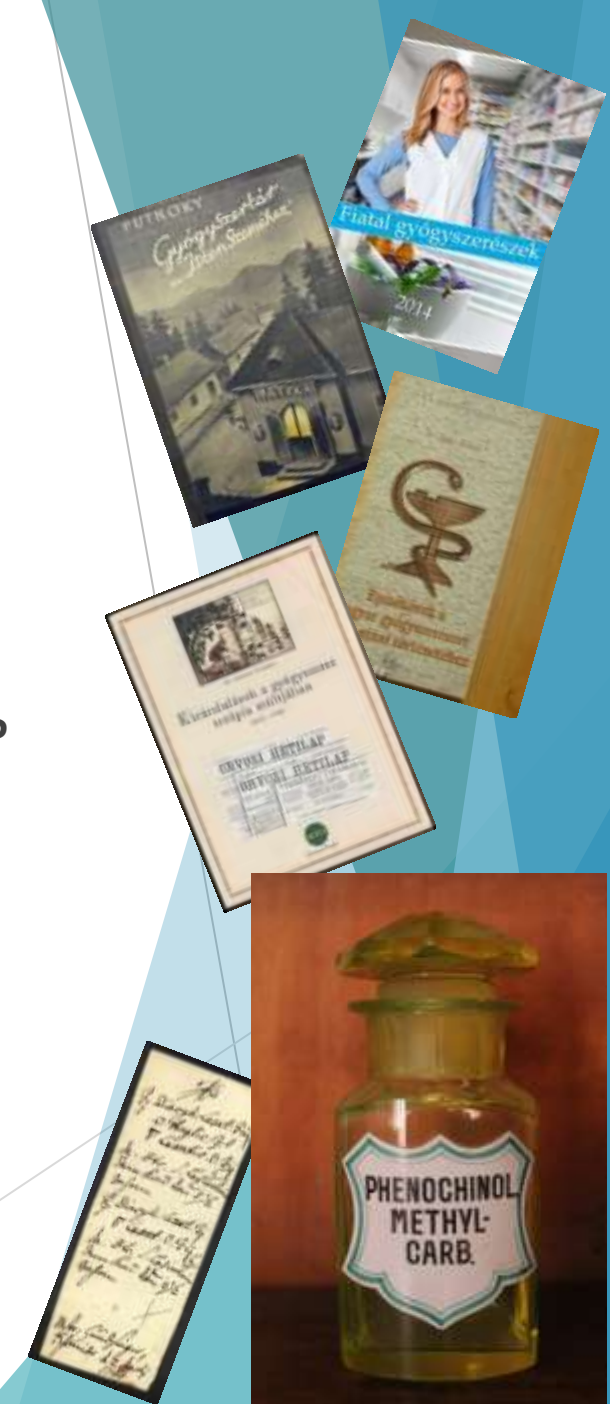
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# Current characteristics of [www.gyogyszerestortenet.hu](http://www.gyogyszerestortenet.hu) (2)

- ▶ Approximately 106 books
- ▶ 103 pharmaceutical year books from 1861 to 1990 with lists of pharmacies, pharmacists, medicines, institutions, texts of laws, decrees, advertisements, etc.
- ▶ 47 doctoral theses
- ▶ About 1600 articles (an estimated 85-90% of all papers in the last 60 years) + ISHP Newsletters 2003 - 2015 + detailed contents of a Hungarian journal from 1885 to 1900
- ▶ A Biography Lexicon of more than 300 outstanding Hungarian pharmacists,
- ▶ A Lexicon of about 1500 old drugs based on the labeling of pharmacy jars
- ▶ Hundreds of photos of old pharmacy equipment, old industry-made preparations and prescriptions
- ▶ Photos of more than 100 German language prescriptions from the 18<sup>th</sup> century
- ▶ 7 documentaries on life interviews with, Hungarian pharmacists.



# Magyar Gyógyszerésztörténeti Társaság

A honlap tudományos tartalma a Magyar Gyógyszerésztörténeti Társaság és a Magyar Gyógyszerésztudományi Társaság közös alkotása a gyógyszerészet és a gyógyszerészeti kultúra szolgálatában.

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## Tisztelt Látogató!

Sok szeretettel köszöntöm Önt a

**Magyar Gyógyszerésztörténeti Társaság (MGYTT)** honlapján.

Társaságunk 2002. április 11-én alakult meg Dr. Grabarits István (1945-2012) kezdeményezésére és vezetésével közhasznú társaságként.

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Kategória: **Egyéb**

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## About Us

Dear Visitor,

Welcome to the website of the

**Hungarian Society for the History of Pharmacy**

The Hungarian Society for the History of Pharmacy was formed on 11 April 2002. Its purpose is to focus on the development of all areas in the History of Pharmacy, from the works of the ancient apothecary to today's ever changing role of the pharmacist in retail community service, as well as in wholesale and industrial settings.

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# Examples of efficiency of research

- ▶ **Query:** When was the first Turkish Pharmacopoeia published?  
Result: 1930, Türk Kodeksi (2 minutes)
- ▶ **Query:** Data on healthcare in Hungary from the time of Turkish rule (16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> century).  
Result: Multiple publications (less than 1 minute) all of which are available for download, in their entirety
- ▶ **Query:** Search for any mention of names, pharmacies, towns/villages, drugs.  
Result: in a couple of seconds.
- ▶ **Query:** Full name of an old medicine from an acronym (even with typing error) on the label of a pharmacy jar.  
Result: from a couple of seconds to a couple of minutes



# Typical fields of interest by the general public

About 1100 - 2200 individual visitors (both professionals and laymen) each month, with between 1.3 - 1.4 visits/visitor

- ▶ Genealogy data (pharmacist ancestors, relatives)
- ▶ Local history (towns, villages) related to pharmacy
- ▶ Recipes of, or data on, old medicines



# Limitations

- ▶ **Bad paper/printing quality** of original printed materials
- ▶ Not all of the relevant data is filtered out - **problems with the technical capabilities** of searching
- ▶ On-line search represents only an **added value** to paper-based research, but does not substitute for it.

**Thank you for your kind attention!**

