

Conrad Gessner

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Introduction

Conrad Gessner (1516-1565) is nowadays mostly remembered as being the “Father of bibliography” and honoured as the author of the *Bibliotheca universalis*. Yet this huge bibliography of scholarly books in the three classical languages Greek, Latin and Hebrew, the first of its kind, and indeed in a sense the cornerstone for all subsequent bibliographical work, was but one of the many important contributions to the advancement of knowledge which flowed from the pen of the Swiss scholar and polymath, who was likened to Aristotle and Pliny the Elder by his contemporaries and by other authors for almost two centuries.

Gessner’s main interests were botany, zoology, medicine, and pharmacology, and his pieces on these subjects became standard works of reference throughout Europe during the 16th and 17th century. He also made important and lasting contributions to classical philology, theology, and the study of modern languages - to put it briefly he was a true Renaissance man who sought to apply his inquisitive and analytical mind to almost all fields of human endeavour.

Gessner was trained as a physician and signed most of his works “Conradus Gesnerus medicus Tigurinus”, since he worked as town physician in his native town Zürich for most of his life. His main interest however was botany: his earliest books were systematic lists of plant names, and his last work (unfortunately unfinished because of his untimely death) was to be an encyclopedia of plants, arranged not alphabetically by names of plants as was the custom in contemporary herbals, but by morphological characteristics, thus possibly anticipating the work of Linnaeus by some two centuries. This was to be the counterpart of his earlier encyclopedia of animals, the “*Historia animalium*”, a monumental work that is still the subject of research by zoologists. His works on pharmacology (which became bestsellers in his own lifetime) provide unique insights into the state of this art during the early 16th century, and his editions of Galen’s works, commentaries on other physicians’ treatises, as well as an anthology of surgical works are invaluable for historians of medicine. These works and his many letters to friends and colleagues throughout Europe make it clear that Gessner held quite advanced views on medical matters and condemned many of his contemporaries’ superstitions. In his commentaries on Aristotle he also dealt extensively with psychology in a manner that went far beyond classical Aristotelian views on the senses and sense perception.

Gessner was also an accomplished linguist and lexicographer. He has only recently been acknowledged as one of the founders of comparative philology, mainly due to his *Mithridates*, a study of the world’s languages as they were known in his time. His contributions as editor of classical texts, particularly Marc Aurel’s *Meditations* in Greek, still constitute the basis for modern editions. The same is true of some of his editions of classical theological treatises, some

of which were subsequently incorporated in Migne’s *Patrologiae*.

Gessner’s works are thus a rich but still insufficiently explored source for scholars of the Renaissance, historians of science (particularly in the fields of medicine, botany and zoology), classical philologists and linguists. Original copies of his works are, however, dispersed among many libraries throughout the world, and even in his native Switzerland there is not one single library that holds copies of his complete works. Only a few of Gessner’s works have been reproduced in modern reprint editions, and even these are now mostly out of print.

The IDC has therefore undertaken the present project with a view to providing convenient access to the principal works of Gessner in their first editions (or subsequent ones published during his lifetime). This will allow scholars to pursue their studies without the need to visit many libraries on the European continent, in England, and in the United States. It will also make it possible for libraries to acquire all or part of Gessner’s works, the originals of which are now virtually unavailable on the open market or, if offered, command very high prices.

Scope of the project

All first editions of Gessner’s works written or edited by him, and some later editions published during his own lifetime or posthumously from his notes; Gessner’s contributions to other authors’ works: prefaces, introductions, commentaries, bibliographies and indexes, and his published letters.

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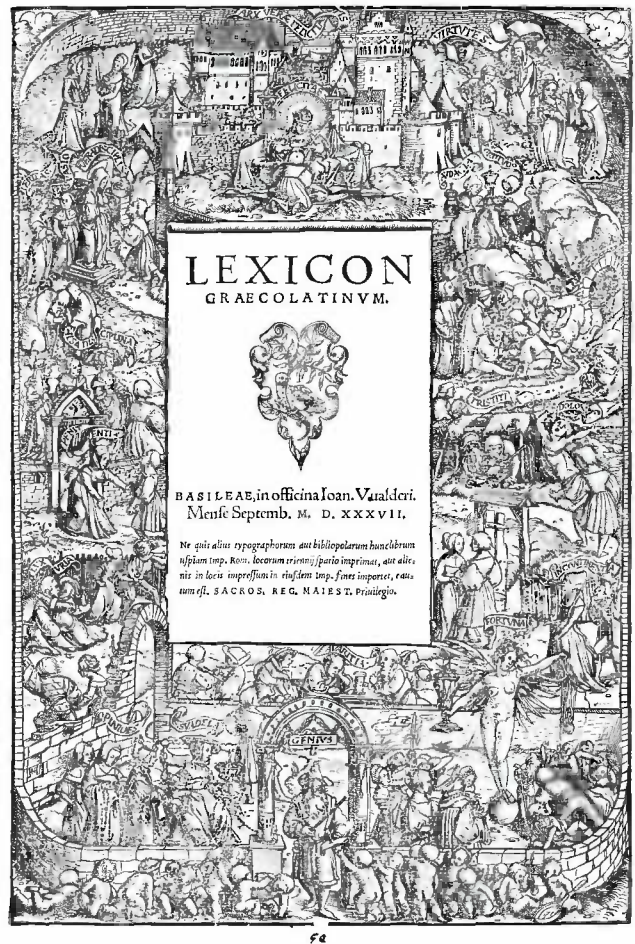
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EVONYMI
PHILIATRI. DE RE.
MEDIIS SECRETIS, LIBER
PHYSICVS, MEDICVS, ET
partim etiam Chymicus, & œcono-
micus in uinorum diuersi faporis ap-
paratu, medicis & pharmacopo-
lis omnibus præcipuè ne-
cessarius, nunc primû
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senbachium. Anno Do
mini, M. D. LII.

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