

PRESS RELEASE

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The National Academy of Medicine and
The Society for History of Medicine announce:

Laurence Plévert, winner
of the History of Medicine Award for her book
« Augusta Klumpke, pionnière de la médecine »

(«Augusta Klumpke, medicine pioneer »)

The National Academy of Medicine and the Society for History of Medicine unveil the winner of the History of Medicine Award. Endowed with €1,000, it rewards works devoted to the history of medicine. After jury deliberation, the History of Medicine prize was awarded to:

Laurence Plévert, for her book
«Augusta Klumpke, pionnière de la médecine »,
published by Les Pérégrines.

The book:





Augusta Klumpke (1859-1927) led a bitter fight to access medical studies, then reserved for men. Unwillingly, she became the standard-bearer of a revolution that went beyond her. As the first female intern of the hospitals of Paris, she worked tirelessly alongside Charcot, Vulpian and other great neurologists of her time to carve out a place in a world of men, contributing to the opening of medical studies to women.

Anxious to unlock the mysteries of human brain at a time when the medical world is in the midst of the full Pasteurian revolution, she pursues her research work with her laboratory head, Jules Déjerine, with whom she will later form an outstanding scientific couple. She will thus become the first female neurologist in the world.

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