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**YESEMİK ON NOMINATION PROCESS FOR UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE**

**CALL FOR THE SECOND SYMPOSIUM**

**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON STONE IN ARCHITECTURE AND SCULPTURE  
FROM THE BRONZE AGE TO THE MIDDLE AGES: QUARRYING, CARVING AND  
CONSERVATION**

**Theme:** Stone Quarries, Sculpture Workshops, and Evaluation, Protection, Repair of Monumental Stone Structures and Transferring them to the next generations.

**Call for Paper:**

The Metropolitan Municipality of Gaziantep has been preparing the dossier for nomination process of Yesemek Stone Quarry and Sculpture Workshop UNESCO World Heritage and executing/supporting a serial of scientific activities in this process. The Metropolitan Municipality of Gaziantep has completed the international symposium titled "Quarry Stones in the Ancient Near East, Sculpture Workshops and the Place of Yesemek" which was the first of such Scientific works concerning Yesemek Stone, and realized between 7th – 9th November of 2017 with of a large number of the international participant under the support of the Department of Architecture of Gaziantep University.

In the first symposium, important information was presented about Yesemek and the Stone Quarries and Sculpture Workshops in the near geography. It has been understood that it is compulsory to arrange a second symposium in this field where there are still many obscurities by providing a broader participation for the purpose of transferring the experiences about the applications in similar fields in different places of the world.

In this context, it is planned to arrange a second symposium in the subjects "the use of stone, the stone quarries, the rock monuments, the operation of stone quarries, the use of stone in architectural application, the methods of processing Stones **in the time interval of the Bronze Age – Middle Age** and the evaluation of such works as regards with the cultural heritage management, protection and conservation with the aim of forming the scientific references within the process extending so far from the past in our country and the world.

Asking you to participate in the symposium with your exhibits of paper and poster, we will feel honored to entertain you, the esteemed scientists, in our beautiful city.

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