

2nd International Symposium on YESEMEK

**STONE and SCULPTURE in ARCHITECTURE  
from the BRONZE AGE to the MEDIEVAL PERIOD**

*Quarrying, Carving, Conservation*

**19-21 June 2018**

**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 first international symposium on YESEMEK titled “Quarry Stones in the Ancient Near East, Sculpture Workshops and the Place of Yesemek” in Gaziantep between 7-9 November 2017. A large number of local and international participants attended to the symposium held under the auspices of the Department of Archaeology of Gaziantep University. The first symposium successfully concluded with presentations and discussions on Yesemek and also on similar stone quarries and workshops in close geographies. The results of the first symposium necessitated a follow up symposium to shed light on some unanswered questions and to learn from methods applied to understand, preserve and sustain similar areas from different parts of the world.

Within this context and in order to establish a scientific reference point for our country and the world, The Metropolitan Municipality of Gaziantep has been organizing a second symposium focus on the use of stone, the stone quarries, the rock monuments, the operation of stone quarries, the use of stone in architectural applications and stone processing methods from the Bronze Age through the Medieval Period.

We kindly invite you to the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on Yesemek with paper and poster presentations. It will be an honor for the Metropolitan Municipality of Gaziantep to host you in our beautiful city.

**Key words/ Symposium themes:** Conservation of stone sculptures, stone quarries, sculpture workshops, architecture and art in Late Hittite period, preservation of archaeological sites.

**Topic Headlines / Key Words:**

Stone Quarries  
Operation of Stone Quarries  
Rock Monuments  
Petrography and other Geochemical Analyses  
Use of Natural Stones in Architecture  
Use of Stone and Arts of Ornament in Traditional Architecture  
Protection of Stone and Rock Monuments  
Ancient and Traditional Stone Processing  
Management of Stone in terms of Cultural Heritage  
Archaeological Applications of Cultural Heritage Management

**Paper Abstracts and Poster Presentations:**

The abstracts should consist of at least 250 words. The abstracts should be written in one of Turkish, English, German or French languages. Five key words should be written in the bottom part of the abstract.

Poster presentations should be in A1 (594x840 mm) size, and should be prepared in one of the following languages: Turkish, English, German or French.

**Calendar for the Symposium:**

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| Announcement of the Symposium:                                                                                                                                                               | 5 February 2018  |
| Submission of the Paper/Poster Abstracts:<br>(Please indicate your preference for presentation<br>and send the abstract to: <a href="mailto:gbb.kudeb@yandex.com">gbb.kudeb@yandex.com</a> ) | 30 March 2018    |
| Announcement of the acceptance of Paper/Poster abstracts:                                                                                                                                    | 16 April 2018    |
| Date of the Symposium:                                                                                                                                                                       | 19-2 June 2018   |
| Submission of the papers/short papers (comprised from the poster)                                                                                                                            | 3 September 2018 |

**Organizing Committee:**

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