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**THE URARTIAN CIVILIZATION UNVEILED**

 **“A Civilization in Eastern Anatolia: The Urartians”**

**International Symposium**

Prior to the opening of the Urartian Jewellery Collection Exhibition comprised of nearly 1,100 unique works, Rezan Has Museum is organizing, in collaboration with *Actual Archaeology Magazine,* an international symposium entitled, **“A Civilization in Eastern Anatolia: The Urartians”** between 13 and 15 October 2014.

 **“A Civilization in Eastern Anatolia: The Urartians”** will bring together scientists who have been conducting ground-breaking work on the Urartians for many years. The objective of the symposium is to create a platform for the exchange of ideas, information, and ongoing studies, to seek solutions for problems encountered in the course of the scientific studies over the years, and to help complete the missing links in the chain of information.

Through the participation of Symposium Advisory Board members Prof. Taner Tarhan, Prof. Altan Çilingiroğlu, Prof. Kemalletin Köroğlu, and Prof. Jak Yakar, the symposium will continue for three days during which 21 papers will be presented in 9 different sessions dedicated to discussions on the Urartian Civilization in light of recent archaeological discoveries.

Organized with a view to helping studies on the Urartian period reach larger audiences and encouraging young researchers of Urartian Civilization, the symposium will be open to everyone interested in the subject matter.

 **“A Civilization in Eastern Anatolia: The Urartians” International Symposium**

**Date:** 13-15 October 2014

**Place:** Kadir Has University-Cibali Hall