

I. International Hayât-i Harrânî Activities
I. Harran in International Islamic History and Civilization
Symposium 7-8-9 April 2017
Harran/Sanlıurfa/Türkiye

A. Organized by

Harran County Local Governor's Office
Harran County Municipality
Turkish Historical Institution
Islamic Historians Association
Harran University Faculty of Theology

B. The Purpose and Subject Matter of the Symposium

As it is well-known, Islamic civilization, which is based on the unity of god, was born and spread in an area where many civilizations existed before. As a matter of fact, the geographical areas where ancient Egyptian, Greek and Sassanid civilizations lived were the areas where Islamic civilization also spread later. No doubt, it is known that Islamic Civilization was influenced by these civilizations and adopted them in its melting pot. Muslims knew the famous personalities of these ancient civilizations who left important traces in history, and translated their works into Arabic and renewed these works adopting them to the Islamic Civilization. The Muslims adopted these works with their own stamps.

It is observed that the most civilized and developed countries of Europe and Asia Minor were the countries in the Islamic Civilization from VII. Century (AD) until XIV. Century. During this period, wealthy cities emerged from Iraq to Andalucia, from Turkistan to Anatolia with developing science, literature, art and commerce. These cities also had become the center of an intense cultural life. These cities attracted scientists and artists from all over the world.

According to Islamic historians and geographers, Harran was one of the first settlements on earth after the Great Flood of Noah, and has continued its importance during the history of Islamic Civilization.

Harran was conquered by the famous commander and the Companion of the Prophet, Iyaz b. Ganm (D. 20/641), in 18/639 under the same conditions as er-Ruha/Urfa, and was considered within the Al-Jazeera region during Omar the Caliph's (*May Allah be Pleased with Him*) Era; and the capital city was Kinnesrîn, which was a historical city in the Northern Syria. In this period, Harran became the second biggest city of the region after Kinnesrîn. Iyâz b. Ğanm, Halid b. Velid, Habîb b. Mesleme (*May Allah be Pleased with Him-MAPH*), el-Velîd b. Ukbe (*MAPH*), Furât b. Hayân (*MAPH*), Said b. Âmir (*MAPH*) and Umeyr b. Sa'd el-Ensârî (*MAPH*), who were among the Companions of the Prophet, administered the El-Jazeera Region in which Harran was also included.

As it is well-known, during the Omayyad Period (41-132/661-750) Caliph Velîd b. Abdilmelik, appointed his brother Mesleme b. Abdilmelik (63-121/682-739 [?]) as the ruler of the Al-Jazeera Region in which Harran was also included in 90/709. Mesleme moved the center of the state to Harran from Kinnesirin, and used it as a military base, and resided mostly in Harran and built a palace there.

Yezîd b. Abdilmelik (105/724), who ruled between 720-724, appointed II. Mervân (D. 132/750) to Al-Jazeera as the Governor in 104/722. Hişâm b. Abdilmelik (72-125/691-92-743) continued to have II. Mervân as the Governor in Al-Jazeera. In

the last five years of total 23 years in which II. Mervân stayed in power in this area, which was in a strategic position in terms of military, he made Harran the capital city of the Omayyad State. This situation ended with the death of II. Mervân on 27 Zilhiccah 132/5 August 750.

Harran did not experience the Crusades, and was the field of struggle between Ilhanli and Memluk States (1250-1517), who were the Turkish-Islamic states in Egypt, Syria and Hejaz. The people, who fled from the Mongolian brutality, were distributed to several cities in those times. Harran exchanged the sovereignty several times between Mongolians and Memlucs. When Mongolians realized that they could not hold the city at hand, they took the wealth and masters of the city to Mardin and Musul. The remaining people fled to Aleppo and Damascus. Mongolians destroyed the city and the Ulu Mosque, and closed the gates of the outer fortresses of the city with walls. In the scope of the “International Hayât-i Harrânî Activities”, which is the first planned activity of “I. Harran in International Islamic History and Civilization Harran Symposium” about Harran, will take place on April 7-8-9, 2017, with the hosting of Harran County Governor’s Office, and Harran County Municipality.

The purpose of the symposium is opening the road leading to the exploration of the position of Harran in 1400-year-old Islamic History and Civilization, and contributing to the revival of the glorious days of Harran before the Mongolian Invasion.

In addition, the Symposium also aims to support and encourage the studies conducted and to be conducted on Harran.

Those who would like to participate in the symposium with reviews may send the abstracts of their reviews to the following address. New titles might be suggested provided that they are relevant to the subject matter.

C. The Topics Considered

1. The first conquests of the Muslims in Harran and its surroundings.
2. The Companions of the Prophet, who came to Harran for various reasons, and who died in Harran.
3. The Political History of Haran according to Islamic History sources.
4. The Rulers, who ruled in Harran in Islamic History.
5. The Position of Harran in Islamic Civilization.
6. The scientists, Sufis and Thinkers, who were raised in Harran during Islamic Civilization.
7. The life, academic life, works, words, ethical values, personality, sufistic side of Hayât-i Harrânî, and his relations with state officers (like eş-Şehid Mahmud Nureddin Zengi and Selahaddin-i Eyyubi).
8. The scientists of Harran in Islamic History of Science (Philosophy, medicine, natural sciences, mathematics, history, literature, religious sciences, Koranic Sciences, hermeneutics, recital, hadith, Islamic Law, Chamber of Professionals (*Tabaqat*), biography of battles (*Siyer-Megazi*), Sufism, etc.).
9. Harran in Islamic Geographical sources (Depictions on geographical positions, physical depictions of the cities, products etc.).
10. Harran according to Muslim travellers.
11. Harran according to Western travellers (travellers, art historians, archaeologists, science historians).
12. Architectural and artistic works in and around Harran (religious architecture: mosques, madrasahs, Islamic monasteries, zawiyahs, Harran house,

palaces, water sources, and the systems used for transferring the water to cities, public baths, fountains, public fountains).

14. Harran Ulu Mosque (Firdevs Ulu Mosque): In architectural terms, education and training activities in Harran Ulu Mosque, the Imams of Harran Ulu Mosque (from the conquest until the Mongolian invasion).

15. Harran Fortress (Citadel)

16. Harran City Walls and gates

17. Harran according to Ottoman Archives (Religious Court Registry books, Year Books, Cadastral Record books, Dividend Books, etc.).

18. Other topics that might be suggested on Harran during Islamic Civilization and History.

D. Participation Conditions and Information

1. The reviews must be scientific and specific
2. The review abstracts must deal with the topic in main components
3. The abstracts must be written as 300 words
4. The review abstracts may be up to 15-20 pages
5. The reviews will be presented within 20 minutes
6. The travel and accommodation expenses of the participants will be covered by Sanliurfa Metropolitan Municipality.

E. Symposium Agenda

1. First Notice:
2. Deadline for Review Abstracts: September 19, 2016
3. Announcement of the Accepted Reviews: September 30, 2016
4. Sending the Review Papers: January 16, 2017
5. Acceptance of the Review Papers: January 30, 2017
6. Announcement of Symposium Program: Marc 20, 2017
7. Symposium Date: 7-8-9 April 2017

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