

Symposium in Moscow!

"A Historical Perspective of Turco- Russian Relations"

The **Ottoman Bank Museum** (OBM) is organizing a symposium in association with the Institute of Asian and African Studies at Moscow State University. The symposium, titled "A Historical Perspective of Turco-Russian Relations," will be held in Moscow on **Wednesday, December 3**. The attending Turkish and Russian academics will examine the turning points in the history of Russia and Ottoman Turkey and investigate the relations between the two countries and their approaches to events. The symposium will take place in the Center for Eastern Literatures in the Lenin Library as part of the "The Year of Turkish Culture" activities organized in Russia by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and the Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (iKSV).

Speakers at the symposium include **Prof. ilber Ortaylı**, director of the Topkapi Palace Museum, who will submit a paper entitled "Rusya Reformlari ve Turkiye" (Russian Reforms and Turkey) and **Liaisın Şahin** from Marmara University with a paper on Turkish research during the Soviet era entitled "Sovyet Doneminde Turkiye Aragtirmalari: Tarihsel Geligim ve igerik Ozellikleri." In addition, **Prof. Zafer Toprak**, from Bogazigi University will present a paper entitled "Ekim Devrimi ve Osmanli Basininda Lenin" (the October Revolution and Lenin in the Ottoman Press), while Assoc. Prof. **Asim Karaomerlioglu**, from Bogazici University as well, will contribute a paper entitled "Bir Rus Sosyal Demokrati Alexandr Helphand Parvus ve Jon Turkler" (Alexandr Helphand Parvus, a Russian Social Democrat and the Young Turks).

Among the Russian speakers at the symposium are **Prof. Oregkova**, from the Institute of Oriental Studies at the Russian Academy of Sciences, with a presentation on the need for an unbiased approach in dealing with Russian-Turkish relations; **Prof. Kireev**, who will discuss Soviet-Turkish relations during the Mossul crisis; and **Dr. Boldirev** with a paper entitled "Russia, Turkey and the Issue of the Straits in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries." Other featured speakers include **Prof. Jukov**, from the University of Saint Petersburg, with a presentation entitled "Russian Orientalism: the Image of the Ottoman Empire in Russia;" **Dr. Zaytsev**, associate chair of the Institute of Oriental Studies at the Russian Academy of Sciences, who will discuss the Crimean question in Russian-Ottoman relations; and **Assoc. Prof. Ulçenko**, chair of the Department of Turkish Studies in the Institute of Asian and African Studies at Moscow State University, who will submit a paper on the major phases in the economic cooperation between Russia and Turkey during the Soviet and post-Soviet eras.