

## CONFERENCES

Since September 2005 a number of conferences were organized regarding the Armenian Question.

The first conference, entitled as “Ottoman Armenians during the Decline of the Empire: Issues of Scientific Responsibility and Democracy”, to which some Turkish scholars who supported Armenian claims participated, was the most controversial one. Even its organization was subject to a judicial dispute.

As a reaction to it several other conferences were organized as well.

The international symposium of Gazi University, entitled “International Symposium on the Development of Turkish-Armenian Relations and the Events of 1915” was quite significant since it included alternative views regarding the Armenian question.

Another symposium was held in Bodrum, held by Istanbul Marmara Education Foundation, Bodrum Chamber of Commerce and Bodrum Municipality. It was ended with a final communiqué calling the government to prepare an ‘action program’ in order to cope with internal and external pressures on the Armenian question.

Finally, on December 15-16, another symposium on Turkish-Armenian relations, entitled ‘Turkish-Armenian Relations’, took place at the Maçka campus of Istanbul Technical University. The Conference was organized by the Union of Non-Governmental Organizations, composed of 37 NGO’s.

In this issue a review of all these conferences were provided in order to make the reader acquainted with the recent discussions on Armenian question.