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Karlovo Symposium 2001(Bulgaria)

Starosel Temple-Tomb was one of the greatest archaeological discoveries in the world in 2000 (see newsletters 1-6). Because of this reason **Prehistory Foundation** organized the **International Symposium on the pre- and Odrysian kingship and nobility in Thrace** in January 2001 in Karlovo (Bulgaria). Extraordinary specialists on the topic and many guests attended the workshop. The communications from the symposium will be published in later 2001 – earlier 2002.

The International Symposium *Odrysian Kingship and Nobility* was held in **Karlovo (Bulgaria)** between January 15 and January 18, 2001. It had a character of workshop on pre- and Odrysian kingship and nobility in Thrace attended by c. 40 participants and guests. The participants contributed by standard and cutting edge researches on the political power and cultural pattern in Thrace that included newly formulated problems on the archaeology and history in the later prehistory and classical antiquity in Thrace.

On the first day of the symposium **Dr. G. Kitov** for the first time reported his results of excavations and documentation of Starosel and Alexandrovo monuments and introduce new films on the Thracian culture based on these discoveries. **Prof. M. Tacheva, Prof. Z. Archibald, Dr. L. Nikolova, Dr. L. Domaradzka, Mrs D. Stoyanova, Mr P. Kalchev** and other participants reported their new investigations on the Thracian politics, economy and burial rites. Archaeologists and historians from Kazanluk Historical Museum, Radnevo Archaeological Museum, Turgovishte Historical Museum participated actively in the discussion.

At the **Round table**, a key thesis was formulated and defended by archaeologists and historians. After an extensive discussion the participants concluded that the emergence of the political power in Upper Thrace in 5 and 4 centuries BC was based on the long tradition of the development of the social hierarchical structures and elite politics in the region under discussion.

The meeting also included *Archaeological Exhibition “Dubene-Sarovka and Starosel excavations in the heart of the Balkans”* where the displayed finds and color photos demonstrated the rich ancient cultural heritage of Northwest Thrace.

National and regional newspapers and radio stations informed daily for the meeting in Karlovo, defined as a considerable cultural event in Bulgaria. Interviews with the participants were included in the news broadcasts of Karlovo, Plovdiv and Stara Zagora radios and published in newspapers. Journalists from the National Radio, “24-Hours” – Plovdiv, Plovdiv Radio stations and the Karlovo newspaper attended the sessions.

The symposium was sponsored by **Prehistory Foundation** (Bulgaria). **Karlovo Mesokombinat** and **Karlovo Vinarska Izba** donated for the cocktails. Thank you so much!



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