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Uartian inscriptions in the museums of Iran: Challenges and results

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Abstract

Uartians ruled over the shores of Lakes of Van, Çildir, Sevan and Urmia from ca. the 9th to 7th centuries BC. There are several Uartian stone inscriptions, steles, tablets, sealed bullae and one inscribed artifact in the museums of Iran. 1418 Uartian bullae are found in Iran - more than any other Uartian site abroad. Several of them are sealed or inscribed in the name of the king, officials or ordinary people. It is the aim of this workshop to first introduce the Uartian inscriptions in the Museums of Urmia, Tabriz, Rasht, Reza Abbasi and National Museum and discuss the challenges a scholar may face during studying them. But the main purpose is to focus more on the discovery, introduction, categories, inscriptions, seals, damages and condition of the Uartian bullae of Iran and the difficulties the author faced finding them in the Museum and studying them in addition to the tragic story of their transportation from the discovery site to the museum nearly five decades ago. Also the author could compare the Uartian findings in Iranian museums with other collections abroad. Details of the mentioned subject depends on the time and interest that the organizers consider for such a workshop.

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