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THE BRÂNCOVEANU YEAR
AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM
OF TRANSYLVANIAN HISTORY

2014 marked the anniversary of 300 years since the execution of Constantin Brâncoveanu and his sons, in Istanbul, at the order of Sultan Ahmed III. Given the significance of this moment for Romanian national history and culture, 2014 was declared the *Brâncoveanu Year* by the Ministry of Culture.

On the occasion of the cultural and scientific events organised by various museal institutions in the country last year, aimed at commemorating the above-mentioned event, the National Museum of Transylvanian History from Cluj-Napoca organised – in collaboration with the “George Barițiu” Institute of History in Cluj-Napoca and with the Faculty of History from “Babeș-Bolyai” University in Cluj-Napoca – a symposium entitled *Politics, Diplomacy and Culture during the Age of Brâncoveanu*.

The symposium works took place on 22 October 2014. During the proceedings, communications were presented by Dr. Susana Andea and Dr. Anton Dörner, researchers at the “George Barițiu” Institute of History, Prof. Dr. Nicolae Sabău and Prof. Dr. Avram Andea, from the Faculty of History and Philosophy of “Babeș-Bolyai” University, as well as by Dr. Melinda Mitu, from the National Museum of Transylvanian History.

The group of studies published in the pages that follow scientifically valorise these communications, highlighting several political, economic and cultural-artistic features of the Brâncoveanu era.

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