

NEW DATA CONCERNING THE HELLENISTIC GOLD COINS HOARDS
FROM DOBROUDJA: A NEW CHRONOLOGY OF THE DĂENI HOARD,
TULCEA COUNTY

ABSTRACT

The author presents a group of 18 staters from Dăeni hoard, which belong to the collection of the Romanian Academy. Although it was already published in two occasions: Iliescu, 1963 (without modern catalogues, without chronology, without photos and with three missed coins) and Preda, Petac, 2006 (almost inaccessible to the Romanian public), a complete and special publication of this part from Dăeni hoard it is necessary. We have in this lot 14 staters of Alexander the Great type (all of them from Kallatis), 3 staters of Phillip the III Arrhidaeus type (from Abydos, Arados and Babylon) and one sample of posthumous Lysimachus type (from Tyras). The structure reflects the situation of the gold currency at the end of the 3rd century B.C. in the West Pontic regions. Excepting the stater from Tyras, all the other coins were struck before the year 220 B.C., reflecting the correlation between these large issues of gold and the pressure of the Celtic kingdom from Tylis. After the year 225 / 218 B.C. and the disappearance of the Celtic kingdom from Thrace, the Byzantine hegemony in the region became obvious by the adoption of the Lysimachus type staters in almost the entire Western and Northern Black Sea. The rarity of the new issues in the same area where just few years ago the gold issues are so important points the disappearance of an external pressure.

FIGURES CAPTION

Pl. I-II. Lysimachus type staters from Dăeni hoard (Library of the Romanian Academy).

Pl. III. Lysimachus type staters struck at Tyras (1 : Dăeni hoard, Library of the Romanian Academy; 2 : C. Orghidan collection, Library of the Romanian Academy, and also in Anadol hoard). Istros (3 : Gorny & Mosch Giessener Münzhandlung, Auction 122, 10 March 2003, nr. 1181; 4 : Cabinet des Médailles de la Bibliothèque Nationale de France, inv. 79) and Tomis (5 : Library of the Romanian Academy collection, inv. AV. A. 154 / 977; 6 : Gorny & Mosch Giessener Münzhandlung, Auction 159, 8 octombrie 2007, nr. 67).

Fig. 1. Lysimachus type staters from Kallatis (obverse). Price 910 : a. b : die 1; c. d : die 2; e : die 3.

Fig. 2. Alexander the Great and Lysimachus type staters from Istros with the same monogram.