

TWO COINS OF THE APOLLO (?)TYPE ISSUED BY HISTRIA DURING THE AUTONOMOUS ERA

ABSTRACT

The authors present two bronze coins of the Apollo type issued by Histria. The first one belongs to a private collection, and the second one to the numismatic collection of the National History and Archaeology Museum of Constanța. It seems, judging by the iconographic details and the legend on the reverse (ΣΤΡΗΗ), that they have been struck during the 1st century B.C., very close to the so-called pseudo-autonomous period of the coinage of this centre from Dobruja. Their discovery on the western coast of the Black Sea, in Sinoie and Tomis, illustrates the penetration of the coins of this type, in the first case in a Greek-indigenous settlement, and in the second case in a polis, the one of Tomis, enjoying a genuine

economic, commercial and political development, a polis which would soon come under Roman authority, „the magnificent metropolis“ of the left side of the Black Sea.