

## HOARD OF ANTONINIANI DISCOVERED AT RÂMNICU VÂLCEA

### ABSTRACT

A hoard of 21 antoniniani from the second half of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, kept in the numismatic collection of the National Bank of Romania Museum, is presented. The coins were struck under Valerianus I and Gallienus rule (9) and during the sole reign of Gallienus (12) at Antioch (13), Rome (7) and Viminacium (1). Five of the coins of Gallienus and all the four coins of Salonina are dated between AD 253–260, but since AD 260 there are only antoniniani of Gallienus.

The coins show a low level of wearing, the earliest items included, and the preservation is really good. The coins with a very small content of precious metal, and initially covered with a thin layer of silver, are showing traces of silvering yet.

Râmnicu Vâlcea hoard has interrupted the gap of about 10 years before the reign of emperor Aurelianus with no similar discovery in the south-eastern part of Roman Dacia.