

MONETARY DISCOVERIES IN THE AREA OF THE ALBEȘTI FORTIFICATION (COMMUNE OF ALBEȘTI, CONSTANȚA COUNTY)

ABSTRACT

Although, in the course of time, approximately four or five monetary pieces have been published, from the ones which were dug out on the occasion of the archaeological excavations, this time, having at disposal (thanks to the group of researchers) the entire monetary batch, the author is publishing it, adding all the other isolated discoveries, made accidentally in the area of the locality, or even in the immediate vicinity of the fortification, whose historical, economic, political

and commercial evolution seems to have taken place during the 4th-3rd centuries B.C. There are presented 24 Greek and Roman coins discovered during the archaeological excavations performed in the last 30 years, roughly, and other 72 pieces are part of category of the ones emerging accidentally, found now in public and private collections. The author also notice the presence of 6 monetary signs, along with numerous pieces from Histria, a curious fact for the rural territory of a Doric colony, in this case Callatis. While most of the coins from the catalogue belong to the autonomous Greek and imperial Roman and late Roman periods, the last coins belong to the Byzantine and late medieval periods. The publication of the entire batch manages to exploit, from a numismatic point of view, a long archaeological activity, and to insert the site of Albești in the series of centers whose "monetary components" are brought to the light of special research.