

Bulgaria

The Project

Name	Coin Finds and Coin Hoards from Bulgaria: Roman Moesia and Thrace, ca. 168 BC – AD 86
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Supporting institution	Cardiff University, HISAR. A personal research project – PhD thesis.
Start	October 2004
Planned duration (ending)	September 2007
If complete / ended: Where and how are the data available?	Not completed; summary listings published in Paunoy and Prokopov (see below).
Organisation / structure	Financing from the Bulgarian Ministries of Culture and Finance, and the Dutch National Bank through the Money and Banking Museum.
Infrastructure	Library: University and museum libraries in the UK and Bulgaria. Photography: Digital photographs.
Budget 2004	ca 18,000 Euro
Posts 2004	None
Volunteers	None
Projects	FMRN (Jos van der Vin), participation in several Dutch archaeological projects; NUMIS on the Internet; several projects concerning Dutch hoards.
History / development	This is a work in progress. It began slowly in 1996, as a University of Sofia master's degree thesis, defended by the author with success in 1997. In 2002 it further developed as a monograph published in English in a co-authored book on the Roman Republican deposits from Moesia and Thrace (PAUNOV, E. – PROKOPOV, I., <i>An Inventory of Roman Republican Coin Hoards and Coins from Bulgaria (Glaux 15)</i> , Milano 2002). The research work now is in its final stage of coin evidence processing.
Specific interests	To collect and analyse the Later Hellenistic and early Roman coin infiltrations in the Balkans. 1. Large-scale Late Hellenistic coinages in the Balkans during the 2 nd - 1 st centuries BC; 2. Infiltration and distribution of the Roman Republican coins in the Eastern Balkans; 3. Late Thracian regal coinages in silver and bronze, ca. 120 BC - 45 AD; 4. Roman military 'money' in undivided Moesia, ca. 14 – 86 AD; 5. Countermarking and Halving of Julio-Claudian aes-coinage in Moesia.

Data

What is taken into consideration?

Geographical	East Balkans/ Lower Danube, more specifically Moesia and Thrace.
Chronological	Roman Republican and Early Imperial coinage, ca. 150 BC – AD 86.
Type of objects	Coins and other numismatic objects (i.e. dies and matrices).
Type of finds	Hoards and single finds.

Recorded information	In absolute figures, the volume of data exceeds more than 140 hoards of Roman Republican denarii and ca. 20,000 coins (hoards and single stray finds). Additionally, about 5,000 coins will be included in the early Imperial aes-coins study and in an inventory. Those now published are available only in summary or listings form. In this research thesis they will be treated in further and deeper detail.
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Type of recorded information

Units / complex	Based on original documentations (in museums and archaeological institutions) and on publications.
Individual objects	Based on originals, on original documentations and on publications.

Type of recording

Card index	Picture files and GIS
Word processing	Word
Database	Access

Consultation and availability of the data

CD-ROM	
In print	
On demand	Database, tables, text files and printout.

Co-operation

International with other coin finds projects

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PAUNOV, E. – PROKOPOV, I., *An Inventory of Roman Republican Coin Hoards and Coins from Bulgaria* (*Glaux* 15), Milano 2002.