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## On a Presumed Roman Military Expedition in the Valley of River Marisos at the Turn of the First Century A.D.\*

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**Abstract:** The turn between the 1<sup>st</sup> century B.C. and the 1<sup>st</sup> century A.D. was marked by prolonged military confrontations on the middle and lower Danube between the Romans and the warrior tribes of the Dacians. Eventually, the Empire ventured to the north in a series of punitive military actions directed at securing the Danubian frontier. Much discussed in the Romanian literature is the expedition of Marcus Vinicius, which, according to some authors had led a Roman expedition deep into the Dacian heartlands advancing on River *Marisos* (nowadays Mureş). The present paper analyses the sources on the topic, showing that the above interpretation is based on a misreading of Strabo; M. Vinicius had indeed fought against various barbarian tribes – including the Dacians – but on a very different front, located to the north of Illyricum, in modern-day Slovakia.

Keywords: Marcus Vinicius, Danube, Marisos, Dacians, Illyricum, military campaigns.

#### Introduction

The second half of the 1<sup>st</sup> century B.C. was marked by deep unrest in the northern part of the Balkans. Burebista's "great dominion" fell apart and crumbled into several kingdoms ruled by some of his followers. At the same time the Roman legions advanced towards the Danube; Strabo even mentions a possible invasion of Dacia<sup>1</sup>.

These events triggered a long series of armed confrontations between the Romans and the different tribal factions both north and south of the great river. The fighting continued at the turn of the two eras along a front extending over more than 1000 km from Illyricum to the mouth of the Danube<sup>2</sup>. Facing this situation the Empire turned to a series of punitive military operations that eventually turned both the political and the demographic situation in its favor.

The chronology, size and location of these operations have been amply debated in specialized literature. Also, the end of certain fortifications or settlements that did not, according to all indications, last until the wars during the reigns of Domitian and Trajan, has been often interpreted as caused by Roman military action and historians have sought connections to these punitive expeditions. As a consequence, the magnitude of these expeditions has sometimes been largely exaggerated.

One must note that representatives of the Romanian historiography, especially during the National-Communist period – when the anachronistic concept of "centralized Dacian state" enjoyed great popularity – have mostly avoided discussing the endemic internal conflicts in the Geto-Dacian territories<sup>3</sup>; the Romans were always "blamed" for the noted destructions or abandonments.

In the present study I aim to analyze the issue of the so-called expedition led by Marcus Vinicius<sup>4</sup> interpreted as a turning point in the history of the relations between Dacians and Romans<sup>5</sup>. According to an important part of Romanian and Hungarian historians, starting from a phrase in Strabo's *Geōgraphiká* and a fragmentary inscription discovered in Tusculum, M. Vinicius reached Transylvania

<sup>\*</sup> English translation: Ana M. Gruia.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Strab.VII, 5, 2; Appian 23, 67.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See for example Dio. LI, 23,2; LIV, 36,2; LV, 30,4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Strab.VII, 3, 12; Luc.Icar. 16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Capable military leader, part of Augusts' close circles, commander of Gallia Commata in 25 B.C., legatus of Illyricum and then commander on the Rhine between 1 and 4 A.D. where he received *ornamenta triumphalia*; he had a nephew bearing the same name, general under Claudius (general informations in Bunson 2004, 584; for other biographic details see Syme 1933, 142–148).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Chirilă 1964, 121–126; Daicoviciu 1972, 116.

advancing along the Mureș Valley or, according to others, the valley of one of the rivers in Southern Romania<sup>6</sup>.

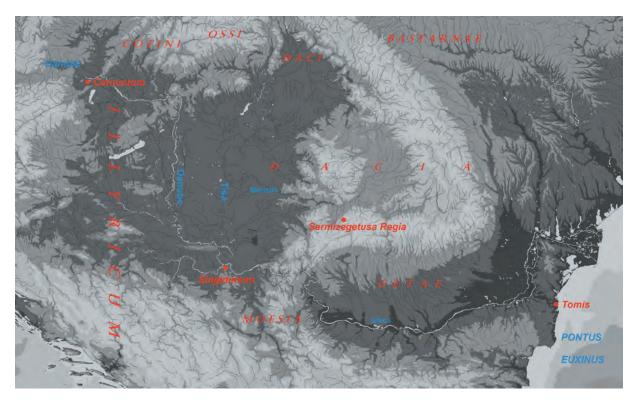


Fig. 1. The lower and middle Danube Basin during the second half of the 1st century BC – early 1st century AD.

#### **Analysis of Strabo's text**

I shall start the present study by analyzing Strabo's text<sup>7</sup> in book VII, chapter III, section 13:  $\dot{\rho}$ εῖδὲδι' αὐτῶν Μάρισος ποταμὸς εἰςτὸν Δανούιον,  $\dot{\phi}$  τὰς παρασκευὰς ἀνεκόμιζον οἱ Ῥωμαῖοι τὰς πρὸςτὸν πόλεμον<sup>8</sup>.

As one can easily note, the text is rather ambiguous and it has been translated in the most varied manners. I shall briefly discuss these translations below.

Gr. Tocilescu translated the lines as: "prin Geţia se vărsa în Dunăre rîului Marisus, cotra care Romanii au inaintatu tote celle necesare pentru resboiu" [River Marisus flowed into the Danube through Getia, towards which the Romans set forward with everything needed for war], identifying Marisus with present-day Mureş<sup>9</sup>. A. D. Xenopol translated the text as "Se mai varsă în Dunăre, trecând prin ţara Geţilor, şi râul Maris, pe care romanii transportară toate cele de trebuinţă pentru războiu" [River Maris also flows into the Danube after passing through the country of the Getae and by it the Romans transported everything they needed for war]; according to this author, the text envisaged River Olt¹0. The translation provided in Fontes I¹¹, edited by Vladimir Iliescu, is the following: ... "prin ţara lor curge râul Marisos care se varsă în Dunăre. Pe acesta îşi făceau romanii aprovizionările de război" [River Marisos flows through their country and into the Danube. Along it the Romans transported their war supplies]¹². Felicia Vanţ-Ştef provides a different interpretation: "Pe la ei curge râul Marisos ce se varsă în Dunăre. Lângă acesta din urmă au depozitat romanii muniție de război" [River Marisos flows through

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Ferenczi 1983; Ferenczi 1993.

I thank Conf. Univ. Dr. Dan Ungureanu (University in Prague), linguist and classicist, for his extremely useful suggestions and advice in the analysis of this text.

The most often employed edition of Strabo used by representatives of the Romanian historiography is the one of August(us) Meineke, published in three volumes in Leipzig in 1877.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Tocilescu 1880, 47.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Xenopol 1925, 29–30.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Fontes I, 239.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The mention was connected to Marcus Vinicius's expedition (Fontes I, 239, n. 73).

their parts and flows into the Danube. Near the latter river the Romans stored war ammunition]. G. Popa - Lisseanu translated the text thus: "pe la Geți curge fluviul Marisus care se varsă în Dunăre; pe aceasta din urmă, romanii au ușurința de a aproviziona armatele lor" [River Marisus flows through the lands of the Getae and flows into the Danube. By the latter river the Romans easily supply their armies]13. The same interpretation can be found in H. L. Jones's edition14 and also in H. C. Hamilton and W. Falconer<sup>15</sup>. In the C. Müller, F. Dübner edition, the text is translated into Latin preserving the order and ambiguity of the Greek text: Per Getas Maris fluvius in Danubio labitur, quo Romani res ad bellum necessarias subvexerunt; the proximity of quo and Danubio suggests that the envisaged water flow is the Danube.

To these, I could also add my own, literary translation of the Greek text performed with the aid of the Liddle-Scott dictionary: "Mai curge la ei Marisos-ul, ce merge-n Dunăre; pe aceasta romanii au cărat (spre amonte?) cele necesare războiului" [The Marisos also flows through their parts, into the Danube; on it (the Danube!) the Roman carried (upstream?) the things needed for war].

As one can see, some of the authors consider that the text refers to Roman transports on the Marisos and thus had built an entire series of scenarios. For example, Victoria Vaschide believed that Strabo's text implied a Roman expedition along Mureșului Valley16 led by Tiberius against the Dacian tribe of the Appuli in Transylvania<sup>17</sup> that had previously attacked Illyricum. C. Daicoviciu<sup>18</sup>, adopting A. Alföldi's opinions, claims that there was an invasion of the Dacians and other populations into Illyricum in 10–9 B.C., that M. Vinicius repelled and pursued up the Mureș<sup>19</sup>; hence the hypothesis, adopted by other authors as well, became a real historiographical *topos*<sup>20</sup>.

I shall mention other opinions as well: according to A. S. Ştefan, Lentulus was the Roman general who reached the Mureș<sup>21</sup> and according to I. Ferencz Strabo's *Marisos* cannot be identified as today's Mureșul but as some other river from Muntenia<sup>22</sup>. The interpretation according to which the text envisages transports made on the Danube proved less productive in Romanian historiography.

I shall now try to regard the excerpt from Strabo in context. The subsequentphrase informs the reader that: καὶ γὰρ τοῦ ποταμοῦ τὰ μὲν ἄνω καὶ πρὸς ταῖς πηγαῖς μέρη μέχρι τῶν καταρακτῶν

Popa-Lisseanu2007,240.

<sup>&</sup>quot;The Marisus River flows through their country into the Danuvius, on which the Romans used to convey their equipment for war"

<sup>&</sup>quot;The river Maros flows through their country into the Danube, on which the Romans transported their military stores".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Vaschide 1903, 4, 20.

Only briefly mentioned in the anonymous poem Consolatio ad Liviam, Danuvius que rapaxet Dacius orbe remoto / Appulus (huic hosti per breve Pontus iter), [The violent Danube and the Dacian Appulus, an enemy not far from Pontus Euxinus], according to Russu 1961, 82. But the text suggests a possible attack towards the area of the Black Sea and not towards Pannonia as Vaschide claimed (1903, 4). The expression might also be a poetic license, since the Dacian tribe of the Apuli is far from the Pontus Euxinus; one also cannot exclude the possibility that this Appulus was simply the name of a tribal leader from another region, not connected to the tribe in the area of Transylvania.

<sup>19</sup> C. Daicoviciu initially located M. Vinicius' expedition in the north-western area of Dacia (Daicoviciu 1938, 24).

A few examples: Vulpe, Barnea 1968, 43-44 briefly mention the Romans that according to Strabo brought in supplies "on the Lower Mureş Valley"; Dumitrașcu 1970, 159 believes that though during the reign of Augustus Roman units reached the Mureș, they did not enter the area of the Apuseni Mountains; according to Daicoviciu 1972, 116, Vinicius followed the Dacians up the Mureş into "the heart of Dacia"; Mărghitan 1977, 203-204, believes that the resistance of the small fortifications in the Mures Valley led to the failure of the Roman expedition; Moga 1981, 115 states that "all researchers agree in admitting (...) that the Romans brought in supplies along River Marisos"; Daicoviciu 1991, 91; Glodariu 2000, 7; Pop 2006, 71 consider that the end of certain Dacian fortifications in Western Romania in the end of the first century B.C. is connected to this expedition. Nevertheless, there are also more cautious voices (such as Bulzan 2006, 44). More recently, in a book that regretfully combines sometimes very well supported historical interpretations with wildest possible speculations, amateur historian Dan Oltean amply discusses the issue believing the current interpretation to rest on some confusion (Oltean 2012, 192-196).

Ștefan 2005, 409-410.

Ferenczi 1993, 46-47. Aware of the difficulties brought by the hypothesis of a Roman expedition up the Mureş into Transylvania, the author attempts to "move" the expedition in Muntenia, starting from the existence of the toponym Transmarisca on the southern bank of the Danube that could suggest the existence of a hydronym Mariscos on the northern bank - hypothetically identified with Argeş / Dâmbovița / Moștiștea and that Strabo presumably changed into Marisos. See also Ferenczi 1983 who attempts to demonstrate that Herodotus' Marisos does not coincide with River Mureş. In my opinion, the existence of other sources mentioning a Marisos located in the Intra-Carpathian area (Jord. Get. XXII, 113; An. Rav.IV.14, etc.) render this hypothesis entirely unlikely, despite the elaborated argumentation brought up by the author.

Δανούιον προσηγόρευον, ἃ μάλιστα διὰ τῶν Δακῶν φέρεται, τὰ δὲ κάτω μέχτι τοῦ Πόντου τὰ παρὰ τοὺς Γέτας καλοῦσιἔΙστρον. The translation is this time similar in all consulted editions: "Ei numeau Danubius partea superioară a fluviului și cea dinspre izvoare până la cataracte. Ținuturile de aici se află, în cea mai mare parte, în stăpânirea dacilor.Partea inferioară a fluviului, până la Pont – de-a lungul căreia trăiesc geții – ei o numesc Istru" [They called Danubius the upper part of the river and the part from the springs until the cataracts. The lands there are largely ruled by the Dacians. They call Istros the lower part of the river, down to the Pontus, along which the Getae live].

Thus, if the discussed *Marisos* flows into the *Danuvion*, the existence of such a river in Muntenia becomes very improbable as the name of the Danube downstream of the cataracts was – at least according to Strabo – *Istros*. Thus, only two possibilities remain: the Romans transported their supplies either on the Mureş or on the Middle Danube.

In my opinion, the variant of supplies transported on the Mureş is problematic<sup>23</sup>; from a military perspective, war supplies are usually made in a territory already controlled and ruled. Any logistic transport starts from point A (the base) and reached point B (the destination) to where the supplies are taken, usually located on or behind the front line. As at the turn of the first century A.D. Roman rule in Transylvania and Crişana cannot be envisaged, military transports on the Mureş imply transports made through the middle of enemy territory.

Furthermore, though River Mureş had a higher debit in Antiquity than it does today<sup>24</sup>, it did not allow for the navigation of large boats as its course was deeply meandered and marshy in the plain areas<sup>25</sup> and had numerous fast flow areas in the narrow sections of the riverbed in the mountains<sup>26</sup>. Both during the Roman period<sup>27</sup> as well as in the medieval and Early Modern eras<sup>28</sup> people only navigated downstream the Mureş on rafts or dugout boats; one can hardly accept that the Romans navigated up the Tisa and then on the Mureş, as A. Mócsy for example claims<sup>29</sup>.

The final argument – maybe decisive – on the issue originates from Strabo himself, who states, erroneously, that the Mureş flows directly into the Danube<sup>30</sup>. Furthermore, Strabo believes Tisa to be a separate effluent of the Danube<sup>31</sup>, so he could not have mixed up the Tisa and the Mureş.

If a Roman military expedition actually took place on the Lower Mureş and the area was integrated into the logistic system of the Roman army, one can suspect the geographic information provided by Strabo would have been much more precise. But as one can later note in the case of Ptolemy as well<sup>32</sup>, the Romans' knowledge on the low area covered with forests and marshes of the Lower Tisa remained rather vague, proof of their lack of interest for a region poor in natural resources and with little strategic value.

#### The inscription from Tusculum

As mentioned in the introduction, the second element in the discussion of the presumed expedition is the inscription from Tusculum. I shall discuss it below, analyzing only the aspects relevant to the question in focus. The inscription features thus in Dessau, ILS, 8965:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> And we have to keep in mind that Strabo speaks about "military supplies", not about an expedition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Mândruțiu et al. 1978, 177-178.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> For an analysis of the course of River Mureş in the plain area during History and Prehistory, see Kiss *et al.* 2012, 33–65.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> See Rus 2006.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Timoc 2003, 53–58.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Dordea 1981, 125–135.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Mócsy 2001, 51.

Piece of information that he might have taken over as such from Herodotus (Hdt. IV, 48). For a discussion of the issue see Szádeczky – Kardoss1953, 78–79, 109.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Strab.VII, 5, 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Forțiu 2014, 757–792.

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...[fu]gavitque, Cotinos . . .
....s et Anartio[s] ...
..... [A] ugusti ....
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It thus renders three certain names of populations: Bastarni, Cotini and Anarti, while according to the reconstitutions suggested by A von Premmerstein and A. Mócsy the text also mentions the Dacians, Ossi and Taurisci<sup>33</sup>. Authors generally agree that these populations are enumerated in two groups, divided by the term fugavitque (chased away) or, according to Mócsy, profligavitque (scattered, annihilated); still, this not a sufficient argument for two different military campaigns. Thus, the illus $trious\ commander\ mentioned\ in\ the\ inscription-almost\ certainly\ M.\ Vinicius^{34}-crossed\ the\ Danube^{35}$ and defeated a larger group of "Barbarians". One must now decide where the fighting took place.

One knows that the Cotini, Anarti, Ossi and Taurisci are Celtic or rather Celticized populations inhabiting the present-day territory of Slovakia and Transcarpathian Ukraine. The presence of the Dacians besides them is natural<sup>36</sup>; they are attested in the area both epigraphically<sup>37</sup> and archaeologically<sup>38</sup>. The presence of the Bastarnae seems problematic<sup>39</sup>, as they are usually associated to the Danube mouth area. Nevertheless, one must take into consideration the fact that the Bastarnae groups covered a wide geographic area, extending to the Volhynian Plateau and the Ukrainian Carpathians; in this context their participation together with the other populations ceases to be an improbable fact<sup>40</sup>.

It is not clear if the campaign was aimed at weakening the allies of King Maroboduus, as some authors, such as R. Syme<sup>41</sup> and more recently D. Dzino<sup>42</sup> claim, or if it was just an answer to a "Barbarian" raid; in any case the indications provided by this inscription – few as they may be – point to a completely different war zone than the Mures Valley and Transylvania.

#### **Final considerations**

In conclusion, one can state with almost complete certainty that under Augustus there was no Roman military expedition along the Mures and that all these scenarios rely on the erroneous translation of a text fragment from Strabo. It is certain that Marcus Vinicius fought the Dacians, Bastarnae and other populations north of the Danube, but, in all likelihood, as previously indicated, the confrontations took place on another front, to the north of Illyricum, in the southern territory of present-day Slovakia.

In the light of these arguments I also believe that there is a necessity to rediscuss certain aspects regarding the political and military history of the Geto-Dacians starting from a critical analysis of the sources and I shall attempt to continue the initiative in a series of subsequent articles.

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 $<sup>^{33}</sup>$  For these completions and a list of the older bibliography dealing with the inscription, see Ferenczi 1993, 41.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> See the discussion in Dobias 1957, 8–10.

<sup>35</sup> According to Zs. Visy (1995, 102), in the area of the Middle Danube under Augustus the Romans ruled only the sectors between the Sava and the Drava, i.e. the area of Carnuntum. For this reason he believed that Vinicius' expedition could have only started from Carnuntum.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Visy 1995, 103–104.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 37}$  Deac 2013, 313–322 with the bibliography.

Crişan 1969, 91–105; Visy 1995; Lamiova-Schmiedlova 1997, 755–766 (with the bibliography).

According to some authors, these Bastarnae were mercenaries fighting for the Dacians (Mócsy 1974, 35); there are no actual arguments for this.

See the discussion in Visy 1995.

Syme1933, 143; see also Lica 2000, 128.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Dzino 2010, 141.

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Xenopol 1925

### **Abbreviations**

Acta Ant et Arch Suppl Acta Antiqua et Archaeologica Supplementum. Szeged.

AAC Acta Archaeologica Carpathica. Krakow.

ACMIT Anuarul Comisiunii monumentelor istorice. Secția pentru Transilvania. Cluj.

ActaArchHung Acta Archaeologica Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae. Budapest.

AEM Archäologische Epigraphische Mitteilungen aus Österreich-Ungarn.

AIIA Cluj Anuarul Institutului de Istorie și Arheologie. Cluj.

AMP Acta Musei Porolissensis. Zalău.

ATF Acta Terrae Fogarasiensis. Făgăraș.

ATS Acta Terrae Septemcastrenses. Sibiu.

Agria Agria. Annales Musei Agriensis. Az egri Dobó István Vármúzeum évkönyve. Eger.

AnB S.N. Analele Banatului. Timişoara.

Archért Archaelogiai Értesítő. A Magyar Régészeti és Művészettörténeti Társulat tudo-

mányos folyóirata. Budapest.

ArchJug Archaeologia Iugoslavica

Arh. Pregled Arheološki Pregled. Arheološko Društvo Jugoslavije. Beograd.

AM Arheologia Moldovei. Iași.

AMN Acta Musei Napocensis. Cluj-Napoca. ArchRozhl Archeologické Rozhledy. Praga.

ASMB Arheologia Satului Medieval din Banat. Reşiţa 1996.

BAM Brvkenthal Acta Mvsei. Sibiu.

BAR Int. Ser. British Archaeological Reports. International Series. Oxford.

BCMI Buletinul Comisiunii Monumentelor Istorice.

BerRGK Bericht der RömischGermanischen Kommission, Frankfurt a. Main.

BHAB Bibliotheca Historica et Archaeologica Banatica. Timișoara.
BMB. SH Biblioteca Muzeului Bistrița. Seria Historica. Bistrița Năsăud.

BMÉ Bihari Múzeum Évkönyve

BMI Buletinul Monumentelor Istorice, București.
BMN Bibliotheca Musei Napocensis. Cluj-Napoca.

BMMK A Békés Megyei Múzeumok Közleményei. Békéscsaba. BMMN Buletinul Muzeului Militar Național, București.

BThr Bibliotheca Thracologica. Institutul Român de Tracologie, București.

CAH Communicationes Archaeologicae Hungariae. Budapest.

Carpica Carpica. Muzeul Județean de Istorie și Arheologie Bacău. Bacău.

CAMNI Cercetări Arheologice. Muzeul de Istorie al R. S. România/Muzeul Național de

Istorie. București.

CCA Cronica cercetărilor arheologice (din România), 1983-1992 sqq. (și în variantă

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CRSCRCR Coins from Roman sites and collections of Roman coins from Romania. Cluj-Napoca.

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Danubius — Revista Muzeului de Istorie Galati. Galați.

DDME — A Debreceni Déri Múzeum Évkönyve. Debrecen.

DolgCluj Dolgozatok az Erdélyi Nemzeti Érem- és Régiségtárából, Klozsvár

(Cluj).

DolgSzeg Dolgozatok. Arbeiten des Archäologischen Instituts der Universität. Szeged.

EphNap Ephemeris Napocensis. Cluj-Napoca.

FADDP/GMADP Führer zu archäologischen Denkmälern in Dacia Porolissensis/Ghid al monumen-

telor arheologice din Dacia Porolissensis.

FolArch Folia Archaeologica. Budapest.

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Frühgesch. BW

GPSKV Gradja za proučavanje spomenika kulture Vojvodine. Novi Sad.

GSAD Glasnik Srpskog Arheološkog Društva. Beograd. HOMÉ A Herman Ottó Múzeum Évkönyve. Miskolc.

HTRTÉ Hunyadvármegye Történelmi és Régészeti Társulat Évkönyve JAMÉ A nyíregyházi Jósa András Múzeum Évkönyve. Nyíregyháza. Jahrbuch RGZM Jahrbuch des RömischGermanischen Zentralmuseums Mainz.

Lohanul Lohanul. Revistă cultutal științifică. Huși. MCA Materiale și Cercetări Arheologice. București.

MCA-S.N. Materiale și Cercetări Arheologice-Serie Nouă. București.

MA Memoria Antiqvitatis. Complexul Muzeal Județean Neamț. Piatra Neamț.

MFMÉ A Móra Ferenc Múz. Évkönyve. Szeged.

MFMÉ StudArch A Móra Ferenc Múzeum Évkönyve, Studia Archaelogica. Szeged.

MN Muzeul Național. București.
Opuscula Hungarica Opuscula Hungarica. Budapest.

OTÉ Orvos-Természettudományi Értesitő, a Kolozsvári Orvos-Természettudományi

Társulat és az Erdélyi Múzeum-Egylet Természettudományi Szakosztálya.

Palaeohistorica Acta et Communicationes Instituti Archaeologici Universitatis Groninganae.

PamArch Památky Archeologické. Praha.
Past and Present Past and Present. Oxford.

PIKS/PISC Die Publikationen des Institutes für klassische Studien/ Publicațiile Institutului de

studii clasice. Cluj-Napoca.

PBF Praehistorische Bronzefunde. Berlin.

PMÉ Acta Musei Papensis – Pápai Múzeumi Értesítő.

PZ Prähistorische Zeitschrift. Berlin.
Rev. Muz. Revista Muzeelor, Bucureşti.
RIR Revista Istorică Română.

RMM-MIA Revista Muzeelor și Monumentelor. seria Monumente istorice și de artă. București.

RMMN Revista Muzeului Militar Național. București.

Ruralia Ruralia. Památky Archeologické – Supplementum. Praha.

RVM Rad Vojvodjanskih Muzeja, Novi Sad.

SCIV(A) Studii și Cercetări de Istorie Veche. București. SCN Studii și Cercetări Numismatice. București.

SlovArch Slovenská Archeológia. Nitra.
SIA Studii de Istoria Artei. Cluj Napoca.
SIB Studii de istorie a Banatului. Timișoara.

SKMÉ A Szántó Kovács János Múzeum Évkönyve, Orosháza.

SMIM Studii și Materiale de Istorie Medie. București. SMMA Szolnok Megyei Múzeumi Adattár. Szolnok.

SMMIM Studii și Materiale de Muzeografie și Istorie Militară. București.

Starinar Starinar. Arheološki Institut. Beograd.

StClStudii Clasice, București.StComBrukenthalStudii și comunicări. Sibiu.StudArchStudia Archaeologica. Budapest.StudComStudia Comitatensia. Szentendre.StudUnivCibStudia Universitatis Cibiniensis. Sibiu.

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Tibiscus. Timișoara.

VAH Varia Archaeologica Hungarica. Budapest.

VMÉ A Vas megyei Múzeumok Értesítője

Ziridava Ziridava. Arad.

A Vas megyei Múzeumok Értesítője ZMZiridava Studia Archaeologica. Arad. ZSA