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The Late Bronze Age Gold Ring Discovered in Betfia (Bihor County, Romania)*

Călin Ghemiș

Abstract: In November 2015, in the area of Betfia village, near Oradea was found incidentally an Late Bronze Age gold ring. Based on the typological characteristics, the ring can be included in the category of notched rings of Sarasau type dated in Late Bronze Age, – L.B.A. II- second part of the II-nd millennium B.C. Unfortunately despite of the fact that the spot of discovery was verified together with the discoverer no other information (or archeological materials etc) can be provided regarding the archaeological context of this discovery.

Keywords: Transylvania, metallurgy, gold, notched rings, exchange relations, Late Bronze Age.

Conditions of discovery

The item has been discovered with a metal detector in the forest of Betfia by Ioan Boroş from Haieu village on 05.XI.2015, in an area strongly disturbed by trenches, firing posts, and other fortification works from the Second World War (Fig. 1).



Fig. 1. Betfia-the area of discovery.

On 20.XI.2015 I checked the place of discovery in the company of Mr. Marinel Roşu from the Bihor Culture County Department and of the author of the discovery but we were unable to identify in the area any archaeological material that could connect the item under discussion here to any particular archaeological context. The only "discoveries", beside an impressive number of trenches from the Second World War, were several pyrotechnic materials, pieces of metal plate, and other remains of the fighting that took place there.

The association of the prehistoric discovery with a Roman denarius can be attributed to its discovery by some soldier who found it by chance, a case far from singular¹; on the other hand one cannot

^{*} English translation: Ana M. Gruia.

¹ For the Romanian area the best known case is that of the deposit in Apa, discovered by accident during the excavation of

exclude the possibility that the item was discovered in the times of old, though no discoveries have been made so far to attest the existence of some prehistoric settlement there. The closest spot with contemporary discoveries is the "fortification" in Mierlău² located ca. 7 km from the settlement of Betfia.

Item description

Ring/loop part of the wider category of notched rings, obtained through the thinning of the ends of a gold wire, after which the body of the item was decorated through incision and hammering. The section of the wire it was made of is round and the ends of the ring were overlapped and left undecorated. The item is very well made, out of very good quality gold.

Dimensions: Ø 17 × 16 mm, Ø maximum of the wire at 6 o'clock: 3 mm, Ø ends: 2 mm. Weight: 2.76 g. (Fig. 2, Fig. 3).

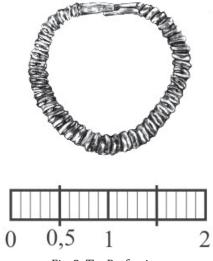


Fig. 2. The Betfia ring.



Fig. 3. The Betfia ring, enlarged image.

trenches in 1939, cf. Popescu, 1937–1940, 119–125. For other areas, see: Saunders 2010, 1–31, the author inventories a series of stray finds made during the "positional war" from the first world conflagration made by soldiers of the belligerent parties; in this context the author describes discoveries of prehistoric artifacts that ended up divided between those who found them. Due to the previous context I do not exclude the possibility that item found in Betfia was also discovered somewhere else, in some other context, and was part of a soldier's "treasure".

The spot is mentioned in the existing literature but it has not been clearly identified. Two bracelets, made of bronze, lozenge-shaped in section, decorated, were apparently found there – the objects are the topic of a material under print.

Discussions

The origin of the gold from which the item has been made of remains unknownfor now, but as indicated by the last analyses that have been published3 it is alluvial gold. Its reddish-yellow color also supports this identification. As for the production technique, specialists thought for a long time that this type of items was created through the lost wax method, but the recent publication of the hoard from Brasov II, through the extremely detailed analysis of the items, has fully clarified, I believe, this dilemma by revealing the fact that the type was made through casting.⁴

The typological characteristics of the item support its dating to the final stage of the Bronze Age and the First Iron Age. Its analogies are to be found among hoards, deposits of bronzes associated with gold items, or stray finds from the following locations: Bătarci⁵, Cornățel⁶, Coruia⁷, Gemzse-Egettterdo⁸, Ieud⁹, Lăpuș¹⁰, Moftinu Mic¹¹, Olcsvaapati II¹², Rupea¹³, Sarasău¹⁴, Sarmizegetusa¹⁵, Seini¹⁶, Sighet¹⁷, Szarazsadany¹⁸, Şmig¹⁹, Tăuteu²⁰, Târgu-Mureș²¹ and Volovec²² dated to an extended period between the end of the Bronze Age and the end of the first stage of the Iron Age (Fig. 4).

Among the enumerated discoveries, only in the case of those from Lăpuș one can state with certainty the conditions of discovery, as the rest were part of hoards, mixed deposits²³, or stray finds, most often discovered in almost unknown conditions.

The authors of the first synthesis works regarding the metallurgy of gold in Transylvania, D. Popescu²⁴ and M. Rusu²⁵, have noted the high number of notched rings and have created typologies for them and haveimplicitly made slightly narrower chronological identifications.

The general conclusion of the two researchers in question is that these items started their development during the Final Bronze, reached Halstatt, and even continued beyond this latter stage. The most recent items are those dated to Hallstatt B – the Brăduţ-type rings.

The arguments put forward in support of these datings were in most cases morphological and based on the association of items and less on morphometric considerations.

Publishing the discoveries from Nyiregyhaza and Sarasău, Amalia Mozsolics has also analyzed several contemporary discoveries, such as those in Bodrogzsadany/Sarazsadany (Abauj County), Cățălușa (Sălaj County), the former county of Maramureș, Gemzse-Egetterdo, Olcsvaapati, Rozsaly, Takos, and

- Țârleaet et al. 2016, 53-83.
- Târleaet et al. 2015, 45-90.
- Macrea, Kacso 1972, 101-112, Taf. 20-25.
- Macrea, Kacso 1972, 101–112, Taf. 20–25.
- Foltiny 1968, 703-711.
- Kacso 2006, 76-123.
- Kacso 1981, 371-381, the author does not exclude the possibility that some of the hoards discovered in the area, in Sighet or in "Maramureş County" and mentioned in the existing literature were in fact part of the great hoard from
- ¹⁰ Kacso 1981, 9; Kacso 2001, 231–278.
- ¹¹ Kacso 1981, 376.
- ¹² Mozsolics 1966, 15–33, two notched rings were discovered associated with several bronze items. Dimensions: ring 1 -Diam.: 2.80 cm, 5.99 g; ring 2 - Diam. 2.00cm, 3.46 g.
- ¹³ Mozsolics 1950, 30.
- 14 Mozsolics 1966, 15–33, for the lot acquired by the National Hungarian Museum in Budapest. For the items from Romania, see: Kacso 1981, 371-381.
- ¹⁵ Mozsolics 1950, 30.
- ¹⁶ Roska 1942, 275, no. 233.
- ¹⁷ Foltiny 1968, 703–711.
- ¹⁸ Mozsolics 1950, Taf. XI.
- 19 The MNIR preserves in its collections part of the hoard from Şmig that includes two notched rings, cf. Țârlea, Popescu 2013a, 48–62, with the old bibliography on this discovery.
- Țârlea, Popescu 2013b, 225, Cat. no. 35.
- Rusu 1972, 29-63.
- Kacso 2006, 83.
- See supra footnote no. 5.
- Popescu 1956, 196-250.
- ²⁵ Rusu 1972, 29–52.

Vasarosnameny and based on the association between the types of items she has concluded that they are to be dated during the period of the Opaly Horizon, i.e. in the end of period BIV.²⁶

Besides, the Hungarian researcher in question is the only one to provide metric data of the published items, thus making their study considerably easier.

Discussing the items preserved in Romania that were part of the Sarasău hoard, in 1981 C. Kacso introduced in the archaeological literaturethe term "Sarasău-variant notched rings"²⁷, thus nuancing the wider typology of notched rings.

Based on the analogies and on the association of items in hoards and bronze deposits, the author in question reached the conclusion that the Sarasău variant of notched rings represents the oldest type and included it in the first phase of the Uriu-Oplay-type deposits, contemporary to the first phase of the necropolis in Lăpuș²⁸.

The oldest notched rings seem to be, indeed, those from Lăpuș, especially when taking into consideration their association with massive disk-butted bronze axestype B_3 - B_4 discovered in this necropolis in tumuli 2 and 4^{29} .

This is not the place for me to discuss each discovery individually considering the length limitations of the present study, but I shall just mention the fact that the association of notched rings with rings rectangular in section in the hoard from Sarasau supports their use during the Final Bronze.

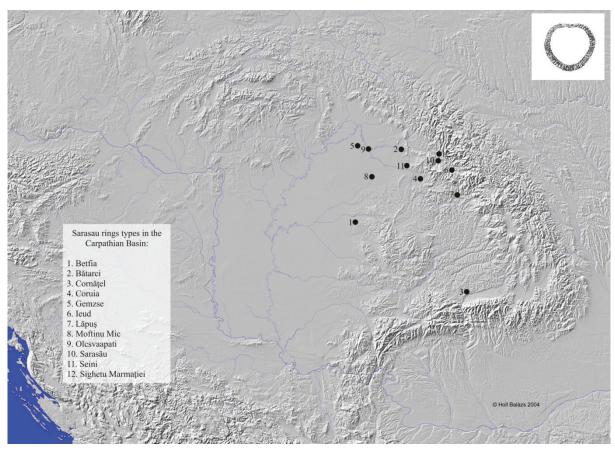


Fig. 4. Sarasau rings types in the Carpathian Basin.

During the subsequent stage, i.e. Halstatt A, notched rings continued to be used, a fact proven by the discoveries from Somotor³⁰ (Slovakia) and Gemzse- Egeterdo³¹, but their shape and dimen-

²⁶ Mozsolics 1966, 33.

²⁷ Kacso 1981, 375.

²⁸ Kacso 1981, 375.

²⁹ Kacso 1981, 10.

Pastor 1958, 314–332, Fig. III, notched ring, Fig. VII, nos. 11–19 rings/loops of theBrăduţ type.

Mozsolics 1966, 26, Abb. 9; Abb. 11 mixed deposit, associating three types or rings/loops: lozenge-shaped in section, one ring of the Sarasau type and Bradut-type ring, the earlier variant, only decorated with notches.

sions changed substantially, in that the ends of such objects were much pointier and the notches were superficially made with a very sharp punch and, at least for some of these rings, the fineness of the gold was higher³². During this period, towards its end, one notes the introduction of a new type of items, namely the Brăduţ-type rings/loops, the oldest of them being, as mentioned above, the items from Somotor and Gemzse Egeterdo, dated to the eleventh century B.C.³³

From a typological perspective, the shape of the items changed substantially. They became slimmer and the only "inheritance" or tradition preserved from the previous stage is the decorative technique: the notches covering the entire surface.

The association of Brăduț-type rings with notched rings in the deposit from Tăuteu³⁴, dated later, leads one to conclude that the two types were contemporary at least for a period and were used in parallel.

If things are clear on the issue of the dating of the item from Betfia, considering the analogies mentioned above, just like its chronological identification to Late Bronze II, (the fourteenth-thirteenth centuries B.C.)³⁵, the same cannot be said about its function.

From an artistic perspective, these items belong to a rather sophisticated fashion and were certainly part of a visual system of communication the meaning of which remains, as yet, unclear.

One cannot exclude the possibility that these items were part, beside other objects or primary materials, of a pre-monetary system. The topic has been often approached duringrecent years³⁶ but one should look for its historiographic origin during the Romantic period of archaeology that marks the first references to a pre-monetary system among the old populations.

The fact that since the first approaches of the hoard from Brăduț Carl Goos noted the high quality of the gold of the 25 rings/loops, among which he noted those made of electron, is significant for Transylvania. Regarding these items, Goosmade a special observation, based on weighing the electron items, namely the fact that these were close in weight: 2.1 g, 2.3 g, 2.7 g, 2.75 g, and 3.4 g. He believed these were "Tauschmittel (Geld-surrogat)", in other words mediums of exchange³⁷.

More than a century and a half after the publication of Goos' book, B. Mitrea published a study that is extremely valuable, not only through the approached topic, that of the so-called *annular coins*, but especially through the fact that he is the first to systematize the older literature on the topic.³⁸

Though the subject is approached from the perspective of a numismatist, one must reveal several aspects of this study. Thus Mitrea repertoried a number of 44 item discoveries (of all types), among which only seven are located in the extra-Carpathian region, the rest inside the Carpathian Arch³⁹. This made Mitrea conclude that these items were specific to Transylvania, especially since the most numerous gold deposits are located there⁴⁰.

He also remarks upon the fact that the introduction of such items that were meant to be exchanged was not an indigenous phenomenon, but a creation of Asia Minor from where they spread towards Europe⁴¹.

Analyzing the articles published by M.C. Sutzu⁴² and K. Pink⁴³, Mitrea stressed once more the difficulty of establishing a weight standard for such items, but one must note the fact that the author

Țârleaet al. 2016, 53-83.

Zdenek 1988, 39-42.

Țârlea, Popescu 2013b, 225, Cat. no. 35, with the old bibliography; the deposit discovered in 1934 included five rings, among which three of the Brădut type and two notched rings, of varying dimensions: ring 1 - Diam. 5.50 cm, 10.22 g; ring 2 - Diam. 3.35 cm, 7.20 g; ring 3 - Diam. 3.33cm, 5.90 g; ring 4 - Diam. 3.06 cm, 2.44 g; ring 5 - Diam. 2.05 cm, 2.44 g.

³⁵ Gogâltan 2001, 191–215.

To this end see: Ciugudean 2010, 23–40.

³⁷ Goos 1876, 12 sq.

³⁸ Mitrea 1937–1940, 147–158.

³⁹ This is also the place to correct an error that noes not lessen the value of the study signed by the numismatist from Bucharest: he erroneously places the settlement of Aştileuin Bihor County, following Floris Romer and Carl Goos. Romer 1868, 187, no. 1001, speaks of the settlement of Eskulo located in the county of Doboka (partially the present-day county of Cluj), and a bit later Carl Goos speaks of the settlement of Eskulpe that he places in the same county, cf. Goos 1876, 20, as this is the settlement of Așchileu Mare inCluj County.

Mitrea, 1940, 147.

This theory has also been verified in the last years, cf. Ciugudean 2010, 23–40.

Sutzu 1883, 1-16.

⁴³ Pink 1928, 1–11.

criticized the attempts to compare the prehistoric items from Turnu Măgurele published by Sutzu and the standard weights of Cyzic for example.

After V. Pârvan, Dorin Popescu did not exclude the possibility that at least part of the notched rings fulfilled the role of coins, but he approached this hypothesis with extreme caution⁴⁴.

Amalia Mozsolics, possibly one of the finest specialists of the metallurgy of gold in Central Europe, also stressed in 1973 the fact that one cannot set one or more standard units for the gold and bronze items of the Late Bronze. Nevertheless, she did not exclude the possibility that some of the rings/loops, made either of bronze or of gold, had a pre-monetary function as well, as that of "Ringgeld" 45.

By comparing the hoards from Cugir, Hinova, Firiteaz, and Sacoşu Mare H. Ciugudean was able to identify, for the first time, at least two weight standards in three hoards, one comparable to the world of the Middle East and the other to the Egyptian world. According to Ciugudean both were introduced to Europe via the "amber road" and this reality cannot be excluded, though only taking into consideration the commerce with amber, for example, that became international in the end of the Bronze Age^{47} .

Discussing the hoard from Căuaș, C. Kacso accept that part of the loops that are lozenge-shaped in section was part of a pre-monetary system, stressing the fact that the bracelets part of the hoard rather had the role of ingots⁴⁸.

The final contribution related to the functionality of notched rings belongs to the team coordinated by Alexandra Țârlea. In her presentation of the hoard from Brașov II, based on the analysis of the weight of the items, Țârlea excluded the possibility that they were part of a pre-monetary system and rather believed they were used as jewelry items⁴⁹.

From the opinions expressed above one can conclude that the majority of researchers who have dealt with the gold discoveries in the intra-Carpathian area does not exclude the possibility that the rings with lozenge-shaped section, notched rings, and Brăduţ-type rings were part of a pre-monetary system and the only problem is to establish one or several standard weights that were common or at least similar.

H. Ciugudean's researches have opened the way to some reinterpretations on the topic, but on the other hand if the direction of analysis of these items is to create a typology or a strict standardization then certain meanings of the utility of these items are lost.

The following question arises naturally in connection to the interpretation of the items: how can one explain the introduction of items "tied together" or attached to a chain? The phenomenon has been noted ever since the Middle Bronze and continued until the First Iron Age.

M. Mauss' statement could provide an explanation: "The bracelets and collars of the Trobriand population, vaygu'a, just like the copper items of the American North-West or the Iroquiwampun are at the same time treasures, indicators of wealth, means of exchange or payment, and also objects that must be given or destroyed"⁵⁰, in other words part of the items of prestige that include those under analysis here are or were part of an economy of the gift that the same French sociologist has best exemplified, in my opinion: "the archaic form of exchange: the gift offered and the return of the received gift"⁵¹.

Much more could be said on this vast issue, of course, but as a general conclusion I believe that until future approaches such items must be included in the wider category of what Ferenc Kiss labeled "Schmuck-Ringgelder" i.e. jewelry items/rings/coins or in literary translation, objects of adornment and exchange.

Naturally, future researches shall bring new explanations regarding the function of these rings/loops, as my intention here has been to present the type of item in a wider context.

⁴⁴ Popescu 1956, 196–250.

⁴⁵ Mosolics 1973, 97 sq.

⁴⁶ Ciugudean 2010, 23-40.

 $^{^{\}rm 47}$ $\,$ The most recent pinion on amber traffic in: Gogâltan 2016, 143–171.

⁴⁸ Kacso 2014, 105–123.

⁴⁹ Ţârlea*et al*. 2015, 45–90.

⁵⁰ Mauss 1997, 211.

⁵¹ Mauss 1997, 156.

Kiss 1859, 15–18. Even if the study has the inherent drawback of its era, the author has the merit of having introduced this term that I believe best connects the types of items under discussion here.

H. Ciugudean, Piesele de aur din depozitul de la Cugir si relatia lor cu sisteme metro-

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Abbreviations

AAASH Acta Archaeologica Academiae Scientarum Hungaricae. Budapest.

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.

ARA Annual Review of Anthropology. Stanford.

ActaArchHung Acta Archaeologica Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae. Budapest. AEM Archäeologische Epigraphische Mitteilungen aus Österreich-Ungarn. Heidelberg.

AIIA Cluj Anuarul Institutului de Istorie și Arheologie. Cluj-Napoca.
AISC Anuarul Institutului de Studii Clasice. Cluj-Napoca.

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.

AMS.CEU Annual of Medieval Studies at CEU. Budapest.
ACN Archaeological Computing Newsletter. Florence.

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

mányos folyóirata. Budapest.

ArchJug Archaeologia Iugoslavica. Beograd.

Arheregled Arheološki Pregled. Arheološko Društvo Jugoslavije. Beograd.

ArchSlovCat Archaeologia Slovaca Catalogi. Bratislava.

Archaeológiai Archaeológiai Közlemények. A hazai Műemlékek Ismeretének Előmozdítására.

Közlemények Budapest.

ArchKorr Archaölogisches Korrespondenzblatt. Mainz.

ArhMold Arheologia Moldovei. Iași.

AMN Acta Musei Napocensis. Cluj-Napoca.

AMP Acta Musei Porolissensis. Zalău.

ArchRozhl Archeologické Rozhledy. Praga.

ArhMed Arheologia Medievală. Cluj-Napoca, Brăila, Reșița.
ASMB Arheologia Satului Medieval din Banat. Reșița 1996.

AVSL Auftrage des Vereins für siebenbürgische Landeskunde, Wien.

Banatica Banatica. Resița.

BAM Brvkenthal Acta Mvsei. Sibiu.

BAR Int. Ser. British Archaeological Reports. International Series. Oxford. BCMI Buletinul Comisiunii Monumentelor Istorice. București.

BCŞS Buletinul Cercurilor Ştiinţifice Studenţeşti. Arheologie – Istorie – Muzeologie. Alba

Iulia.

BG Botanical Guidebooks. Kraków.

BerRGK Bericht der RömischGermanischen Kommission. Frankfurt a. Main.

BHAB Bibliotheca Historica et Archaeologica Banatica. Timișoara.

BHAUT Bibliotheca Historica et Archaeologica Universitatis Timisiensis. Timișoara.

BMB. SH Biblioteca Muzeului Bistriţa. Seria Historica. Bistriţa Năsăud.

BMÉ Bihari Múzeum Évkönyve. Berettyóújfalu.
BMI Buletinul Monumentelor Istorice. Bucureşti.
BMN Bibliotheca Musei Napocensis. Cluj-Napoca.

BMMK A Békés Megyei Múzeumok Közleményei. Békéscsaba. BMMN Buletinul Muzeului Militar Naţional. Bucureşti.

BThr Bibliotheca Thracologica. Institutul Român de Tracologie. București.

CAB Cercetări Arheologice în București. București.

CAH Communicationes Archaeologicae Hungariae. Budapest.
Carpica Carpica. Muzeul Județean de Istorie și Arheologie, Bacău.

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

Istorie. București.

CIL Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum. Berlin.

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

electronică pe http://www.cimec.ro/scripts/arh/cronica/cercetariarh.asp).

Classica et Christiana Classica et Christiana. Iasi.

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

Crisia Crisia. Muzeul Țării Crișurilor, Oradea.

Dacia N.S. Dacia. Revue d'archéologie et d'histoire ancienne. Nouvelle serie. București.

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.

EMEÉ Az Erdélyi Múzeum-Egyesület Évkönyve. Cluj-Napoca.

EMÉ Erdélyi Múzeum Évkönyve. Cluj-Napoca.

EAZ Ethnographisch-Archäologische Zeitschrift. Berlin.

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

telor arheologice din Dacia Porolissensis. Zalău.

File de Istorie File de Istorie. Bistrița.

FolArch Folia Archaeologica. Budapest.

Forsch. u. Ber. z. Vor- u.

Frühgesch. BW

Forschungen und Berichte zur Vor- und Frühgeschichte in Baden-Württemberg.

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. Déva (Deva).

JAMÉ A nyíregyházi Jósa András Múzeum Évkönyve. Nyíregyháza.

JahrbuchRGZM Jahrbuch des RömischGermanischen Zentralmuseums Mainz.

JAHA Journal of Ancient History and Archaeology. Cluj-Napoca.

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

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

MA / MemAnt Memoria Antiqvitatis. Piatra Neamţ.
MFMÉ A Móra Ferenc Múz. Évkönyve. Szeged.

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

MN / MuzNat Muzeul Național. București.

NumAntCl Numismatica e antichitàclassiche. Milano.

Opitz Archaeologica Opitz Archaeologica. Budapest.
Opuscula Hungarica Opuscula Hungarica. Budapest.
OM Orbis Mediaevalis. Arad, Cluj-Napoca.

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.

ReDIVA Revista Doctoranzilor în Istorie Veche și Arheologie. Cluj-Napoca.

Revista Bistriței Revista Bistriței. Bistrița.
RevMuz Revista Muzeelor. București.
RIR Revista Istorică Română.

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

RMMN Revista Muzeului Militar Național. București.
RESEE Revue des Études Sud-Est Européennes. București.
Ruralia Ruralia. Památky Archeologické – Supplementum. Praha.

RVM Rad Vojvodjanskih Muzeja. Novi Sad.

Sargeția. Muzeul Civilizației Dacice și Romane, Deva. Savaria Savaria. A Vas megyei Múzeumok Értesítője. Szombathely.

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.

Stratum plus Stratum plus. Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology. Kishinev.

StClStudii Clasice. București.StComBrukenthalStudii și comunicări. Sibiu.StudArchStudia Archaeologica. Budapest.StudComStudia Comitatensia. Szentendre.Studii și ComunicăriStudii și Comunicări. Arad.

StudUnivCib Studia Universitatis Cibiniensis. Sibiu.

StudCom – Vrancea Studii și Comunicări. Muzeul Județean de Istorie și Etnografie Vrancea. Focșani.

StudŽvest Študijne Zvesti Arheologického Ústavu Slovenskej Akademie Vied. Nitra.

Symp. Thrac. Symposia Thracologica. București.

Századok Századok. A Magyar Történelmi Társulat Folyóirata. Budapest.

TIR L34 D. Tudor, *Tabula Imperii Romani*. București 1965.

Tempora Obscura Tempora Obscura. Békéscsaba 2012.

Tibiscus. Timișoara.

VAH Varia Archaeologica Hungarica. Budapest.
VIA Visnik Institutu arkheolohii. L'viv.

Ziridava. Arad.

ZSA Ziridava Studia Archaeologica. Arad.

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