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INC Travel Grant Report of Year 2019/2020

First, I would like to thank the International Numismatic Council to give me this chance for travelling grant of 2000 €, this grant gave me the opportunity to visit Oxford, Cambridge and London.

About my research, I am preparing a PhD degree at Alexandria University - Egypt, my thesis's title is "Alexandrian Coinage of Commodus" which is a die study. I should collect all the collection of Alexandrian coins of Commodus from all the museums abroad, although the RPC online collected a great data, it does not allow the specialists to access to all the pictures, which is according to their rules and permits. For sure these pictures are necessary to create a die study, so, I have a problem in permissions to access to all the coins, so, I requested to the INC annual grant, to collect some collections from its own cabinet.

The mission was for one month from the mid of October to the mid of November in England, during this month I visited the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, I studied the collection there, then I visited the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, also, I studied the collection there, and I visited the British Museum.

In Oxford, I met Prof. Chris Howgego, and Dr. Volker Heuchert, they welcomed me, and let me attend their lectures, I studied the collection of the Ashmolean Museum, and I spent much time in the Sackler Library to collect scientific data¹, which are very beneficial

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for my thesis, all these data will provide my thesis with fundamental data.



“Me with Dr. Volker in Heberden Coin Room in Ashmolean Museum”

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In Cambridge, when I met Dr. Adrian Popescu, he welcomed me, according to the appointments, which I organized with him before my visit, I spent two days in the Coins and Medals room, I already studied all the Fitzwilliam Museum Collection of Alexandrian Coinage of Commodus.



“Me with Dr. Adrian Popescu in the Coin Room in Fitzwilliam Museum”

The last visit was to London, I visited the British Museum, and saw the coin collections in its display.



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“Me in the British Museum”

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In Cambridge, I would like to thank Dr Adrian Popescu for his time to let me access and study the coin collection in the Fitzwilliam Museum.

It was with my pleasures and honor to accept in INC annual grant of 2019-2020.

Yours sincerely,

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