

Final Report for International Numismatic Council

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Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude to the International Numismatic Council for selecting me for the Annual Travel Grant 2022. Due to this opportunity, my research got the prerequisite to becoming a quality research paper.

In my doctoral thesis, I deal with monetary circulation in the Roman province of Dacia Ripensis from the end of the 3rd to the middle of the 5th century.

Dacia Ripensis was an extremely interesting province of the Roman Empire as a border and mining territory. There were numerous military fortifications along its Danube border and engagement of special military units - cavalry cohorts inland, that protected roads and transport, but also managed ore areas, which was specific to this province. The chronological framework of the research includes a turbulent period in the history of the Empire, marked by radical reforms in all spheres of society, accompanied by constant internal struggles for power and efforts to protect external borders from enemies. From the economic aspect, throughout this period, the Roman Empire was affected by inflation and the effort to preserve the monetary system. The territory of the Roman province of Dacia Ripensis occupied the area of modern southeastern Serbia, parts of northwestern Bulgaria, and southwestern Romania.

In order to collect a quality sample that would determine the monetary movements in the province, it became necessary to acquire additional literature and materials related to the territory of modern northwestern Bulgaria and southwestern Romania. Getting the grant allowed me contact with experts who guided me through this process and gave me access to the literature and material I needed for the research



The first part of the trip took place in Sofia, at the Faculty of History St. Kliment Ohridski and under the mentorship of Prof. dr. dr. Sc. Dilyana Boteva. Professor Boteva provided me with selfless assistance and enabled access to the libraries of the University of Sofia, both the central library containing general literature and the specialized libraries for history and archaeology, where I managed to obtain a large part of the literature that was necessary for the successful realization of my



Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" photo credit: Nikolai Dimitrov

research. Also, Dr. Lily Grozdanova (Head Assist. Prof.) organized a presentation in front of the students where I spoke about the grant that the International Numismatic Council awarded me in order to inform and encourage new young numismatists. Professor Boteva did me a great honor by inviting me to attend the awarding ceremony of "The Grand Prize of the Sofia University (2022) for scholarly achievements in the field of social sciences and humanities", which was presented to her and her assistant Lily Grozdanova. Outside of specialized activities, I had the opportunity to get to know the city of Sofia, the exhibitions, and the archaeological wealth that the city possesses.

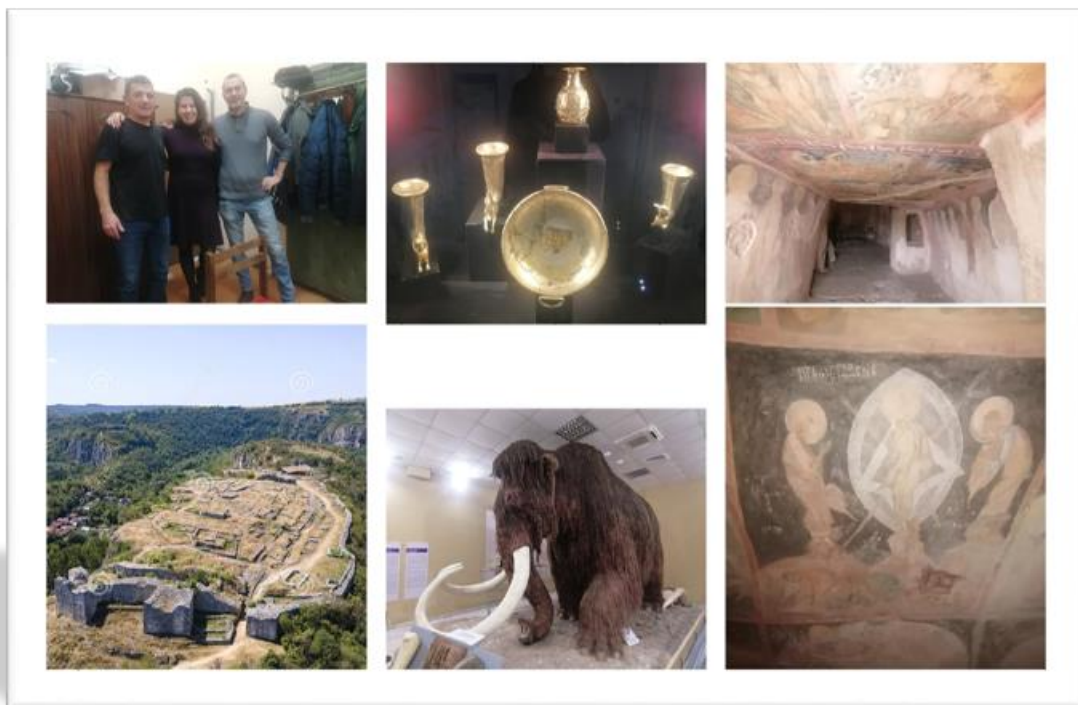


I spent the second part of the trip in Rousse - Regional Museum of History, under the mentorship of Ph.D. Varbin Varbanov and his colleague Ph.D. Nikola Rusev. With the great help of these two wonderful colleagues, I managed to complete all the necessary literature that I required. Also, they provided me with insight and gave me unpublished numismatic material related to the territory of the province of Dacia Ripensis. In addition to activities in the numismatic cabinet, I had the opportunity to visit the exhibitions of the Regional



Regional History Museum Ruse

Museum of History and Eco Museum. Colleagues from the museum took me to the sites of Cherven and Rock-Hewn Churches of Ivanovo, which was truly a unique experience.



With the help of the Annual Travel Grant awarded to me by the International Numismatic Council, I managed to enrich my numismatic sample and collect all the necessary literature that I needed for the successful realization of my Ph.D. thesis. Finally, I would like to point out that this was an exceptional experience and an opportunity that allowed me to meet wonderful colleagues and gain valuable experiences.