

# SOME REMARKS ON THE CHRONOLOGY AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE BYZANTINE COIN HOARDS FROM THE 13<sup>TH</sup> AND THE 14<sup>TH</sup> CENTURIES AT THE LOWER DANUBE AND ADJACENT AREAS

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During the last decades the interest toward the publication of Byzantine coin hoards from the Lower Danube and from the area North of the Balkans became more and more constant and fruitful<sup>1</sup>. But a very important source of new information on

1. O. Iliescu, "Moneda romano-bizantină pe teritoriul României, 326–1327" [*La monnaie romano-byzantine sur le territoire de la Roumanie, 326–1327*], in *Cultura bizantină în România [La culture byzantine en Roumanie]*, ed. by I. Barnea, O. Iliescu and Corina Nicolescu, Bucharest, 1971 [*Cultura bizantină*]; idem "Sur les monnaies byzantines coupées découvertes en Roumanie" in *Actes du XIV<sup>e</sup> Congrès International des Études Byzantines, Bucarest, 6–12 Septembre 1971*, 3rd vol., Bucharest, 1976, pp. 191–196 (the Balș hoard, Olt county); C. Știrbu, "Un tezaur de monede de aur din sec. al XIII-lea, descoperit în Dobrogea" [*A Gold Coin Hoard from the 13th Century found in Dobrudja*], in *Muzeul Național*, 2, 1975, pp. 353–364; E. Oberländer-Târnoveanu, "Numismatic and Historical Remarks on the Byzantine Coin Hoards from the 12th Century at the Lower Danube", in *RESEE*, 30, 1992, 1–2, pp. 41–60.

For the 13th century hoards see also idem, "Pentru o nouă datare a bisericiței cu plan treflat de la Niculițel (jud. Tulcea) [*For a New Dating of the Trefoilshaped Small Church from Niculițel (Tulcea county)*]", in *Peuce*, 8, 1980, pp. 451–457; idem, "Din nou despre datarea tezaurului de monede bizantine de la Făgăraș" (jud. Brașov) [*Again on the dating of Făgăraș Hoard (Brașov county)*], in *Studii și Comunicări — Muzeul Brukenthal Sibiu*, 21, 1981, pp. 287–289; idem, "Moneda Asăneștilor în contextul circulației monetare din zona Gurilor Dunării" [*The Coinage of the Assenides in the Currency of the Danube's Mouths Zone*], in *Răscoala și statul Asăneștilor — Culegere de studii*, ed. by E. Stănescu, Bucharest, 1989, p. 132, note no 71; idem, "Câteva observații asupra structurii și datării unor tezaure bizantine în colecția Muzeului Național de Istorie a României" [*Some Remarks about the Content and the Dating of Some Byzantine Coin Hoards of the Collection of the National History Museum of Romania*], in *Cercetări Numismatice*, 6, 1990, pp. 76–84 [*Cerc. Num.*]; idem, "Tezaurul de la Dedulești reconsiderat — observații asupra descoperirilor monetare din estul Munteniei în secolul al XIII-lea" [*The Dedulești Hoard Reconsidered — Some Remarks on the Monetary Finds from the Eastern Wallachia in the 13th Century*], in *Istros*, 6, 1992, pp. 89–99, idem and E. Păpușoi, "Monede bizantine din colecția Muzeului 'Vasile Pârvan' din Bârlad" [*Byzantine Coins from the Collection of "Vasile Pârvan" Museum from Bârlad*] and idem and E.-M. Constantinescu, "Monede romane târzii și bizantine din colecția Muzeului Județean Buzău" [*Late Roman and Byzantine Coins from the Buzău County Museum Collection*], in *Mousaios*, 4, 1994, 1, pp. 311–341.

For Bulgaria see: Iv. Jordanov, "Moneti i monetno obraštenie v srednovekovna Bălgarija 1081–1261" [*Coinage and Monetary Currency in Mediaeval Bulgaria — 1081–1261*], Sofia, 1984, pp. 122–227 [*Moneti.*]; I. Băčvarov and D. Balabanov, "Săkrovište ot vizantijski bilonovi skifati v rajona na Samokov" [*A Find of Byzantine Billon Skifates from the Area of Samokov*], in *Numizmatika*, 16, 1982, 4, pp. 25–37; I. Băčvarov, "Kolektivna nahodka na bilonovi skifati v rajona na s. Draganovo, Velikotărnovski okrug" [*The Billon Skifates Coin Hoard from the area of the Village of Draganovo, Veliko Turnovo Distr.*], in *Numizmatika*, 17, 1983, 4, pp. 3–13; idem, "Srednovekovni moneti ot mestnosta Kadan-Bunar pri s. Draganovo" [*Medieval Coins from the Place of Kadan-Bunar of the Village Draganovo, Veliko Turnovo Distr.*], in *Numizmatika*, 18, 1984, 1, pp. 31–42; idem, "Săkrovište ot bilonovi skifati namereno kraj Lukovit" [*The Hoard of Byzantine Billon Skifates found on the Territory of Lukovit*], in *Numizmatika*, 19, 1985, pp. 10–20; Vl. Penčev, "Kolektivna

the Byzantine currency in this zone may be found even in the pages of numismatic literature by reanalyzing and redating the older discoveries, published many years ago, in the light of most recent achievements in the field of the late Byzantine numismatics. This study is a continuation of our previous work on the 12th century Byzantine coin hoards from the Lower Danube area, published in 1992. It regards a lot of 38 hoards from the 13th to the 14th centuries, published long time ago, using obsolete reference catalogs and some monetary finds only shortly mentioned before or unpublished until now. The author hopes that it should be also useful to put at the disposal of our colleagues the basic data concerning the structure and the dating of some published hoards, but not very easy to use due to the limited circulation of certain numismatic or archaeological periodicals or to the linguistic difficulties.

In many cases we had the opportunity of a direct contact with the unpublished or redated hoards. In other cases we bring up to date the older references, sincerely thinking that, despite the risks of a such an enterprise, the renewed information will be anyway more useful than the possible mistakes, of which we would still be fully conscious.

Following the system used for our publication of *RESEE*, 30, 1992 we give synthetical information about the:

1. Bibliographical references.
2. The place and circumstances of the finding.

nahodka ot medni vizantijski moneti (XIII v.) ot s. Čerenča, Šumenski okrąg" [*The 13th Century Copper Coin Hoard from the village Čerenča, distr. of Šumen*], in *Numizmatika*, 20, 1986, 4, pp. 40–46; idem, "Kolektivna nahodka ot medni moneti (XIII v.) ot Silistra" [*A Collective Copper Coins Find (13th c.) from Silistra*], in *Numizmatika — Sbornik ot dokladi po problemi na antičnata i srednovekovna numizmatika i medalistika*, 2nd part, Sofia, 1986, pp. 31–36; idem, "Kolektivna nahodka ot medni moneti (XIII–XIV v.) ot Vidin" [*The Collective Copper Coins Find (13th–14th c.) from Vidin*], in *Numizmatika*, 20, 1986, 3, pp. 21–31; idem, "Kām istorijata na Drāstār prez XIII v. (po numizmatični dannī)" [*Contributions to the History of Dārstār in the 13th Century (in the Light of Numismatical Sources)*], in *Numizmatika*, 21, 1987, 2, pp. 26–31; I. Bāčvarov, "Kolektivni monetni nahodki ot krepostā Rjahoveč pri Gorna Orjahoviča" [*The Coin Hoards from the Fortress of Rjahoveč, near Gorna Orjahoviča*], in *Numizmatika*, 24, 1990, 3, pp. 32–43; K. Dočev and M. Asparuhov, "Dve kolektivni nahodki s korubesti bilonovi moneti ot Plevenski kraj" [*Two Concave Billon Coin Hoards from the Area of Pleven*], in *Izvestija na Muzejte ot Severozapadna Bālgarija (IMSŽB)*, 16, pp. 59–76; K. Dočev, "Moneti i parično obraštenie v Tārnovo XII–XIV v." [*Coinage and Monetary Currency at Turnovo 12th–14th c.*], Veliko Turnovo, 1992; K. Dočev and K. Kojčeva, "Kolektivna nahodka s korubesti moneti (XIII v.) ot rajona na gr. Drjanovo" [*The Concave Coin Hoard (13th) from the Area of the Town of Drjanovo*], in *IMSŽB*, 18, 1992, pp. 105–118; I. Bāčvarov, "Monetni nahodki ot krepostā «Rjahoveč»" [*Coin Finds from the Fortress «Rjahoveč»*], in *Izvestija Istoričeski Muzej Veliko Turnovo (IMVT)*, 7, 1992, pp. 41–58; V. Parušev, "Nepublikovani srednovekovni moneti ot Južna Dobrudža (VIII–XIV v.)", in *Dobrudža*, 10, 1993, pp. 162–163, no 62; K. Dočev, "Kolektivna nahodka c medni moneti (XIII v.) ot manastira «Sv. Dimitār» V. Tārnovo" [*The Copper Coin Hoard (13th c.) from the Monastery «St. Demetrios» V. Turnovo*], *IMVT*, 8, 1993, pp. 125–129; idem, "Monetni nahodki ot hālma Momina Krepost vāv Veliko Tārnovo" [*The Copper Coin Hoard (13th c.) from the Monastery «St. Demetrios» V. Turnovo*], *IMVT*, 8, 1993, pp. 125–129; idem, "Monetni nahodki ot hālma Momina Krepost vāv Veliko Turnovo" [*Coin Findings from the «Momina Krepost» Hill in Veliko Turnovo*], in *IMVT*, 9, 1994, pp. 125–132.

For Yugoslavia see: D. Gaj-Popovici, "Les trésors de monnaies concaves byzantines en cuivre de la collection du Musée National de Beograd", in *Acte du 9<sup>e</sup> Congrès International de Numismatique, Berne, 1980*, Berna, 1980, pp. 859–872 (*Actes du 9<sup>e</sup> CIN*) et D. Nedvidek, "Deo ostave vizantijkog novca iz Đurdzeva" [*Part of a Hoard of Byzantine Coins from Đurdzevo*], in *RAD Vojvodzanskih Muzeja*, 35, 1993, pp. 87–94 (*RADVM*).

3. The present location of the hoards.
4. The structure of each hoard — with the figure of face-value and the types of the coins.
5. The date of the burial of the hoards.

#### ABBREVIATIONS:

M. F. Hendy, *Coinage and Money in Byzantine Empire 1081–1261*, [Dumbarton Oaks Studies, XII], Dumbarton Oaks, 1969 = Hendy

S. Bendall and P. J. Donald, *Later Palaeologan Coinage 1282–1453*, London, 1979 = LPC.

### LIST OF THE HOARDS

#### 1. ISACCEA II HOARD

Briefly published by Iv. Jordanov, “Bălgarsko imitativno monetosečene ot načaloto ot XIII v.” [*The Bulgarian Imitative Coinage from the beginning of 13th century*] in *Numizmatika*, 1978, 3, p. 10 and more accurately by idem, *Moneti.*, 1984, p. 169, no 83, as Isaccea VI hoard and E. Oberländer-Târnoveanu, *RESEE*, 30, 1992, 1–2, pp. 49–50, no 15 as Isaccea II hoard, but wrongly dated between 1195–1203.

Said to have been found at Isaccea, Tulcea county, Romania, during the German-Austro-Hungarian-Bulgarian-Turkish military occupation of Dobrudja (autumn of 1916—autumn of 1918), and to have consisted of 780 of billon stamena.

Location: Varna (Bulgaria), National Historical Museum.

Recte: 784 billon stamena, of which 60 are regularly clipped.

#### BYZANTINE EMPIRE

##### JOHN II

(1118–1143)

##### MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Hendy, 2nd coinage, var. B — 6 sp.

##### MANUEL I

(1143–1180)

##### MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Hendy, 1st coinage, var. A — 1 sp.

Hendy, 3rd coinage, 1st phase, var. A — 36 sp.

Hendy, 3rd coinage, 1st phase, var. B — 21 sp.

Hendy, 3rd coinage, 1st phase, var. ? — 6 sp.  
 Hendy, 3rd coinage, 2nd phase, var. B — 4 sp.  
 Hendy, 3rd coinage, 2nd phase, var. C — 10 sp.  
 Hendy, 3rd coinage, 2nd phase, var. ? — 6 sp.  
 Hendy, 4th coinage, var. A — 28 sp., of which 8 sp. regularly clipped.  
 Hendy, 4th coinage, var. B — 39 sp., of which 3 sp. regularly clipped.  
 Hendy, 4th coinage, var. C — 26 sp., of which 3 sp. regularly clipped.  
 Hendy, 4th coinage, var. D — 16 sp., of which 5 sp. regularly clipped.  
 Hendy, 4th coinage, unknown var. — 1 sp.  
 Hendy, 4th coinage, var. ? — 54 sp.

## **ANDRONICUS I**

**(1183–1185)**

### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. A — 1 sp.  
 Hendy, var. B — 8 sp., of which 1 sp. regularly clipped.  
 Hendy, unknown var. — 20 sp., of which 2 sp. regularly clipped.  
 Hendy, var. ? — 12 sp.

## **ISAAC II**

**(1185–1195)**

### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. A — 32 sp., of which 1 sp. regularly clipped.  
 Hendy, var. B — 125 sp., of which many sp. consist of small module coins.  
 Hendy, var. C — 9 sp.  
 Hendy, var. D — 22 sp.  
 Hendy, unknown var. — 3 sp.  
 Hendy, var. ? — 37 sp.

## **ALEXIUS III**

**(1195–1203)**

### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. I — 1 sp.  
 Hendy, var. II — 135 sp., of which the largest part consists of small module coins (22 mm).

## **BULGARIA**

### **ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE ISSUES**

**(End of the 12th — first three decades of the 13th c.)**

### **MINT OF TURNOVO**

In our opinion some small module coins considered to be struck by Isaac II and Alexius III are in fact Bulgarian imitative issues of the types B and C (following Hendy).

**LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE**  
**PRINCIPALITY OF ADRIANOPOLE**  
**THEODORE BRANAS — LORD OF ADRIANOPOLE**  
**(1206–1208)**  
**MINT OF ADRIANOPOLE**

K. Dočev, “Ošte bednaz za mednite moneti otdavani na čar Teodor-Petăr (1186–1197) ili na vizantijskija vladetel Teodor Mangafa (1189–1190)” [*Once again on the Copper Coins given to the Tsar Theodore-Peter (1186–1197) or to the Byzantine Lord Theodore Mangaphas (1189–1190)*], in *Numizmatica*, 24, 1990, 1, pp. 29–38 — 1 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1206–1210.

**2. SILISTRA II HOARD**

Briefly mentioned by T. Gerasimov, *IAI-Sofia*, 22, 1959, p. 363 and Iv. Jordanov, *Numizmatika*, 1978, 3, p. 10 and published by Iv. Jordanov, *Moneti.*, p. 206, under the name of Silistra I hoard.

Said to have been found at Silistra, Bulgaria, in 1957, during the construction of a swimming pool. The hoard consisted of 2500 or 2550 (?) billon stamena.

Location: District History Museum of Silistra.

Recte: 2500 billon stamena.

**BYZANTINE EMPIRE**  
**MANUEL I**  
**(1143–1180)**  
**MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, 2nd issue, var. B — 3 sp.

Hendy, 3rd issue, 1st phase, var. A — 106 sp., of which 1 sp. regularly clipped and 1 sp. with columnar legend.

Hendy, 3rd issue, 1st phase, var. B — 120 sp.

Hendy, 3rd issue, 1st phase, var. C — 2 sp.

Hendy, 3rd issue, 2nd phase, var. B — 19 sp.

Hendy, 3rd issue, 2nd phase, var. C — 14 sp.

Hendy, 3rd issue, 2nd phase, var. D — 20 sp.

Hendy, 4th issue, var. A — 139 sp.

Hendy, 4th issue, var. B — 184 sp.

Hendy, 4th issue, var. C — 55 sp.

Hendy, 4th issue, var. D — 91 sp.

Hendy, 4th issue, var. ? — 547 sp.

**ANDRONICUS I****(1183–1185)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPOLE**

Hendy, var. A — 2 sp.

Hendy, var. B — 45 sp.

Hendy, unknown var. — 133 sp.

**ISAAC II****(1185–1195)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPOLE**

Hendy, var. A — 161 sp.

Hendy, var. B — 302 sp.

Hendy, var. C — 156 sp.

Hendy, var. D. — 52 sp.

Hendy, var. ? — 325 sp.

**ALEXIUS III****(1195–1203)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPOLE**

Hendy, var. ? — 3 sp.

**LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPOLE****ADRIANOPOLE PRINCIPALITY****THEODORE BRANAS — LORD OF ADRIANOPOLE****(1206–1208)****MINT OF ADRIANOPOLE**K. Dočev, *Numizmatika*, 24, 1990, 1, pp. 29–38 — 1 sp.

Probable date of deposition 1206–1210.

**3. SILISTRA III HOARD**

Briefly mentioned by T. Gerasimov, *IAI-Sofia*, 22, 1959, p. 363 and Iv. Jordanov, *Numizmatika*, 1978, 3, p. 10. Published by Iv. Jordanov, *Moneti.*, p. 206, no II, as possible part of the previous hoard.

Said to have been found at Silistra, Bulgaria, in 1957, during the construction of a swimming pool. The hoard consisted of 21 or 27 billion stamena.

Location: District History Museum of Silistra.

Recte: 27 billion stamena.

**BYZANTINE EMPIRE****ANDRONICUS I****(1183–1185)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. B — 1 sp.

**ALEXIUS III****(1195–1203)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. ?–18 sp., of which 5 sp. regularly clipped.

**“EMPIRE” OF CYPRUS****ISAAC COMNENUS****(1184–1191)****MINT OF NICOSIA (?)**

Hendy, type A — 1 sp.

**BULGARIA****ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE****(late 12<sup>th</sup> — first three decades of the 13<sup>th</sup> c.)****MINT OF TURNOVO**

Hendy, type A — 4 sp.

Hendy, type B — 3 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1205–1210.

**4. BUCHAREST — CIUREL HOARD**

Briefly published by Ir. Dimian, “Câteva descoperiri monetare bizantine pe teritoriul R.P.R.”, in *SCN*, 1, 1957, p. 202, O. Iliescu, *Cultura bizantină*., p. 188, no 429; idem, “Tezaurul de monede schifate găsit la București-Ciurel” [*The Hoard of Byzantine Skifates Coins Found at Bucharest-Ciurel*], in *Cr. Col.*, 51, 1971, pp. 34–38, nos 65–80, *CH*, III, 247 and E. Oberländer-Târnoveanu, *Cerc. Num.*, 6, 1990, p. 77, no 2.

Said to have been found in Bucharest, on the banks of Dâmbovița river, in the Ciurel outskirts, in 1911, and to have consisted of 16 billon stamena.

Location: Bucharest, National History Museum of Romania.

Recte: 16 billon stamena.

**BYZANTINE EMPIRE****ALEXIUS III****(1195–1203)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. II — 4 sp.

Hendy, var. ? — 1 sp.

**BULGARIA****ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE****(End of 12th — first three decades of the 13th c.)****MINT OF TURNOVO (?)**

Hendy, type A — 4 sp.

Hendy, type B — 5 sp.

Hendy, type C — 2 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1220–1230.

**5. TULCEA HOARD**

Briefly mentioned by C. Moisil, “Statistica tezaurelor monetare intrate până la 31 decembrie 1946”, in *Buletin lunar al Bibliotecii Academiei Române*, 2, 1947, 3, p. 11, no 24. Published by Il. Băncilă, “Note asupra unor tezaure de monede bizantine” [*Remarks on some Byzantine Coin Hoards*], in *SCN*, 1, 1957, p. 426 and by E. Oberländer-Târnoveanu, *Cerc. Num.*, 6, 1990, p. 78, no 3

Said to have been found in 1895, in a vineyard situated at 3 km eastward of Tulcea and to have consisted of 24 billion stamena.

Location: Bucharest, National History Museum of Romania.

Recte: 24 stamena.

**BYZANTINE EMPIRE****ISAAC II****(1185–1195)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPOLE**

Hendy, var. B — 2 sp.

Hendy, var. C — 2 sp.

Hendy, var. D — 1 sp.

**ALEXIUS III****(1195–1203)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPOLE**

Hendy, var. I — 2 sp.

Hendy, var. II — 5 sp.

**BULGARIA****ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE****(End of the 12th — first three decades of the 13th c.)****MINT OF TURNOVO (?)**

Hendy, type A — 3 sp.



Hendy, type B — 1 sp.

Hendy, type C — 6 sp. (2 sp. pierced and gilded).

## **LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

### **ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE**

**(The first three-four decades of the 13th c.)**

### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, larger module, type A — 1 sp.

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type A — 1 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1220–1230.

## **6. PLOIEȘTI REGION HOARD**

Unpublished.

The hoard was found in an unknown place of the former Region of Ploiești, but the date and the conditions of the find are unprecised. Some notes on the envelope of the coins shows that the parcel of the hoard conserved today in the History and Art Museum of the Municipality of Bucharest were acquired after 1957. It consisted of at least 119 stamena, many of them very worn, flatted and pierced.

Location: Ploiești, County Historical Museum (80 sp.) and Bucharest, History and Art Museum of the Municipality (39 sp.)

Recte: 119 stamena.

## **BYZANTINE EMPIRE**

### **MANUEL I**

**(1143–1180)**

### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, 4th coinage, var. C — 2 sp.

Hendy, 4th coinage, var. ? — 2 sp.

### **ANDRONICUS I**

**(1183–1185)**

### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. ? — 1 sp.

### **ISAAC II**

**(1185–1195)**

### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. B — 2 sp.

Hendy, var. C — 8 sp.

Hendy, var. D — 2 sp.

Hendy, var. ? — 8 sp.

### **ALEXIUS III**

**(1195–1203)**

#### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. I — 2 sp.

Hendy, var. II — 15 sp.

Hendy, var. ? — 5 sp.

**UNCERTAIN BYZANTINE RULER (late 12th c.) — 4 sp.**

### **BULGARIA**

#### **ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE**

**(End of the 12th — first three decades of the 13th c.)**

#### **MINT OF TURNOVO**

Hendy, type A — 21 sp. (of which 4 sp. with small module).

Hendy, type B — 18 sp. (of which 6 sp. with small module).

Hendy, type C — 21 sp. (of which 7 sp. with small module).

### **LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

#### **ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE**

**(The first three-four decades of the 13th c.)**

#### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, small module, type A — 8 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1220–1230.

## **7. BUZĂU AREA HOARD**

Mentioned by C. Preda, “Descoperiri monetare în raionul Buzău” [*Monetary Finds in Buzău District*], in *SCN*, 2, 1958, p. 463, and published by B. Mitrea, “Un mic tezaur de monede bizantine de bronz din secolele XII–XIII” [*A Small Hoard of Byzantine Bronze Coins from the 12th–13th c.*], in *SCN*, 3, 1960, pp. 497–499 and by E. Oberländer-Târnoveanu and E.-M. Constantinescu, *Mousaios*, 4, 1994, 1, p. 334, nos 44–46.

Said to have been found somewhere in the area of the town of Buzău, or in North-Eastern Wallachia or Dobrudja (?), before 1953, but the precise date and the conditions were not known, and to have consisted of 9, at least, billon stamena.

Location: Buzău County Museum, but only three pieces are still preserved.

Recte: 9 stamena.

**BULGARIA****ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE****(End of the 12th — first three decades of the 13th c.)****MINT OF TURNOVO (?)**

Hendy, type A — 1 sp. (still existing).

Hendy, type B — 5 sp. (2 sp. still existing).

Hendy, type C — 2 sp.

**LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE****LATIN KINGDOM OF THESSALONICA****ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE****(The second or the beginning of the third decade of the 13th c.)****MINT OF THESSALONICA**

Hendy, larger module, type C — 1 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1220–1230.

**8. TUZLA HOARD**

Published by Il. Băncilă, “Note asupra unor tezaure de monede bizantine”, [*Remarks on Some Byzantine Coin Hoards*], in *SCN*, 1, 1957, pp. 426–438 and idem, “În legătură cu tezaurul de la Tuzla” [*In Connection with the Tuzla Hoard*], in *SCN*, 2, 1958, p. 417–419 and by E. Oberländer-Târnoveanu, *Cerc. Num.*, 6, 1990, pp. 78–80, no 4.

Said to have been found in a pot, around 1914, nearby the lighthouse of Tuzla, Constantza county, and to have consisted of 707 billon stamena.

Location: Bucharest, National History Museum of Romania.

Recte: 707 stamena.

**BYZANTINE EMPIRE****ALEXIUS I****(1081–1118; Post reform issues: 1092–1118)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, 3rd coinage — 1 sp.

**MANUEL I****(1143–1180)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, 3rd coinage, 1st phase, var. C — 1 sp.

Hendy, 4th coinage, var. A — 1 sp.

Hendy, 4th coinage, var. C — 4 sp.

Hendy, 4th coinage, var. D — 2 sp.

**ANDRONICUS I****(1183–1185)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPOLE**

Hendy, var. A — 2 sp. (1 sp. regularly clipped).

**ISAAC II****(1185–1195)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPOLE**

Hendy, var. A — 6 sp.

Hendy, var. B — 61 sp. ( 1 sp. regularly clipped and another gilded).

Hendy, var. C — 14 sp.

Hendy, var. D — 8 sp. (1 sp. regularly clipped).

Hendy, var. ? — 1 sp.

**ALEXIUS III****(1195–1203)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPOLE**

Hendy, var. I — 16 sp.

Hendy, var. II — 140 sp.

Hendy, var. ? — 3 p.

**BULGARIA****ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE****(End of 12th — first three decades of the 13th c.)****MINT OF TURNOVO (?)**

Hendy, type A — 184 sp.

Hendy, type B — 96 sp.

Hendy, type C — 105 sp.

**ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE OF THE TIME OF IVAN ASEN II****(1218–1241)**

(Hendy, pp. 192–196, Latin imitative coinage, Constantinople, larger module, types D–T; D. M. Metcalf, “The Peter and Paul Hoard. Bulgarian and Latin Imitative Trachea in the Time of Ivan Asen II” in *NC*, 13, 1973, pp. 148–160, Bulgarian imitative issues from the time of Ivan Asen II).

**MINT OF TURNOVO (?)**

Hendy, type D — 1 sp. (clipped in a polygonal shape).

**LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE**  
**ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE**  
**(The first three — four decades of the 13th c.)**  
**MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, larger module, type A — 10 sp.

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type A — 39 sp.

**LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE**  
**LATIN KINGDOM OF THESSALONICA**  
**ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE**  
**(The second and the beginning of the third decade of the 13th c.)**  
**MINT OF THESSALONICA**

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type E — 1 sp.

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type F — 1 sp.

**NICAEAN EMPIRE**  
**THEODORE I**  
**(1204/1208–1222)**  
**MINT OF NICAEA**

Hendy, 1st coinage (larger module) — 1 sp.

1st coinage, small module (Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type G) — 1 sp.

**UNCERTAIN**  
**(End of the 12th — beginning of the 13th c.)**

Larger module — 2 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1220–1230.

**9. DEDULEȘTI HOARD**

Published by Ir. Dimian, SCN, 1, 1957, p. 203; O. Iliescu, *Cultura bizantină*., p. 188, no 428 and by E. Oberländer-Târnoveanu, *Istros*, 6, 1992, pp. 89–91.

Said to have been found in a pot, in 1940, during ploughing, at Dedulești, Mircea Vodă commune, Brăila county, on the south bank of Buzău river, covered by rectangular stone slabs and to have consisted of 50 stamena.

Location: uncertain, possible some pieces are now in the collection of the National History Museum of Romania, mixed with other 12th–13th Byzantine or imitative coins in the collection of late Ir. Dimian.

Recte: 50 stamena.

**BYZANTINE EMPIRE****ISAAC II****(1185–1195)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. A — at least 1 sp.

**ALEXIUS III****(1195–1203)****CONSTANTINOPLE MINT**

Hendy, var. II — at least 16 sp.

**BULGARIA****ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE****(End of the 12th — first three decades of the 13th c.)****MINT OF TURNOVO (?)**

Hendy, type B — 29 (?) sp.

Hendy, type C — 3 (?) sp.

**ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE OF THE TIME OF IVAN ASEN II****(1218–1241)**

(Hendy, pp. 192–196, Latin imitative coinage, Constantinople, larger module, types D–T; D. M. Metcalf, in *NC*, 13, 1973, pp. 148–160, Bulgarian imitative issues from the time of Ivan Asen II).

**MINT OF TURNOVO (?)**

Hendy, type P — 1 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1220–1230.

**10. NICULIȚEL—CETĂȚUIA HOARD**

Published by E. Oberländer-Târnoveanu, in *Peuce*, 8, 1980, pp. 451–457.

Found in 1953, during archaeological researches, in a burnt hut, near the mediaeval monastery, on the Cetățuia Hill, at Niculițel, Niculițel commune, Tulcea county. Consists of eight Latin imitative stamena.

Location: Bucharest, Archaeological Institute “Vasile Pârvan”.

Recte: 8 stamena.

**LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE****ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE****(The first three — four decades of the 13th c.)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, larger module, type A — 1 sp.

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type A — 7 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1220–1230 or later 1241–1242 (?).

## 11. ISACCEA X HOARD

Unpublished. Shortly mentioned by I. and Al. Barnea “Săpăturile de salvare de la Noviodunum” [*The Rescue Diggings from Noviodunum*], in *Peuce*, 9, 1984, p. 104 and E. Oberländer-Târnoveanu and Gh. Poenaru-Bordea, “The Byzantine Coin Hoard of Isaccea“, 1973, în *Cerc. Num.*, 8, 1997 (forthcoming).

Said to have been found in 1973, in S 6 — 1, 25 m, during the archaeological researches in the fortress of Noviodunum, at Isaccea, Tulcea county. Ion Barnea and Alex. Barnea mentioned that the hoard consisted of 88 whole and clipped coins, from Alexius I to the Latin imitative issues, of which almost half are from the reign of Manuel I.

Location: Bucharest, Institute of Archaeology “Vasile Pârvan“.

Recte: 88 stamena, entire and polygonal shape clipped.

## BULGARIA

### ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE

(End of the 12<sup>th</sup> — first three decades of the 13<sup>th</sup> c.)

#### MINT OF TURNOVO (?)

Hendy, type C — 4 sp. (one with small module).

### ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE OF THE TIME OF IVAN ASSEN II (1218–1241)

#### MINT OF TURNOVO (?)

(Hendy, pp. 192–196, Latin imitative coinage, Constantinople, larger module, types D–T; D. M. Metcalf, in *NC*, 13, 1973, pp. 148–160, Bulgarian imitative issues from the time of Ivan Assen II).

Hendy, type E/K — 1 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

Hendy, type N — 2 sp. (one polygonal shape clipped, the second with small module and overstrike on Theodore I, Nicaea, first issue, Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type G).

Hendy, type O — 5 sp. (1 sp. overstrike on Theodore I, Nicaea, first issue; 2 sp. with small module, polygonal shape clipped).

Hendy, type P — 10 sp. (3 sp. polygonal shape clipped and 2 sp. with small module).

Hendy, type R — 3 sp. (all polygonal shape clipped).

Hendy, type R1 (On the obv. in the right and the left field, ☩☩. Rv. Emperor, full length, with stemma, divitision, loros and cross headed scepter) — 1 sp.

## UNPRECISED

Hendy, type N (?) or some Thessalonicaean Empire issue (?) — 1 sp.

## NICAEAN EMPIRE

### THEODORE I LASCARIS

(1204/8–1222)

### MINT OF NICAEA

Nicaea, 1st issue (Hendy, Latin coinage, type G) — 5 sp. (2 sp. with very small module).

### MINT OF MAGNESIA

Hendy, type B — 2 sp. (but with small module, of which one overstruck).

## LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE

### ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE

(The first three — four decades of the 13 c.)

### MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type A — 32 sp. (one with X on the labarum shaft).

Hendy, larger module, type C — 1 sp.

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type C — 1 sp.

## LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE

### LATIN KINGDOM OF THESSALONICA

### ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE

(Second and the beginning of the third decade of 13<sup>th</sup> c.)

Hendy, larger module, type A — 2 sp.

One overstrike on Theodore I, Nicaea (first issue).

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type E — 1 sp.

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, type F — 1 sp.

## UNCERTAIN ISSUE

Small module, type ? — 6 sp. (broken).

Probable date of deposition: 1220–1230.

## 12. FĂGĂRAȘ HOARD

Mentioned by K. Horedt, *Contribuții la istoria Transilvaniei în secolele IV–XIII* [*Contributions to the History of Transylvania during the 4th–13th c.*], Bucharest,



1958, p. 127 and briefly published by E. Oberländer-Târnoveanu, *Studii și Comunicări — Brukenthal*, 21, 1981, pp. 287–289, but wrongly dated in 1210.

Said to have been found in 1927, at Făgăraș, Brașov county, during ploughing and to have consisted of 60 billon stamena.

Location: Sibiu, Brukenthal National Museum.

Recte: 17 sp. still existing.

## **BYZANTINE EMPIRE**

### **JOHN II**

**(1118–1143)**

#### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, 2nd coinage, var. B — 1 sp.

### **MANUEL I**

**(1143–1180)**

#### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, 4th coinage, var. C — 3 sp.

### **ISAAC II**

**(1185–1195)**

#### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. A — 1 sp.

Hendy, var. B — 2 sp.

Hendy, var. D — 1 sp.

Hendy, var. ? — 1 sp.

### **ALEXIUS III**

**(1195–1203)**

#### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. I — 4 sp.

Hendy, var. II — 1 sp.

## **BULGARIA**

### **ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE**

**(End of the 12th — first three decades of the 13th c.)**

#### **MINT OF TURNOVO (?)**

Hendy, type A — 1 sp.

Hendy, type C — 2 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1241 (?).

### 13. CRISTEȘTI HOARD

Published by O. Iliescu, *Cultura bizantină*, p. 188–189, no 430; idem, “Monede bizantine din secolele XII–XIII, găsite la Dunărea de Jos”, in *Ilfov—File de istorie*, 1, 1978, p. 148 and by E. Oberländer-Târnoveanu, *Cerc. Num.*, 6, 1990, p. 80, no 5.

Said to have been found in 1968 at Cristești, a suburb of Luduș town, Mureș county, in unprecised conditions and to have 22 billion stamena.

Location: Bucharest, National History Museum.

Recte: 22 stamena.

### BYZANTINE EMPIRE

#### MANUEL I

(1143–1180)

#### MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Hendy, 4th coinage, var. B — 1 sp.

#### ISAAC II

(1185–1195)

#### MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Hendy, var. A — 2 sp. (1 sp. is regularly clipped).

#### ALEXIUS III

(1195–1203)

#### MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Hendy, var. I — 2 sp.

### BULGARIA

#### ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE

(End of the 12th — first three decades of the 13th c.)

#### MINT OF TURNOVO (?)

Hendy, type A — 3 sp.

Hendy, type B — 2 sp.

Hendy, type C — 7 sp.

### LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE

#### ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE

(The first three-four decades of the 13th c.)

#### MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Hendy, small module, type A — 5 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1241 (?).

## 14. TEREMIA MARE HOARD

Briefly mentioned by Ö. Göhl, “Eremleletek” [*Coin Finds*], in *Numközlöny*, 7, 1908, 4, p. 171; some pieces were illustrated by G. Jeszenszky, “Az első magyar rézpénzek” [*The First Hungarian Copper Coins*] in *Numközlöny*, 34–35, 1935–1936, p. 37.

Said to have been found before 1908 at Teremia Mare, Teremia Mare commune, Timiș county and to have consisted of 130 “bronze” coins of John II, Manuel I and several uncertain Comnenian issues.

Location: Timișoara, Banat Historical Museum (64 stamena), the location of the remaining pieces is unknown, possibly at Budapest, National Hungarian Museum.

Recte: 130 billon stamena and tetartera, but only 64 were available to our direct study.

### BYZANTINE EMPIRE

#### STAMENA

#### ALEXIUS I

(1081–1118; reformed issues 1092–1118)

#### MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Hendy, 3rd coinage — 3+? sp.

#### JOHN II

(1118–1143)

#### MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Hendy, 2nd coinage, var. A — 12+? sp.

Hendy, 2nd coinage, var. B — 22+? sp.

#### MANUEL I

(1143–1180)

#### MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Hendy, 1st coinage, var. A — 10+? sp.

Hendy, 1st coinage, var. B — 4+? sp.

Hendy, 2nd coinage, var. ? — 1+? sp.

Hendy, 4th coinage, var. A — 1+? sp. (in Ö. Göhl’s publication two more pieces of this type are mentioned).

Hendy, 4th coinage, var. C — 1+? sp.

#### TETARTERA

#### MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Hendy, type A — 11 sp. (mentioned by Ö. Göhl).

**STAMENA****ISAAC II****(1185–1195)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. ? — 1+? sp.

**ALEXIUS III****(1195–1203)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. I — 2+? sp.

Hendy, var. II — 5+? sp.

Hendy, var. ? — 1+? sp.

**BULGARIA****ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE****(End of the 12th — first three decades of the 13th c.)****MINT OF TURNOVO (?)**

Hendy, type A — ? sp.

Hendy, type B — 3+? sp.

Hendy, type C — ? sp. (some pieces were illustrated by G. Jeszenszky).

**LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE****ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE****(The first three-four decades of the 13th c.)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, larger module, type A — ? sp.

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type A — ? sp. (some pieces were illustrated by G. Jeszenszky).

**UNCERTAIN — ? sp.**

Probable date of deposition: 1241 (?)

**15. KOVIN HOARD**Published by D. Gaj-Popovic, *Actes 9<sup>e</sup> CIN*, p. 868.

Said to have been found at Kovin, Vojvodina-Serbia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, but the date and the conditions are not precised, and to have consisted of 267 billon stamena.

Location: Belgrad, National Museum.

Recte: 267 stamena.

**BYZANTINE EMPIRE****JOHN II****(1118–1143)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, 2nd coinage, var. A — 1 sp.

**MANUEL I****(1143–1180)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, 2nd coinage, var. A — 1 sp.

Hendy, 3rd coinage, 1st phase, var. A — 5 sp.

Hendy, 3rd coinage, 2nd phase, var. A — 1 sp.

Hendy, 3rd coinage, 2nd phase, var. B — 1 sp.

Hendy, 3rd coinage, 2nd phase, var. C — 1 sp.

Hendy, 4th coinage, var. A — D — 34 sp.

**ANDRONICUS I****(1183–1185)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. A — 3 sp.

**ISAAC II****(1185–1195)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. A — 87 sp.

Hendy, var. C — 16 sp.

**ALEXIUS III****(1195–1203)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. I — 109 sp.

**BULGARIA****ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE ISSUES****(End of the 12th — first three decades of 13th c.)****MINT OF TURNOVO (?)**

In our opinion some coins considered to have been struck by Isaac II and Alexius III are in fact Bulgarian imitative issues of Hendy's types B and C.

**LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPE**  
**ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE**  
 (The first three-four decades of the 13th c.)  
**MINT OF CONSTANTINOPE**

Hendy, larger module, type A — 2 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1220–1230 or later 1241–1242 (?).

**16. ĐURĐEVO HOARD**

Published by D. Nedvidek, *RADVM*, 35, 1993, pp. 87–94.

Said to have been found before 1984 at Đurđevo, — Vojvodina, Serbia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, but the precise date and conditions of the find are unknown; it probably consisted of more than 12 billion stamena.

Location: Novi Sad, Vojvodanski Muzej — 12 stamena, the others were dispersed.

Recte: 12 stamena.

**BYZANTINE EMPIRE**  
**MANUEL I**  
 (1143–1180)  
**MINT OF CONSTANTINOPE**

Hendy, 4th coinage, var. B — 3 sp.

**ISAAC II**  
 (1185–1195)  
**MINT OF CONSTANTINOPE**

Hendy, var. B — 1 sp.

Hendy, var. C — 1 sp.

Hendy, var. ? — 1 sp.

**ALEXIUS III**  
 (1195–1203)  
**MINT OF CONSTANTINOPE**

Hendy, var. II — 1 sp.

**BULGARIA**  
**ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE ISSUES**  
 (End of the 12th — first three decades of 13th c.)  
**MINT OF TURNOVO (?)**

Hendy, type C — 1 sp.

**LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE**  
**ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE**  
 (The first three — four decades of the 13<sup>th</sup> c.)  
**MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, larger module, type A — 4 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1220–1230 or later 1241–1242 (?).

**17. SARKAD HOARD**

Published by A. Kerény, “Sarkad-környéki bizanci éremlelet” [*A Byzantine Monetary Find from the Area of Sarkad*], in *Numközlöny*, 48, 1949, pp. 21–24.

Said to have been found in 1904, on the Black Criş (Fekete Körös) river at Sarkad, Békés county, Hungary and to have consisted of 232 “bronze” coins of Manuel I, Andronicus I, Isaac II and Alexius III.

Location: Budapest, Hungarian National History Museum.

Recte: 232 billon stamena.

**BYZANTINE EMPIRE**  
**MANUEL I**  
**(1143–1180)**  
**MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, 2nd coinage, var. B — 2 sp.

Hendy, 3rd coinage, 1st phase var. B — 6 sp.

Hendy, 4th coinage, var. B — 20 ? sp. (possible that some pieces listed here are in fact Bulgarian imitations type A).

**ANDRONICUS I**  
**(1183–1185)**  
**MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. B — 2 sp.

**ISAAC II**  
**(1185–1195)**  
**MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. B — 13 ? sp. (possible that some pieces listed here are in fact possible Bulgarian imitations type B).

**ALEXIUS III**  
**(1195–1203)**  
**MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. II — 94 ? sp. (possible that some pieces listed here are in fact Bulgarian imitations type C).

**BULGARIA****ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE ISSUES****(End of the 12th — first three decades of 13th c.)****MINT OF TURNOVO (?)**

Hendy, type B — 32 sp.

In our opinion the Sarkand hoard should contain Bulgarian imitations type A and C, too.

**LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE****ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE****(The first three-four decades of the 13th c.)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, larger module, type A — 10 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1241 (?)

**18. STREZA-CÂRȚIȘOARA-SCOREI HOARD**Briefly mentioned by K. Horedt, *op. cit.*, p. 124.

Said to have been found in 1892 in the area between the villages Streza, Cârțișoara and Scorei, Sibiu county and to have consisted of a “silver coin of John II”, five undetermined silver coins, 60 fragments of oval shape silver ingots (“cakes”) weighing 895 grams and several silver jewels.

Location: The hoard was in Sibiu, Brukenthal Museum, but it seems that the coins have disappeared. The jewels and the ingots fragments are in Bucharest at the National History Museum of Romania.

Recte: 6 electrum aspra.

**BYZANTINE EMPIRE****ISAAC II****(1185–1195)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. ? — 1 sp.

**UNPRECISED RULER — 5 sp.**

Probable date of deposition: 1241 (?)

**19. SILISTRA IV HOARD**Published briefly by Iv. Jordanov, *Monetite.*, pp. 206–207, as Silistra II hoard and by Vl. Penčev, “Koletivna nahodka ot medni moneti (XIII v.) ot Silistra”, in



*Numizmatika — Sbornik ot dokladi po problemi na antičnata i srednovekovna numismatika i medalistika*, 2nd part, Sofia, 1986, pp. 31–36, but without mentioning that it is the same find.

It was found in 1971, during archaeological researches, in the section 6 / XIII at–3,77 m, in a layer of ash and destruction remains, near the wall of the mediaeval town of Silistra, Bulgaria, and consists of 29 billon stamena.

Location: Unprecised.

Recte: 29 stamena.

## **BULGARIA**

### **ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE**

(End of the 12<sup>th</sup> — first three decades of the 13<sup>th</sup> c.)

#### **MINT OF TURNOVO (?)**

Hendy, type C — 3 sp.

### **ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE OF THE TIME OF IVAN ASEN II (1218–1241)**

(Hendy, pp. 192–196, Latin imitative coinage, Constantinople, larger module, types D–T; D. M. Metcalf, in NC, 13, 1973, pp. 148–160, Bulgarian imitative issues from the time of Ivan Asen II).

#### **MINT OF TURNOVO (?)**

Hendy, type D — 1 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

Hendy, type E — 1 sp. (small module).

## **LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

### **ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE**

(The first three — four decades of the 13<sup>th</sup> c.)

#### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type A — 11 sp.

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type B — 2 sp.

## **LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

### **LATIN KINGDOM OF THESSALONICA**

#### **ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE**

(The second and the beginning of the third decade of the 13<sup>th</sup> c.)

#### **MINT OF THESSALONICA**

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type D — 1 sp.

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type E — 1 sp.

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type F — 1 sp.

**EMPIRE OF TREBIZOND**  
**ANDRONICUS I GIDON**  
**(1222–1235)**  
**MINT OF TREBIZOND**

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, Constantinople, larger module, type H; D. M. Metcalf and I. T. Roper, "A Hoard of Copper Trachea of Andronicus I of Trebizond (1222–1235)", in *NCirc.*, 1975, 6, pp. 237–238 — 1 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

**EMPIRE OF THESSALONICA**  
**THEODORE COMNENUS-DUCAS-ANGELUS**  
**(1224–1230)**  
**MINT OF THESSALONICA**

Hendy, type C — 1 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

**MANUEL COMNENUS-DUCAS-ANGELUS**  
**(1230–1237)**  
**MINT OF THESSALONICA**

Hendy, type A — 2 sp. (1 sp. is polygonal shape clipped and the second is with small module).

Hendy, type C — 1 sp. (small module).

Hendy, type D — 1 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

**JOHN COMNENUS-DUCAS-ANGELUS**  
**(1237–1244)**  
**MINT OF THESSALONICA**

Hendy, 3rd series, type H — 1 sp.

**UNPRECISED** — 1 sp. (with small module).

Probable date of deposition: 1241–1242.

**20. SILISTRA V HOARD**

Published by Vl. Penčev, "Kăm istorijata na Drăstar prez XIII v. (*po numizmatični dannii*)" [*Contributions to the History of Dărstăr during the 13th Century (in the Light of Numismatic Sources)*], in *Numizmatika*, 21, 1987, 2, pp. 26–31.

It was found in 1986, during archaeological researches, in the dwelling no 3, near the mediaeval gate of Silistra, Bulgaria, and consists of 99 billon stamena.

Location: Unprecised.

Recte: 99 stamena.

**BULGARIA****ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE****(End of the 12th — first three decades of the 13th c.)****MINT OF TURNOVO (?)**

Hendy, type C — 3 sp.

**ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE OF THE TIME OF IVAN ASEN II****(1218–1241)**

(Hendy, pp. 192–196, Latin imitative coinage, Constantinople, larger module, types D–T; D. M. Metcalf, in *NC*, 13, 1973, pp 148–160, Bulgarian imitative issues from the time of Ivan Asen II).

**MINT OF TURNOVO (?)**

Hendy, type D — 5 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

Hendy, type J — 1 sp. (small module).

Hendy, type N — 1 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

Type O 1 (unknown to Hendy, cf. D. M. Metcalf, *NC*, 13, 1973, p. 164, nos 195–205) — 5 sp. (small module).

Hendy, type P — 2 sp. (one is polygonal shape clipped).

**LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE****ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE****(The first three-four decades of the 13th c.)****MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type A — 26 sp.

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type B — 2 sp.

**LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE****LATIN KINGDOM OF THESSALONICA****ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE****(The second and the beginning of the third decade of the 13th c.)****MINT OF THESSALONICA**

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type D — 1 sp.

**EMPIRE OF NICAEA****THEODORE I****(1204/8–1222)****MINT OF NICAEA**

1st issue, small module (Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type G) — 3 sp.

### JOHN III (1222–1254)

#### MINT OF MAGNESIA

Hendy, type I — 1 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

Hendy, type L — 1 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

### EMPIRE OF THESSALONICA

#### MANUEL COMNENUS-DUCAS-ANGELUS

(1230–1237)

#### MINT OF THESSALONICA

Hendy, type A — 1 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

Hendy, type C — 2 sp. (small module, one is polygonal shape clipped).

### JOHN COMNENUS-DUCAS-ANGELUS

(1237–1244)

#### MINT OF THESSALONICA

Hendy, 3rd series, type A — 1 sp.

UNPRECISED — 48 sp. (with small module).

Probable date of deposition: 1241–1242.

## 21–22. ISACCEA III–IV HOARDS

Unpublished. Shortly mentioned by Iv. Jordanov, *Moneti.*, p. 170, nos 84–85.

Said to have been found on 11th October and in November 1963, during the archaeological researches in the fortress of Noviodunum, at Isaccea, Tulcea county. We are informed that the hoards consisted of polygonal shaped clipped and maybe of entirely clipped coins, but more precise data are missing.

Location: Bucharest, Institute of Archaeology “Vasile Pârvan”.

Probable date of deposition: 1241–1242 or later 1250–1260.

## 23. BALȘ HOARD

Briefly published by E. Condurachi, “Monnaies byzantines coupées”, in *CNA*, 15, 1940, p. 227 and by O. Iliescu, *Cultura bizantină*, p. 189, no 436; idem, “Sur les monnaies byzantines coupées découvertes en Roumanie”, in *Actes du XIV<sup>e</sup> Congrès International des Études Byzantines, Bucarest, 6–12 Septembre 1971*, 3rd vol, Bucharest, 1976, pp. 191–193 and *CH*, IV, 203.

Said to have been found in 1930, at Balș, Olt county and to have consisted of about 1–1,5 kgms of clipped “bronze” coins of Alexius III, Theodore Comnenus-Ducas-Angelus and John III Vatatzes.

Location: Bucharest, National History Museum and Institute of Archaeology  
“Vasile Pârvan”.

Recte: 1763 entirely and neatly clipped stamena.

## **BYZANTINE EMPIRE**

### **ISAAC II**

**(1185–1195)**

#### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. C — 1 sp.

### **ALEXIUS III**

**(1195–1203)**

#### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. I — 1 sp.

Hendy, var. II — 1 sp.

Hendy, var. ? — 2 sp.

## **BULGARIA**

### **ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE**

**(End of the 12<sup>th</sup> — first three decades of the 13<sup>th</sup> c.)**

#### **MINT OF TURNOVO (?)**

Hendy, type C — 22 sp. (2 sp. are with small module).

### **ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE OF THE TIME OF IVAN ASEN II**

**(1218–1241)**

(Hendy, pp. 192–196, Latin imitative coinage, Constantinople, larger module, types D–T; D. M. Metcalf, in NC, 13, 1973, pp. 148–160, Bulgarian imitative issues from the time of Ivan Asen II).

#### **MINT OF TURNOVO (?)**

Hendy, type D — 61 sp. (12 sp. with small module).

Hendy, type E/K — 2 sp. (1 sp. with small module).

Hendy, type F — 11 sp.

Hendy, type G — 2 sp.

Hendy, type J — 59 sp.

Hendy, type M — 1 sp.

Hendy, type N — 113 sp. (8 sp. with small module).

Type N 1 (unknown — as type N, but with reverted obs. and rev.) — 1 sp.

Hendy, type P — 15 sp. (4 sp. with small module).

Hendy, type R — 35 sp.

Type R 1 (unknown — as type R but on the obs. and rev. is depicted only the Virgin Orans) — 1 sp.

Hendy, type S — 92 sp. (1 sp. with small module).

Hendy, type T — 8 sp. (12 sp. with small module).

Type U (D. M. Metcalf, *NC*, 13, 1973, p. 166, nos 323–342 and pl. IX, nos 55–60) — 562 sp. (112 sp. with small module).

Type V (D. M. Metcalf, *NC*, 13, 1973, p. 163, nos 168–176 and pl. VIII, no 29) — 25 sp.

Type W (unknown — as type V, but on the obs. is depicted the Virgin standing) — 25 sp.

Type Z (unknown — on the obs. is depicted St. Demetrius and on the rev. the Virgin standing) — 1 sp.

## **LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPE**

### **ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE**

**(The first three — four decades of the 13th c.)**

#### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPE**

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module A — 49 sp.

Hendy, larger module, type B — 2 sp.

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type B — 1 sp.

Hendy, larger module, type C — 3 sp.

## **LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPE**

## **LATIN KINGDOM OF THESSALONICA**

### **ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE**

**(The second and the beginning of the third decade of the 13th c.)**

#### **MINT OF THESSALONICA**

Hendy, larger module, type A — 2 sp.

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type D — 3 sp.

Hendy, larger module, type B — 7 sp.

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type F — 2 sp.

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, larger module, type C — 9 sp.

## **EMPIRE OF TREBIZOND**

### **ANDRONICUS I GIDON**

**(1222–1235)**

#### **MINT OF TREBIZOND**

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, Constantinople, larger module, type H; D. M. Metcalf and I. T. Roper, "A Hoard of Copper Trachea of Andronicus I of Trebizond (1222–1235)", in *NCirc.*, 1975, 6, pp. 237–238 — 19 sp.

**EMPIRE OF NICAËA**  
**THEODORE I LASCARIS**  
**(1204/8–1222)**  
**MINT OF NICAËA**

1st coinage, larger module — 2 sp.

1st coinage, small module (Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type G) — 3 sp.

2nd coinage — 2 sp.

**MINT OF MAGNESIA**

Hendy, type A — 1 sp.

Hendy, type B — 1 sp.

Hendy, type C — 1 sp.

**JOHN III VATATZES**  
**(1222–1254)**  
**MINT OF MAGNESIA**

Hendy, type G — 1 sp.

Hendy, type H — 2 sp.

Hendy, type I — 1 sp.

**MINT OF THESSALONICA**  
**(1244–1254)**

Hendy, type B or C — 1 sp.

Hendy, type D — 2 sp.

Hendy, type E — 1 sp.

Hendy, type G — 2 sp.

Hendy, type H — 1 sp.

Hendy, type K — 3 sp.

Hendy, type ? — 3 sp.

**EMPIRE OF THESSALONICA**  
**THEODORE COMNENUS-DUCAS-ANGELUS**  
**(1224–1230)**  
**MINT OF THESSALONICA**

Hendy, type A — 14 sp.

Type A 1 (unknown — as type A, but on rev. labarum headed scepter) — 1 sp.

Type A 2 (unknown — as type A, but on rev. ✠ between the Emperor and St. Demetrius) — 2 sp.

Hendy, type B — 2 sp.

Hendy, type C — 2 sp.

Hendy, type D — 2 sp.

Hendy, type E — 1 sp.

Hendy, type F — 2 sp.

Hendy, type G — 3 sp.

Hendy, type ? — 1 sp.

## **MANUEL COMNENUS-DUCAS-ANGELUS**

**(1230–1237)**

### **MINT OF THESSALONICA**

Hendy, type D — 2 sp.

Hendy, type F — 1 sp.

## **JOHN COMNENUS-DUCAS-ANGELUS**

**(1237–1244)**

### **MINT OF THESSALONICA**

Hendy, 2nd series, type I — 2 sp.

Hendy, 3rd series, type ? — 3 sp.

## **DEMETRIUS COMNENUS-DUCAS-ANGELUS (?)**

**(1244–1246)**

### **MINT OF THESSALONICA**

Hendy — 1 sp.

## **UNPRECISED THESSALONICAEAN ISSUES — 2 sp.**

## **EPIRUS**

### **MICHAEL II COMNENUS-DUCAS-ANGELUS**

**(1231–1268)**

### **ARTA MINT**

M. Oekonomides-Caramessini, "Contribution à l'étude du monnayage de Michael II d'Épire" in *Actes du XIVe Congrès International des Études Byzantines*, Bucarest, 6–12 Septembre 1971, 3rd vol., Bucharest, 1976, pp. 187–190 — 2 sp.

## **UNCERTAIN (12th–13th c.) — 528 sp. (neatly clipped).**

Probable date of deposition: 1248–1263.

## **24. VETREN HOARD**

To be published by G. Atanasov and Iv. Jordanov, *Srednovekovnija Vetren na Dunav*.



Said to have been found in 1987 at Vetren, in the medieval fortress, Silistra district, Bulgaria, and to have consisted of 319 billon stamena from Manuel I Comnenus to John III Vatatzes or to Theodore II Lascaris.

Location: Silistra, District History Museum — 312 sp. and Town Museum of Duloovo — 7 sp.

Recte: 319 stamena, entire and polygonal or neatly clipped.

## **BYZANTINE EMPIRE**

### **MANUEL I**

**(1143–1180)**

#### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, 4th coinage, var? — 1 sp. (neatly clipped).

### **ALEXIUS III**

**(1195–1203)**

#### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, var. I — 1 sp. (neatly clipped).

## **BULGARIA**

### **ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE**

**(End of the 12<sup>th</sup> — first three decades of the 13<sup>th</sup> c.)**

#### **MINT OF TURNOVO (?)**

Hendy, type B — 1 sp. (clipped).

Hendy, type C — 14 sp. (of which 13 are polygonal shape clipped).

### **ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE OF THE TIME OF IVAN ASEN II**

**(1218–1241)**

(Hendy, pp. 192–196, Latin imitative coinage, Constantinople, larger module, types D–T; D. M. Metcalf, in NC, 13, 1973, pp. 148–160, Bulgarian imitative issues from the time of Ivan Asen II).

#### **MINT OF TURNOVO (?)**

Hendy, type D — 6 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

Hendy, type F — 2 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

Hendy, type E/K — 4 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

Hendy, type J — 2 sp. (neatly clipped).

Hendy, type N, larger module — 9 sp. (neatly clipped).

Hendy unknown, type N, smaller module — 9 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

Hendy, type O, larger module — 2 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

Type O<sub>1</sub> (D. M. Metcalf, *NC*, 13, 1973) — 2 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

Hendy, unknown, type O, smaller module — 1 sp.

Hendy, type P — 1 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

Hendy, unknown, type P, smaller module — 5 sp.

Hendy, type R — 7 sp. (polygonal shape and neatly clipped).

Hendy, unknown, type T, smaller module — 23 sp. (polygonal shape and neatly clipped).

Type U (D. M. Metcalf, *NC*, 13, 1973, p. 323–342, nos 168–176 and pl. IX, nos 55–60) — 5 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

Type V (D. M. Metcalf, *NC*, 13, 1973, p. 163, nos 168–176 and pl. VIII, no. 29) — 3 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

Unknown type (Iv. Jordanov, *Moneti.*, pl. XXVII, no 7) — 1 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

## **LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

### **ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE**

**(The first three-four decades of the 13th c.).**

#### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type A — 65 sp.

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module type B — 6 sp. (clipped).

## **LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

### **LATIN KINGDOM OF THESSALONICA**

#### **ANONYMOUS IMITATIVE COINAGE**

**(The second and the beginning of the third decade of the 13th c.).**

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type D — 3 sp.

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type E — 2 sp.

Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type F — 2 sp.

## **EMPIRE OF TREBIZOND**

### **ANDRONICUS I GIDON**

**(1222–1235)**

#### **MINT OF TREBIZOND**

(Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, Constantinople, larger module, type H; D. M. Metcalf and I. T. Roper, “A Hoard of Copper Trachea of Andronicus I of Trebizond (1222–1235)”, in *NCirc*, 1975, 6, pp. 237–238) — 2 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

**EMPIRE OF NICAEA****THEODORE I LASCARIS****(1204/8–1222)****MINT OF NICAEA**

1st coinage, small module (Hendy, Latin imitative coinage, small module, type G) — 9 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

Hendy, 2nd coinage — 3 sp. (polygonal shape clipped).

Unprecised type — 1 sp (neatly clipped).

**MINT OF MAGNESIA**

Hendy, var. B — 1 sp. (small module).

**JOHN III VATATZES****(1222–1254)****MINT OF MAGNESIA**

Hendy, type I — 1 sp. (neatly clipped).

Hendy, type J — 1 sp. (neatly clipped).

**MINT OF THESSALONICA****(1244–1254)**

Hendy, type K — 2 sp. (clipped).

Unknown type (Iv. Jordanov, *Moneti.*, pl. XXXI, no 7) — 7 sp. (may be issues of Theodore II Lascaris).

**EMPIRE OF THESSALONICA****THEODORE COMNENUS-DUCAS-ANGELUS****(1224–1230)****MINT OF THESSALONICA**

Hendy, type A — 2 sp. (neatly clipped).

Hendy, type B — 3 sp. (neatly clipped).

Hendy, type G — 3 sp. (neatly clipped).

**MANUEL COMNENUS-DUCAS-ANGELUS****(1230–1237)****MINT OF THESSALONICA**

Hendy, type A — 5 sp. (clipped).

Hendy, type C — 6 sp. (small module).

Hendy, type D — 1 sp. (clipped).

Hendy, type E — 1 sp. (clipped).

Hendy, type F — 5 sp. (neatly clipped).

Hendy, type G — 5 sp. (clipped).

Var.? — 1 sp. (neatly clipped).

## JOHN COMNENUS-DUCAS-ANGELUS

(1237–1244)

### MINT OF THESSALONICA

Hendy, 1st series, type ? — 1 sp. (neatly clipped).

Hendy, 2nd series, type B — 1 sp. (neatly clipped).

Hendy, 3rd series, type A — 10 sp.

Hendy, type B — 12 sp.

Hendy, type C — 1 sp.

Hendy, type D — 1 sp.

Hendy, type E — 3 sp.

Hendy, type H — 3 sp.

Hendy, type O — 1 sp.

Hendy, type P — 3 sp.

Hendy, type S — 2 sp.

Var. ? — 9 sp. (neatly clipped).

**UNPRECISED** — 9 sp. (neatly clipped).

Probable date of deposition: 1248–1263

## 25. UZUN BAIR — MIHAIL KOGĂLNICEANU HOARD

Briefly published by O. Iliescu and S. Gavrilă, “Le grand trésor de monnaies et lingots des XIII<sup>e</sup> et XIV<sup>e</sup> siècles trouvé en Dobroudja septentrionale — Note préliminaire”, in *RESEE*, 2, 1964, 1–2, pp. 217–228; O. Iliescu, *Cultura bizantină*, p. 191, no 445; E. Oberländer-Târnoveanu, “Monede bizantine din secolele XIII–XV descoperite în Dobrogea”, în *BSNR*, 75–76, 1981–1982, p. 305, note no 7; V. Zoran, L. Trache, E. Oberländer-Târnoveanu, A. Berinde, P. T. Frangopol, “The X-Ray Flourescent Analysis of a Gold Byzantine Hoard from the Thirteenth Century”, in *First Romanian Conference on the Application of Physics Methods in Archaeology*, ed. by P. T. Frangopol and V.V. Moraru, 1, Bucharest, 1988, pp. 147–164 and O. Iliescu and P. Țărălungă, “Un tezaur monetar de la sfârșitul secolului al XIII-lea descoperit la Prăjești (jud. Bacău)” [*A Coin Hoard from the End of 13th Century found at Prăjești (Bacău county)*], in *Carpica*, 23, 1992, 2, pp. 252–253.

The hoard deposed in seven containers — three copper wares, three ceramic jars and a leather bag is said to contain 195 gold hyperpera of John III, emperor of Nicaea, Andronicus I, Andronicus II and Michael IX and Andronicus II and Andronicus III, 23 439 silver aspers of the Golden Horde Khans — Tuda Mangu (1280–1287), Tula Bugha (1287–1290), Toqta (1290–1312), a coin struck in the name of Noghay, with Greek legend and their local imitations. 92 stick shaped silver ingots,

11 silver “cakes“, gold, silver and gilded bronze jewels. In fact, the hoard contains also coins of the usurpers Noghay and Tchaka, with Arabic legends.

Location: Tulcea, Eco-Museological Institute of Research and Bucharest, National History Museum.

Recte: 195 hyperpera and the silver coins and ingots mentioned above.

## EMPIRE OF NICAEA

### JOHN III

(1222–1254)

### MAGNESIA MINT

#### 1st phase

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field -|- , on the throne ∴|- — 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field +|- — 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field 0|- — 7 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field ∴|- — 4 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field -|- — 10 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field •|- — 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field †|- — 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field -|- , on the throne M|- — 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field -|- , on the throne θ|- — 2 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field -|- — 1 sp.

#### 2nd phase

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field ǫ|● — 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field 9|● — 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field ●|- — 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field -|● — 2 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field. •|- — 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field -|• — 3 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field -|◐ — 2 sp.

#### 3rd phase

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field -|İ — 6 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field -|Λ — 3 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field -|H — 2 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field •|H — 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field -|X — 4 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field K|.Ö. — 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field -|Ψ — 2 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field -|Θ — 13 sp.

## **LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPOLE or THE VENETIAN ROMANIA ?**

### **UNCERTAIN MINT (CONSTANTINOPOLE?)**

#### **Imitative issues after the hyperpera of John III**

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field -|- — 3 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field -|• — 38 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field •|- — 5 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field ••|• — 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field ••|- — 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field -|•• — 38 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field •|• — 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field ••|•• — 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field -|•• — 2 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field -|•• — 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd issue, on the obs. field ••|- — 1 sp.

## **THEODORE II**

**(1254–1258)**

### **MINT OF MAGNESIA**

Hendy (Unknown), -|Θ — 1 ex.

Hendy, p. 256–257, -|Α — 1 ex.

Hendy, p. 256–257, Γ|Γ — 1 ex.

Hendy, p. 256–257, -|Γ — 1 ex.

Hendy, p. 256–257, Δ|Δ — 1 ex.

## **THE RESTORED BYZANTINE EMPIRE**

### **MICHAEL VIII**

**(1259–1282)**

### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPOLE**

Genuine issues of the Nicaean emperor John III or Latin imitative hyperpera of this type, with overstruck heads representing St. Constantine, issued for celebrating the reconquest of Constantinople, August–September 1261 — 9 sp.

## **ANDRONICUS II**

**(1282–1328; Sole emperor 1282–1295)**

### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPOLE**

S. Bendall and P. J. Donald, *LPC.*, pp. 34–35, 1 — In obs. field Α|Π — 1 sp.

S. Bendall and P. J. Donald, *LPC.*, pp. 34–35, 1 — In obs. field Γ|Μ — 1 sp.

S. Bendall and P. J. Donald, *LPC.*, pp. 34–35, 1 — In obs. field C|B — 1 sp.

S. Bendall and P. J. Donald, *LPC.*, pp. 34–35, 1 — In obs. field Ϡ|Ϡ — 1 sp.

**ANDRONICUS II and MICHAEL IX**

(1295–1320; but the issues present in the hoard date before 1300/1301)

**MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**S. Bendall and P. J. Donald, *LPC.*, pp. 62–63, 1 — In obs. field ⚔⚔ — 1 sp.S. Bendall and P. J. Donald, *LPC.*, pp. 62–63, 1 — In obs. field ΙΙΙ — 1 sp.S. Bendall and P. J. Donald, *LPC.*, pp. 62–63, 1 — In obs. field ΚΙΙ — 1 sp.S. Bendall and P. J. Donald, *LPC.*, pp. 62–63, 1 — In obs. field ΜΙΜ — 1 sp.S. Bendall and P. J. Donald, *LPC.*, pp. 62–63, 1 — In obs. field CΙΔ — 1 sp.S. Bendall and P. J. Donald, *LPC.*, pp. 62–63, 1 — In obs. field ΗΙΗ — 1 sp.S. Bendall and P. J. Donald, *LPC.*, pp. 62–63, 1 — In obs. field CΙC — 1 sp.S. Bendall and P. J. Donald, *LPC.*, pp. 62–63, 1 — In obs. field ΝΧ? — 1 sp.S. Bendall and P. J. Donald, *LPC.*, pp. 62–63, 1 — In obs. field CΙΚΙ — 1 sp.S. Bendall and P. J. Donald, *LPC.*, pp. 62–63, 1 — In obs. field Α?Χ — 1 sp.**MINT OF THESSALONICA**

In obs. field ΚΙΙ — 1 sp.

**MINT OF PHILADELPHIA ?**

In obs. field ΙΙΦ — 1 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1300–1301.

**26. ISACCEA IV HOARD**

Published by E. Condurachi, “Un nou tezaur de monede bizantine” [*A New Byzantine Coin Hoard*], in *Academia R.P.R. — Secția de științe istorice, filosofice și economice — Buletin științific*, 1, 1949, 3–4, pp. 163–167, but with a wrong attribution of some coins to John II and O. Iliescu, “Tezaurul de perperi bizantini de la Isaccea” [*The Hoard of Byzantine Hyperpera from Isaccea*], in *SCN*, 6, 1975, pp. 239–242, with the correct attribution of some coins to John III.

Said to have been found in a ceramic pot in 1945, on the Danube bank, in a clay carry, at Isaccea, and to have consisted of about 70 gold hyperpera, of which 14 were available to study.

Location: Tulcea, Eco-Museological Research Institute — 4 sp., the others dispersed.

Recte: 70 hyperpera.

**EMPIRE OF NICAIA****JOHN III**

(1222–1254)

**MINT OF MAGNESIA**

Hendy, 2nd coinage — On the obs. -ΙC — 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd coinage — On the obs. -|- , on the throne, M|- — 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd coinage — On the obs. -|? — 1 sp.

## **EMPIRE OF NICAIA or LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE — VENETIAN ROMANIA ?**

### **MINT OF MAGNESIA or UNCERTAIN MINT (CONSTANTINOPLE?)**

**John III or Imitative issues after the hyperpera of John III**

Hendy, 2nd coinage — 1 sp.

## **THE RESTORED BYZANTINE EMPIRE**

### **MICHAEL VIII**

(1259–1282)

### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

**Issues of the Nicaean emperor John III, type hyperpera with restruck heads, for celebrating the reconquest of Constantinople, August–September 1261 — 1 sp.**

**Issues with the name of Michael VIII Palaeologus (1261–1282)**

BMC, II, type 1, on obs. ⚔ — 1 sp.

### **ANDRONICUS II and MICHAEL IX**

**(1295–1320; but the issues present in the hoard date before 1300/1301)**

### **MINT OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

S. Bendall and P. J. Donald, *LPC.*, pp. 62–63, 1 — In obs. field ?⚔ — 1 sp.

Probable date of burial: 1300–1301.

## **27. OȚELENI HOARD**

Published by O. Iliescu, “Monede din tezaurul descoperit la Oțeleni (raionul Huși, reg. Iași)” [*Coins from the Hoard found at Oțeleni (Huși district, Jassy region)*], in *Arh. Mold.*, 2–3, 1963–1964, pp. and idem, *Cultura bizantină*, no 441, p. 190, and by O. Iliescu and P. Țarălungă, “Un tezaur monetar de la sfârșitul secolului al XIII-lea descoperit la Prăjești (jud. Bacău)” [*A Coin Hoard from the end of 13th Century found at Prăjești (Bacău county)*], in *Carpica*, 23, 1992, 2, pp. 251–252.

Said to have been found in 1921 at Oțeleni, Hoceni commune, Vaslui county and to have consisted of around 400 silver and gold coins and silver jewels, of which only two gold hyperpera are still available for study and 90 silver dirchems of the Golden Horde khans — Tuda Manqu (1280–1287), Tula Bugha (1287–1290), Toqta (1290–1312), but in the hoard are present only coins struck before A. H. 698 = 1298 A.D., Noghay (1296–1300) and their imitations together with some silver jewels.

Location: Bucharest, National History Museum, two hyperpera, 90 silver dirchems and silver jewels, the others dispersed.

Recte: 2 golden hyperpera+? and 90 dirhems+?



**EMPIRE OF NICAIA****JOHN III****(1222-1254)****MINT OF MAGNESIA**

Hendy, 2nd coinage — On the obs. -| — 1 sp.

**LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE****VENETIAN ROMANIA ?****UNCERTAIN MINT****Imitative issues after the hyperpera of John III**

Hendy, 2nd coinage — On the obs. -|· — 1 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1300–1301.

**28. PRĂJEȘTI HOARD**

Published by O. Iliescu and P. Țarălungă, “Un tezaur monetar de la sfârșitul secolului al XIII-lea descoperit la Prăjești (jud. Bacău)” [*A Coin Hoard from the End of 13th Century found at Prăjești (Bacău county)*], in *Carpica*, 23, 1992, 2, pp. 247–257.

Said to have been found in 1964, on the hill “Coasta Viei”, at Prăjești, Bacău county and consisting of several gold and silver coins and “cakes”, of which are available for study four gold hyperpera, 52 silver dirhems of the Golden Horde khans Tuda Manqu (1280–1287), Tula Bugha (1287–1290), Toqta (1290–1312), but in the hoard are present only coins struck before A. H. 697=1297 A.D., Noghay (1296–1300) and their imitations and two silver “cakes”.

Location: Bacău, “Iulian Antonescu” County Museum.

Recte: 4+? golden hyperpera, 52+? silver dirhems and 2+? silver ingots.

**EMPIRE OF NICAIA****MINT OF MAGNESIA****JOHN III**

Hendy, 2nd coinage — On obs. -|·, 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd coinage — On obs. -|·, 1 sp.

**LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE or VENETIAN ROMANIA?****Imitative issues after the hyperpera of John III****UNCERTAIN MINT**

On the obs. -|·, 1 sp.

On the obs. ·|·, 1 sp.

## 29. DUNĂREA HOARD

Published by Constanța Stirbu, "Un tezaur de monede de aur din sec. al XIII-lea descoperit în Dobrogea" [*A Gold Coin Hoard from the 13th Century Found in Dobruja*], in *Muzeul Național*, 2, 1975, pp. 353–364.

Said to have been found in July 1979, on the bank of the Danube at Dunărea, Seimeni commune, Constanța county, and to have consisted of 14 gold hyperpera of the Nicaean Emperor John III.

Location: Bucharest, National History Museum.

Recte: 14 hyperpera.

### EMPIRE OF NICAIA

#### JOHN III

(1222–1254)

#### MINT OF MAGNESIA

##### 1st phase

Hendy, 2nd coinage — On the obs. field ♂ — 2 sp.

##### 3rd phase

Hendy, 2nd coinage — On the obs. field ΚΙ.Θ. — 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd coinage — On the obs. field -Π — 1 sp.

Hendy, 2nd coinage — On the obs. field -Α — 2 sp.

### LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE or THE VENETIAN ROMANIA ?

#### UNCERTAIN MINT

##### Imitative issues after the hyperpera of John III

Hendy, 2nd coinage — On the obs. field -Ι — 4 sp.

Hendy, 2nd coinage — On the obs. field -Ι· — 3 sp.

Hendy, 2nd coinage — On the obs. field -Ι· ? — 1 sp.

Probable date of burial: 1300–1301.

## 30. GIURGIU HOARD

Published by O. Iliescu, *Crest. Col.*, 4, 1962, pp. 357–358, nos 493–494; idem, "Le dernier hyperpère de l'Empire byzantin de Nicée", in *Byzantinoslavica*, 26, 1965, 1, pp. 94–99 and idem, *Cultura bizantină*, no 439, p. 190.

Said to have been found in 1860 or 1862 on the Danube bank at Giurgiu, Giurgiu county, and to have consisted of several hyperpera, of which only two were accessible to study.

Location: Bucharest, Coin Room of the Romanian Academy Library.

Recte: 2+? hyperpera.

**EMPIRE OF NICAIA****MICHAEL VIII**

(1259–1282; as Nicaean emperor 1259–1261)

**MINT OF MAGNESIA**

Hendy — On the obs. -|†, on the throne Γ|T — 1 sp.

**LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE****VENETIAN ROMANIA?****UNCERTAIN MINT****Imitative issues after the hyperpera of John III**

Hendy, 2nd coinage — On the obs. field -|• — 1 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1300–1301.

**31. MOMČIL HOARD**

Published by V. Parušev, “Nepublikovani srednovekovni moneti ot Južna Dobrudža (VIII–XIV v.)” [*Unpublished Mediaeval Coins from Southern Dobrudža (8th–14th c.)*], in *Dobrudža*, no 62, 10, 1993, 1, pp. 164–165.

Said to have been found near the sheep farm of the village Momčil, Balčik commune, Bulgaria and to have consisted of 40 hyperpera of which only one was described.

Location: Dobric, Historical Museum — one piece, the others dispersed.

Recte: 40 hyperpera.

**EMPIRE OF NICAIA or LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE or THE VENETIAN ROMANIA?****MINT OF MAGNESIA or UNCERTAIN MINT****John III or Imitative issues after the hyperpera of John III**

Hendy, 2nd coinage — 39 sp.

**THEODORE II**

(1254–1258)

**MINT OF MAGNESIA**

Hendy — On the obs. -|A — 1 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1300–1301.

**32. STOIENEȘTI HOARD**

Unpublished. Briefly mentioned by B. Mitrea, “Découvertes récentes de monnaies anciennes et byzantines sur le territoire de la République Populaire de Roumanie”, in *Dacia*, N.S., 2, 1958, p. 498, but some coins were considered to be issues of John II; O. Iliescu, “Despre un tezaur de monede din vremea Comnenilor, găsit în

București” [*On a Coin Hoard from Comnenian Times, Found in Bucharest*], in *SCN*, 3, 1960, p. 495, note no 2, with the correct attribution of some coins to John III and idem, *Cultura bizantină*, no 438, p. 190.

Found in 1957, on the Danubian island Balta Brăilei, during construction works, at Stoienesti, Frecăței commune, Brăila county.

Location: Bucharest, Institute of Archaeology “Vasile Pârvan”.

Recte: 22 hyperpera.

## **EMPIRE OF NICAEEA or LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE or THE VENETIAN ROMANIA?**

### **MINT OF MAGNESIA or UNCERTAIN MINT**

#### **John III or Imitative issues after the hyperpera of John III**

Hendy, 2nd coinage — 20 sp.

## **THEODORE II**

(1254–1258)

### **MINT OF MAGNESIA**

Hendy — 2 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1300–1301.

## **33. LIPIA HOARD**

Unpublished.

Said to have been found before 1941 in the place called “Sărățeanca”, at Lipia, Merei commune, Buzău county and to have consisted of several gold hyperpera, of which only one is still accessible to study.

Location: Buzău, private collection — 1 sp., the others dispersed.

Recte: 1+? hyperpera.

## **EMPIRE OF NICAEEA**

### **JOHN III**

(1222–1254)

### **MINT OF MAGNESIA**

Hendy, 2nd coinage — On the obs. Λ|- — 1 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1300–1301.

## **34. SILISTRA I HOARD**

Briefly mentioned by C. Moisil, in *Buletin lunar al Bibliotecii Academiei Române*, 2, 1947, 3, p. 31.

Said to have been found in 1936 at Silistra, in Bulgaria and to have consisted of 600–700 golden hyperpera, of which only two coins were available for study.

Location: Bucharest, The Coin Room of the Library of Romanian Academy — 2 pieces, the others dispersed.

Recte: 600–700 hyperpera.

## **EMPIRE OF NICAIA or LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE or THE VENETIAN ROMANIA?**

### **MINT OF MAGNESIA or UNCERTAIN MINT**

#### **John III or Imitative issues after the hyperpera of John III**

Hendy, 2nd coinage — 2 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1300–1301.

## **35. VARIAŞ HOARD**

Briefly mentioned by I. Berkeszi, *Délmagyarország erem léletei* [Southern Hungary Monetary Finds], Timișoara, 1907, p. 45 and I. Sabău, “Circulația monetară în Transilvania secolelor XI–XIII, în lumina izvoarelor numismatice” [*The Monetary Currency in Transylvania in the Light of Numismatic Sources*], in SCN, 2, 1958, p. 297.

Said to have been found during the second half of 19th century at Variaș, Variaș commune, Timiș county and to have consisted of several golden coins, among them one of “Manuel I”. We are not sure that it is a hoard.

Location: Timișoara, Historical Museum of Banat — 1 piece, the others were dispersed or have an unknown location.

Recte: 1+? hyperpera.

## **EMPIRE OF NICAIA**

### **MINT OF MAGNESIA**

#### **JOHN III**

Hendy, 2nd coinage — on the obs. ♂/- — 1 sp.

#### **UNCERTAIN - ? sp.**

Probable date of deposition: 1241 or later, in the second half of 13th century.

## **HOARDS WITH AN UNCERTAIN DATING**

## **36. MALU HOARD**

Briefly mentioned by B. Mitrea, “Découvertes de monnaies antiques et byzantines en Roumanie”, in *Dacia*, 13, 1969, no 70, p. 552.

Said to have been found in a pot, in 1946, on the Danube bank at Malu, Vedeia commune, Giurgiu county, in a sand carry and to have consisted of several "bronze coins of the Comnenians' periode".

Location: Unknown. Dispersed. Three coins were, during the '60, in the Maria Regeny collection. In our opinion it is possible that the stamenon of Isaac II [Hendy, var. B] and that of Alexius III [Hendy, var. I] of the collection of "Teohari Antonescu" Museum of Giurgiu, published by Gh. Ionescu, "Monede intrate recent în Muzeul Raional Giurgiu" [*Coins Recently Acquired by the Districtual Museum of Giurgiu*], in SCN, 1, 1957, p. 466 and M. Ionescu, "Monede din Muzeul de Istorie Giurgiu" [*Coins from the Giurgiu Historical Museum*], in BSNR, 67–69, 1973–1975, 121–123, p. 331 were, in fact, part of this hoard.

Recte: 3+? stamena.

Probable date of deposition: Second half of 12th or the first half of 13th century.

### 37. ZIMNICEA HOARD

Mentioned by C. Bolliac, *Trompeta Carpaților*, 7, 1869, 99, of 23.01.–04.02, p. 2896; C. Moisil, "Monede și tezaure găsite în România și în ținuturile românești învecinate (vechiul teritoriu geto-dac)" [*Coins and Coin Hoards Found in Romania and in the Neighbouring Countries (the former Geto-Dacian Territory)*], in BSNR, 10, 1913, p. 21; S. Mc A Mosser, "A Bibliography of the Byzantine Coin Hoards" [*Numismatic Notes and Monograph, no 67*], New York, 1935, p. 21; Constanța Știrbu, "Informații despre două tezaure de monede bizantine" [*Some Data about Two Byzantine Coin Hoards*], in Cerc. Num., 1, 1978, pp. 25–26 and idem, "Documente inedite din secolul al XIX-lea privind unele descoperiri monetare" [*Unedited Documents from the 19th Century Regarding Some Monetary Finds*], in Cerc. Num., 3, 1980, no 46, p. 160.

Said to have been found in 1868, at Zimnicea, Teleorman county and to have consisted of 2 000 "bronze Constantines", the popular Romanian and Balcanic name for the concave/convexe shaped Byzantine coins from the 11th to the 14th centuries.

Location: Dispersed. 70 coins were acquired by the National Museum of Antiquities (now the Archaeological Institute "Vasile Pârvan") from Bucharest, but at present it is impossible to identify them, because they were mixed with other pieces of the ancient collection.

Recte: 2000 stamena.

Probable date of deposition: second half of 12th or the first half of 13th c.

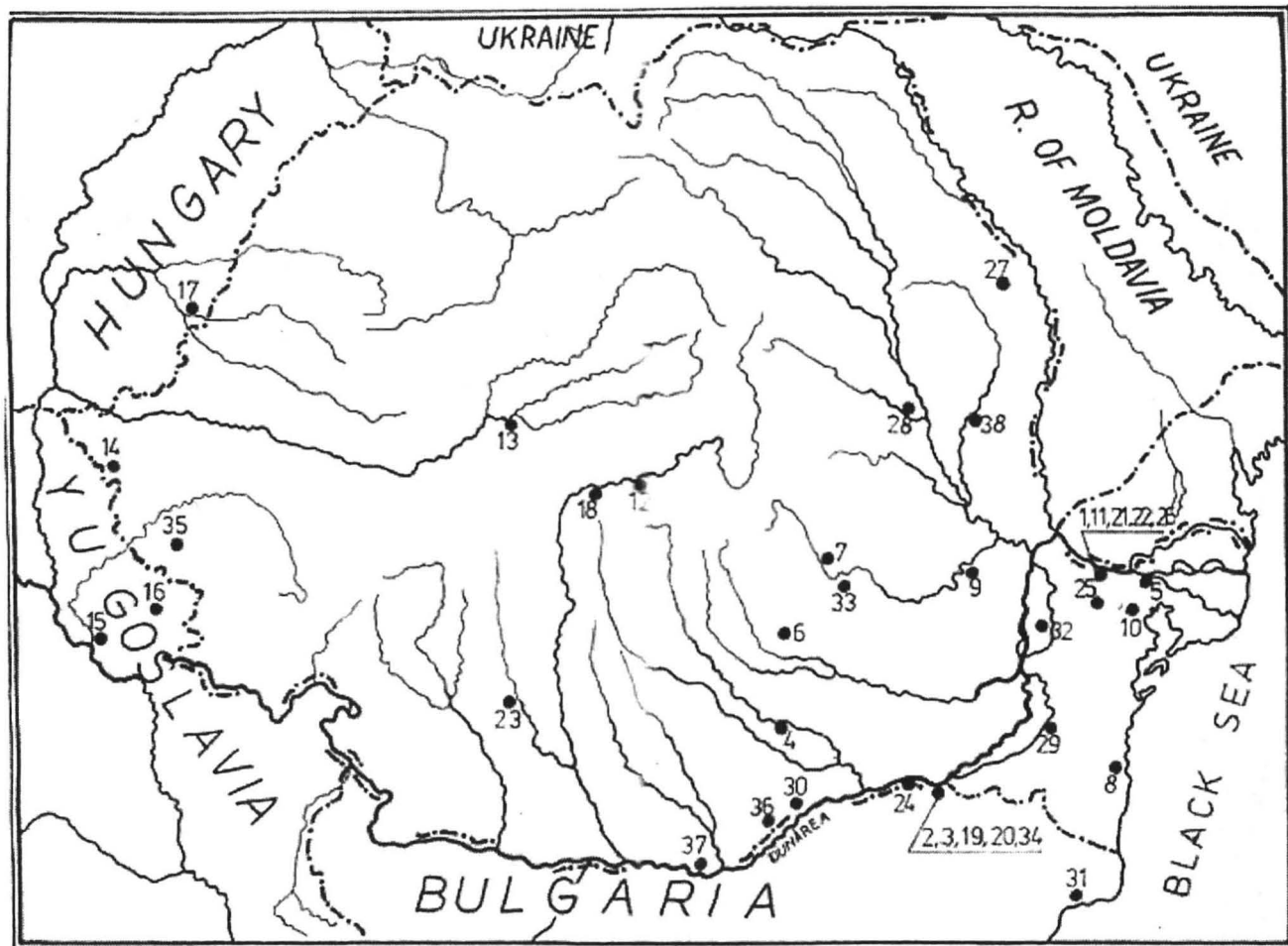
### UNCERTAIN HOARDS

### 38. BÂRLAD AREA HOARD

Published by E. Oberländer-Târnoveanu and Eugenia Păpușoi, "Monede bizantine din colecția Muzeului "Vasile Pârvan" din Bârlad" [*Byzantine Coins from the Collection of "Vasile Pârvan" Museum of Bârlad*], in Carpica, 23, 1992, 1, pp. 232–233.

In the collection of this museum they preserve some coins that look to be a parcel of a hoard from the late 12th–early 13th century. Unfortunately in the access book of the museum any datum about the period of its acquisition is missing. In our opinion it consists of stamena of Manuel I (Constantinople, Hendy 4th coinage, var. A — 1 sp.), Isaac II (Constantinople, Hendy, var. D), Alexius III (Constantinople, var. I — 2 sp. and var. II — 1 sp.), Bulgarian imitative, type B — 1 sp. and type C — 1 sp., Latin imitative, Constantinople, small module, type A — 2 sp.

Probable date of deposition: 1220–1230.



The map of the 13th-14th c. hoards from the Lower Danube and adjacent areas.