

EPIGRAPHIC PIECES FROM EAST ROMAN DACIA

SUMMARY

This paper makes some observations about some epigraphic monuments discovered in East Roman Dacia (the superior hydrographical basin of the two Tîrnava and Homorod rivers — making up today the south-western area of Harghita County) presented in the volume *Inscriptiones Daciae Romanae*, Bucureşti, 1988 (fig. 1). The piece nr. 205 (Secuieni) should be excluded from the series of Roman epigraphic pieces, as it is a Renaissance type stone capital having a Latin inscription and the year 1640. It can be found today in the Museum in Cristur. The piece nr. 249 (Sînpaul) was wrongly published (the description and the text) as the author used only the picture and not the original piece. The piece nr. 261 (Odorhei) is a disc having also an inscription and it is made of a bronze coin, not a silver one.

On this occasion it is also pointed out a recent epigraphic discovery (1987) from Odorhei, in the Roman camp *canabae*, the first Roman inscription on a stone known today from here (see R. Ardevan, C. Beldiman, E. Zepezaner, *SCIVA*, 40, 1990, 3).

The piece nr. 249 (Sînpaul) which can be found in the Museum of Miercurea Ciuc is republished with its accurate sizes and the text itself:

*[I(ovi) O(ptimo)] M(aximo) | [et lunon]i Reg(inae) | [p(ro) salut]e Imp(erato-
ris) c(aesaris) |*

It is dated in the 2nd half of the 2nd century A. D. (the analogous piece nr. 247) (fig. 2/1—2).

The author presents further on a earthlamp (*lucerna*) „Firmalampen“ type discovered at Sînpaul during the archaeological searches in 1983 (I. Ferenczi) having the workshop mark *officina*) ATIMETI, the first piece of this type known in East Roman Dacia; it is dated in the 1st half of the 2nd century A. D. — fig. 3/1—2. It is also presented the catalogue of ATIMETI type *lucerna* discoveries from Roman Dacia — (fig. 4).

FIGURES EXPLENATION

- Fig. 1. Epigraphic monuments from East Roman Dacia (Harghita County): 1 Crăciunel; 2 Sînpaul; 3 Rareş; 4 Mărtiniş; 5 Odorhei; 6 Inlăceni; 7 Corund.
- Fig. 2. Sînpaul: Votive gravestone (fragment); 1 picture; 2 draw and hypothetical reconstitution.
- Fig. 3. Sînpaul: 1—2 earthlamp (*lucerna*).
- Fig. 4. The spreading of the earthlamps (*lucernae*) with the workshop mark (*officina*) ATIMETI in Roman Dacia: 1 Românaşi; 2 Cluj-Napoca; 3 Turda; 4 Sînpaul; 5 Zlatna; 6 Alba Iulia; 7 Sebeş; 8 Veşel; 9 Sarmizegetusa; 10 Vărădia; 11 Reşca.