

# ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH AT ALBA IULIA – PÎCLIȘA: THE HALLESTATT- AND EARLY MIDDLE AGE DISCOVERIES (THE 2000 CAMPAIGN)

## (SUMMARY)

In October 2000, three trenches were opened near the village of Pielîșa, in order to locate the place of some older archaeological finds made in the '70. There were found 3 burials, with rich grave-goods, including silver locken rings with an S-shaped end, bronze locken ring and finger rings as well as 3 silver coins, belonging to king Stephan (997-1038) and Andrew the 1<sup>st</sup> (1046-1060). The graves belong to the Bjelo Brdo culture and can be dated in the XI<sup>th</sup> century AD. An Iron Age complex was found too, consisting of a stone area mixed with three broken vessels. The pottery can be assigned to the Basarabi culture, probably to a later stage, while the assemblage could have a funeral use. The preliminary results must be completed by more extensive excavations in the future.

### Explanation of figures

- Map 1. The location of the site from Alba Iulia – Pielîșa
- Pl. 1. Alba Iulia – Pielîșa. The NNW profile of S<sub>1</sub>/2000.
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- Pl. 3. Alba Iulia – Pielîșa. Grave-goods belonging to the Early Middle Age graves.
- Pl. 4. Alba Iulia – Pielîșa. Grave 2 and grave 3 (M2 – M3)
- Pl. 5. Alba Iulia – Pielîșa. 1 - General view of the site "La Izvoare; 2.- Grave 3/2000.
- Pl. 6. Alba Iulia – Pielîșa. 1 – 2: view of the Basarabi complex in S<sub>1</sub>/2000
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