

THE SAVING EXCAVATIONS FROM AMPELUM (ZLATNA)

SUMMARY

During the summer of 1984 we started a campaign of saving excavations in the roman center of gold mines in Dacia. The archaeological research was requested because a modern enterprise would cover a part of the antique city. The investigated area was already affected by transformations during the XIX-th century, so the roman ruins were partly damaged. *In situ* we discovered a number of foundations from the antique buildings, the purpose of which we couldn't identify precisely, apart of three *villae* and a group of ceramic kilns. Stratigraphically we identified two stages of habitations, the later one dating back to the period after the marcomanic wars, when the settlement received the rank of *municipium*, during the Septimius Severus government.