



Roman military, commercial and cultural contacts from
the Middle Danube to the Black Sea

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PROGRAM
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THURSDAY, MAY 25TH

- 9:00 **REGISTRATION**
- 10:00 **OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**
- 10:10 BOYAN TOTEV–VARBIN VARBANOV–NIKOLA RUSEV–LAJOS JUHÁSZ–BENCE SIMON: *Shabla late Roman and early Byzantine fort on the Black Sea*
- 10:30 MIROSLAVA DAŇOVÁ–JÁN RAJTÁR–KLAUDIA DAŇOVÁ: *The Danube riverbed near the Roman fort in Iža. The results of researches in 2019-2022*
- 10:50 FLORIAN MATEI-POPESCU: *Army and Civilian Settlements in the Moesian provinces*
- 11:10 ISKREN VELIKOV: *Import along the Danube within archaeological context: the case of Ruse*
- 11:30 BENCE SIMON: *The location of Brigetio. Center of power on the borders of the Empire*
- 12:00 **LUNCH**
- 13:30 BALÁZS KOMORÓCZY–JÁN RAJTÁR–MAREK VLACH: *Waterways during conflict. The Roman military presence and logistics at the barbarian territories of the Middle Danube during the Marcomannic wars*
- 13:50 BALÁZS NAGY: *Lowland settlements and hydrogeographical features: example of Roman Brigetio*
- 14:20 DÁVID BARTUS: *Divided-connected-flooded: Brigetio and the Danube*
- 14:40 CHIARA CENATI: *Aequora Danuvii cunctis transnare sub armis: a new interpretation of the poem CLE 427*
- 15:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

- 15:20 VARBIN VARBANOV: *Evidence of fishing from the excavations of the Roman forts Sexaginta Prista and Trimamium*
- 15:40 MELINDA SZABÓ: *Damned merchants. Epigraphic evidence of fluvial trade on the Sava*
- 16:00 IVAN BOGDANOVIĆ: *Roman amphitheatres, army and civilians on the Danube limes*
- 16:20 JAROSŁAW BODZEK: *The Roman impact on local coinage: a case study of the North and North-Western Black Sea Coast in the 1st century AD*
- 16:40 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 17:00 NIKOLA RUSEV: *Trimammium. The Roman fortress and necropolis*
- 17:20 ALENKA MIŠKEC: *The coin finds from the territory of present day Slovenia as evidence of military presence*
- 17:40 RADU PETCU–INGRID PETCU–LEVEI: *Rebuilding the province under the sign of the Divinity. Roof tiles and bricks with Christian symbols from Scythia*
- 18:00 **POSTER SESSION**
- 19:00 **RECEPTION**

FRIDAY, 26TH MAY

- 10:00 LAJOS JUHÁSZ: *The Island of Mohács between Empire and Barbaricum. The numismatic evidence*
- 10:20 BOYAN TOTEV–NIKOLA RUSEV: *Necropolis no. 2 at Yaylata. Types of tomb installations, internal chronology and cultural interpretation*
- 10:40 TINO LELEKOVIĆ: *From Altinum to Cuccium: New research along the Croatian part of limes*
- 11:20 SVETLANA VELIKOVA: *Medieval life along the Roman Danube limes*

EXCURSION TO VISEGRÁD

15:20 VARBIN VARBANOV: *Evidence of fishing from the excavations of the Roman forts Sexaginta Prista and Trimamium*

The article analyzes lead weights - coiled rectangular lead plates commonly referred to as "fishing net weights". Their identification is probably correct, as they are mostly found in sites near the Danube River or along the Black Sea coast. In Bulgarian archaeology, they are not among the attractive archaeological finds and so far they have not been given the necessary attention, nor have there been any publications about them. 36 weights have been found in Sexaginta Prista, and 35 in Trimamium, all in a late Roman context (4th -6th century). From the Thracian level (2nd-1st century BC) in Sexaginta Prista there are three lead objects of different shapes, which can also be connected to fishing. Only one such object comes from the Roman strata (3rd century). Fishing is also evidenced by the large amount of bones of various fish witnessed in the archaeozoological analysis at both Roman forts.

15:40 MELINDA SZABÓ: *Damned merchants-Epigraphic evidence of fluvial trade on the Sava*

Only four inscriptions are known in the territory of Pannonia, which are connected to the fluvial trade along the Sava river. The four epigraphs mention people with different social background. The main question of my paper is defining their role in trading networks and determining the forms of commercial cooperation. The key element of the presentation is the reinterpretation of the cursed tablet of Siscia, saying the cursed men were part of a trading network.

16:00 IVAN BOGDANOVIĆ: *Roman amphitheatres, army and civilians on the Danube limes*

This paper deals with the Roman amphitheatres on the Danube limes. Some buildings are archaeologically attested, while others are assumed according to the appearance of the terrain, epigraphic data and particular archaeological finds. Besides a few inscriptions, the location and construction of the amphitheatres will be discussed, which is important for understanding who built and used these buildings.

The presence of the amphitheatres on the Danube limes seems to be natural, as the relation between the army and such buildings is well known. There are also a couple of amphitheatres which were discovered within the civil settlements. Considering previous knowledge, information about amphitheatres on the Danube limes, about their construction and usage, this should be an important contribution to the study of entertainment buildings and gladiatorial games in the frontier provinces within this part of the Roman world.