

Late Hallstatt Female Head/Hair Decoration in the Southern Carpathian Basin. Temple Rings of the Ciumbrud and Donja Dolina Types

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Abstract

The Late Hallstatt period in the southern Carpathian Basin is marked by complex cultural relations for which the current knowledge is mostly based on the analyses of cemeteries. One of the most prolific forms of female jewellery in graves is bronze and silver temple rings that were used to decorate the head or hair. This is testified to by finds from the inhumation graves in Donja Dolina, where several pairs of temple rings, often of different forms, were located on both sides of the women's heads. Four basic types have been distinguished according to differences in the design of the terminals, and there are different variants according to the method of shaping the body. The oldest burial phases in Donja Dolina are characterized by smooth temple rings with a conical thickening at the terminals (Ciumbrud type), which have been found in the highest numbers in the inhumation graves in Transylvania. Temple rings of the Ciumbrud type from Donja Dolina should probably be seen as a reflection of established contacts and cultural transfer, but we should not completely rule out the possibility of the individual mobility of women. The reconstruction of how they were worn makes it possible to analyse the female bodily ornamentation, indicating that these are gender-specific items, which became an important part of the visual identity of women.

Keywords

Early Iron Age, southern Carpathian Basin, female head/hair jewellery, temple rings, female bodily ornamentation, cultural transfers.

Zusammenfassung – *Späthallstattzeitlicher weiblicher Kopf-/Haarschmuck im südlichen Karpatenbecken. Schläfenringe der Typen Ciumbrud und Donja Dolina*

Die Späthallstattzeit im südlichen Karpatenbecken ist durch komplexe kulturelle Zusammenhänge gekennzeichnet, deren Kenntnis derzeit vor allem auf der Analyse von Gräberfeldern beruht. Eine der verbreitetsten Formen des weiblichen Schmucks in den Gräbern sind bronzene und silberne Schläfenringe, die zum Schmuck des Kopfes oder der Haare verwendet wurden. Davon zeugen Funde aus den Körpergräbern in Donja Dolina, wo sich auf beiden Seiten des Kopfes der Frauen mehrere Paare von Schläfenringen, oft in verschiedenen Formen, befanden. Nach der unterschiedlichen Gestaltung der

Endstücke wurden vier Grundtypen unterschieden und nach der Art der Ausgestaltung des Körpers in verschiedene Varianten untergliedert. Die ältesten Bestattungsphasen in Donja Dolina zeichnen sich durch glatte Schläfenringe mit einer konischen Verdickung an den Enden aus (Ciumbrud-Typ), die besonders häufig in Körpergräbern in Siebenbürgen vorkommen. Schläfenringe des Ciumbrud-Typs aus Donja Dolina sind wohl als Zeichen von bestehenden Kontakten und Kulturtransfer zu werten, doch sollte auch die Möglichkeit der individuellen Mobilität der Frauen nicht völlig ausgeschlossen werden. Die Rekonstruktion der Trageweise der Schläfenringe ermöglicht eine Analyse des weiblichen Körperschmucks und deutet darauf hin, dass es sich um geschlechtsspezifische Objekte handelt, die zu einem wesentlichen Bestandteil der optischen Identität der Frauen wurden.

Schlüsselbegriffe

Hallstattzeit, südliches Karpatenbecken, weiblicher Kopf-/Haarschmuck, Schläfenringe, weiblicher Körperschmuck, Kulturtransfer.

1. Time and Place

The younger phase of the Early Iron Age (the Late Hallstatt phase) in the southern Carpathian Basin is represented by a highly heterogeneous material legacy. The southeast part of the Carpathian Basin is characterized by the development of the youngest phase of the Bosut group, singled out as the Syrmian group, which is known from research on settlements and chance finds that most often come from destroyed funerary complexes.¹ Only a few cemeteries have been explored; they are small cemeteries with several inhumation burials. The only exception is the Szentlőrinc

¹ VASIĆ 1977. On the history of research and the relations between the Bosut, Dalj, and Syrmian groups, presenting the discussions so far: DIZDAR 2019.

cemetery in southeast Transdanubia, where a few cremation graves were also found. On the other hand, in the central part of the southern Carpathian Basin, the only systematically researched site is Donja Dolina located on the Sava River in northern Bosnia, which, after more than a hundred years, is still the largest excavated site in this region.

Since these cemeteries are dominated by inhumation burials, the graves of women stand out because of the richness and variety of the finds of costumes and jewellery, with inhumation burials allowing for the analysis of female bodily ornamentation, which has shown that these are gender- and often age-specific items. While there have been numerous analyses of female costume items, especially the characteristic open-work or astragal belts and diverse forms of fibulae, much less attention has been paid to jewellery. When it comes to jewellery items from the Late Hallstatt women's graves in the southern Carpathian Basin, the most common finds are necklaces composed of various glass beads, while there are fewer amber, coral, and gold and silver beads. There are a few examples of ring jewellery items, most notably different forms of bracelets; detailed analyses have been carried out for the lavishly decorated silver bracelets appearing at the end of the Early Iron Age. Ring jewellery can also include items that women used to decorate their head or hair. These are the finds of temple rings or hair ringlets, and very occasionally earrings. So far, little attention has been paid to this type of jewellery, especially the temple rings.

Given the scarcity of finds of jewellery items used by women to decorate their heads and hair in the southeast Carpathian Basin during the Late Hallstatt period, it will be of great importance for the analysis to include the cemetery in Donja Dolina, which has many well-dated funerary contexts, especially women's graves with various combinations of costume and jewellery items, particularly for the hair. Even today, more than a hundred years since the publication of the research, the settlement with the cemetery in Donja Dolina is still one of the most important sites of the Early Iron Age in the southern Carpathian Basin. Thanks to its location on important communication routes, it is rich with a heterogeneous material legacy in which local forms exist along with recognized influences from the southeastern Alpine region in the west, across the western and central Balkans in the south, to the Lower Danube in the east. For this reason, the items of female head/hair ring jewellery from Donja Dolina will be an excellent supplement to the ensemble of finds found at the sites in the southeastern Carpathian Basin, which are attributed to the Bosut or Syrmian group.

The biritual cemetery in Donja Dolina with more than 170 grave assemblages² is still the starting point for studying the complex interactions that the Early Iron Age communities inhabiting the southern Carpathian Basin had with those from neighbouring areas.³ In the previous studies of the Donja Dolina cemetery, the emphasis was usually on the prestigious items of warrior defence equipment (helmets, shields) and bronze vessels.⁴ However, they also highlighted the noticeable appearance of certain items of female costume and jewellery that have their origin in those neighbouring areas.⁵ What distinguishes the cemetery in Donja Dolina from the other contemporary sites in the southern Carpathian Basin is the amalgamation of various items of female costume and jewellery into unique combinations not found anywhere else, even compared to some of the most significant sites in the neighbouring areas. In fact, in Donja Dolina, there is a noticeable emergence of hybrid combinations, often including objects with completely different origins within the same grave assemblage. Such combinations have always been, and still are, a mainstay in the chronological considerations of the Early Iron Age in the southern Carpathian Basin, with an importance far exceeding the chronological periodization of the site itself.

Some of the incentives for the implementation of the analysis were certainly the discussions about female hair jewellery from the area of the southern Carpathian Basin in the Late Bronze Age and the beginning of the Early Iron Age, which indicated the distribution of local forms,⁶ and it would be important to check this for the Late Hallstatt phase. On the other hand, analyses of female head/hair jewellery for a defined chronological framework, which were carried out for neighbouring areas – the northern Carpathian Basin⁷ and the Dolenjska region⁸ – also pointed to

2 TRUHELKA 1904. – ČOVIĆ 1961. – MARIĆ 1964, 19. – TERŽAN 1974, 43–45. – ČOVIĆ 1987a, 232–233. – PARZINGER 1992, 217–221 and Figs. 2, 6. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b, 126–127. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2016, 130. On the history of research of the Donja Dolina cemetery: GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b, 126–139.

3 TERŽAN 1974, 43–45. – ČOVIĆ 1987a, 281–284.

4 For instance: VASIĆ 1975. – VASIĆ 1982. – TERŽAN 1987a, 17. – TERŽAN 1995. – BLEČIĆ KAVUR, PRAVIDUR 2012, 39–45. – JAŠAREVIĆ 2014. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2016, 127–129. – JAŠAREVIĆ 2017.

5 ČOVIĆ 1961. – MARIĆ 1964. – TERŽAN 1974, 43–45. – ČOVIĆ 1987a. – TERŽAN 1987a. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a.

6 VASIĆ 1988, 10–11 and Fig. 7. – VASIĆ 1996, 16–17 and Fig. 1. – METZNER-NEBELSICK 2002, 434. – LOŽNJAK DIZDAR 2010, 162–163. – PABST 2012, 413 and Map 44. – LOŽNJAK DIZDAR, RAJIĆ ŠIKANJIĆ 2016, 118–120 and Fig. 6. – BOJČIĆ, LOŽNJAK DIZDAR, HRŠAK 2018, 167–168.

7 KEMENCZEI 2002. – ILON 2017. – KOZUBOVÁ 2018. – KOZUBOVÁ 2019.

8 TECCO HVALA 2007. – TECCO HVALA 2012, 327–333 and Fig. 122. – PAVLOVIĆ 2018.

decoration with local jewellery forms as an important part of highlighting various aspects of women's social identities.

However, before analysing the forms of female head/hair jewellery from the sites located in the southern Carpathian Basin, it is necessary to look briefly at the chronological framework defined as the Late Hallstatt period, the latest analyses showing that this is an extremely complex issue.

The beginning of the Late Hallstatt phase in the southeastern Carpathian Basin is chronologically considered in different ways, both in terms of defining its inception, and in recognizing certain narrow timelines for a development of almost three hundred years. On the one hand, in the southeastern Carpathian Basin, where the development of the Early Iron Age is characterized by the material legacy of the Bosut group, the beginning of the younger phase can be defined as the end of the Basarabi phase around the middle of the 7th century BC, which is the beginning of the 'fluted pottery phase'. This phase, defined primarily on the basis of the stratigraphy of the multilayer settlement of Gradina on the Bosut River,⁹ would last until the beginning of the Late Iron Age during the second half of the 4th century BC. It is, therefore, an extremely long timeline. Interestingly, the contemporary finds of inhumation graves of the Bosut group, dating from the beginning of the 6th century BC, have been attributed to the Syrmian group. However, the latest analyses considered these graves within the framework of the Bosut group, corresponding to the 'fluted pottery phase'.¹⁰ The western neighbours of the Bosut group are the sites located along the Danube, from the southeastern Transdanubia and Baranya to eastern Slavonia, southwestern Bačka and the westernmost parts of Syrmia, which are associated with the Dalj group, whose continuous development can be traced from the younger phase of the Urnfield Culture up to the end of the 7th and the beginning of the 6th century BC. This would mean that the beginning of the youngest phase of the Bosut group is contemporary with the last phase of the Dalj group, which is characterized by cremation burials. Of course, at the sites of both groups, especially in the settlements located in the contact zone (eastern Slavonia, western Syrmia), there was a permeation of ceramic forms and decorating techniques and motifs. On the other hand, in the central part of the southern Carpathian Basin, there are no sites that could be dated to the Late Hallstatt phase – except the settlement with the biritual cemetery in Donja Dolina, which is eponymous for the cultural group distributed

across the middle Sava valley and northern Bosnia. The oldest known closed funerary complexes from Donja Dolina date from the end of the first half of the 7th century BC – which is approximately the time when the Basarabi phase of the Bosut group ended – but the burials continued into the Late Iron Age.¹¹

Thus, the Late Hallstatt phase in the southeastern Carpathian Basin is characterized by extremely complex cultural relations, which last until the beginning of the Late Iron Age, when there was a complete cultural reconfiguration of the observed area. It is a long period with shorter chronological determinants within it, which are based on the analysis of various forms of female costume items, primarily fibulae and belts.¹² Late Hallstatt female costume items are not only a recognizable gender mark, but also a testimony to the networks and intensity of realized contacts with neighbouring or remote areas, and to different aspects of female social identity. Interestingly, jewellery items have not been the subject of special analyses so far, although they also stand out with their variety of forms. In fact, an important part of female body decoration, in addition to belts and fibulae, are those jewellery items that were worn on the head, most often as hair decorations – temple rings or ringlets –, whose analysis can also testify to established contacts and cultural transfers, perhaps even to the mobility of particular women. Also, the analysis of head/hair jewellery, as more than just a mark of the social status of the women who wore such jewellery, can perhaps point to the existence of an age concept, i.e. what was the most frequent age of the women who were buried with these forms of jewellery. Unfortunately, for the majority of graves we lack the results of anthropological analyses, so descriptions from the original publications are very important, as in the case of the Donja Dolina cemetery.

For the Late Hallstatt phase in the southeastern Carpathian Basin, there are several distinct forms of temple rings, which were made of bronze and only rarely of silver. Earrings occur very rarely, only as chance finds so far.¹³ The finds of temple rings are known from the graves at the cemetery in Donja Dolina, which stands out due to the number and variety of forms. However, the data from other sites are an important complement to the ensemble of finds included in the analysis.

As already stated, the custom of decorating the head and hair in the area of the southeastern Carpathian Basin has been

⁹ MEDOVIĆ, MEDOVIĆ 2011, 270–272 and Fig. 256.

¹⁰ On defining the beginning of the Late Hallstatt phase in the southeastern Carpathian Basin: DIZDAR 2020.

¹¹ There have been finds of weapons and costumes, probably from destroyed graves, showing that the youngest graves were from the Middle La Tène: DIZDAR 2018, 19–20.

¹² DIZDAR 2020.

¹³ VASIĆ 1991.

documented in the cremation graves of women dated to the beginning of the younger phase of the Urnfield Culture, and continues until the beginning of the Early Iron Age, with the emergence of some new forms, particularly the double bronze wire temple rings with a pseudo-figure-of-eight terminal, singled out as the Velem-Szentvid type and the Vajuga-Pesak type.¹⁴ On the other hand, in the cemeteries of the Dalj group located along the Danube, there are numerous finds of simple and smooth bronze hair/temple rings with folded terminals of circular cross section and small diameter. Since these are cremation graves, where hair/temple rings sometimes show traces of burning, it is not quite clear how they were worn on the head.¹⁵ However, the discovery of inhumation grave 91 at the Dalj group cemetery in Sotin, where the buried adult woman had four bronze hair/temple rings on her head (probably on a textile band or headcovering) of the kind appearing in those cremation graves, indicates the likely way in which they were worn.¹⁶ The finds from the aforementioned grave, as well as numerous others from the cemeteries of the Dalj group, show that adult women decorated their hair with a few simple and smooth bronze hair/temple rings. Likewise, these finds show that there was a long tradition of decorating hair with various forms of temple rings in the southeastern Carpathian Basin, which would continue – in other forms – until the end of the Early Iron Age and even into the beginning of the Late Iron Age. With the end of the Basarabi phase of the Bosut group, and with the end of the Dalj group a little later, all the previously known forms of bronze temple rings disappeared, and new forms appeared which had been unknown until then. This change probably took place at the end of the first half of the 7th century BC, which corresponds to the identified changes in female costume items and other ring jewellery – in other words, there was a noticeable cultural reconfiguration, which is clearly seen in the female bodily decoration. The time of the change and the potential sources of the new forms can probably (or at least partially) be explained by

the analysis of female hair jewellery, particularly from the inhumation graves in Donja Dolina, where the position of the temple rings is exactly known: always on both sides of the head of the deceased women over the several centuries of their wearing. The cemetery in Donja Dolina also stands out for its large number of different forms of temple rings, which are usually made of bronze; silver temple rings are exceptions which appear only in the final burial phases. The finds from Donja Dolina have an important complement in the finds from other sites in the southeastern Carpathian Basin attributed to the Syrmian group, which will also be included in the future analysis. It must be pointed out that the analyses of female head and hair jewellery have been carried out for the neighbouring areas where the appearance of local forms is noticeable. Can the local nature of female head/hair jewellery during the Late Hallstatt be recognized in the southern Carpathian Basin too? Are there certain rules in the composition of head decoration jewellery with regard to the age of the deceased and/or her social status on the basis of the ensemble of other finds? Aside from the local jewellery, can we recognize forms that originated in other areas? If so, is there a difference in the way they were worn between the different areas in which they appear? Can we identify the mechanisms of their spreading, and whether they were based on cultural transfers or the mobility of specific women who wore certain forms of temple rings? Are there chronologically recognizable forms? These questions, as well as those that will emerge during the analysis, may be answered by an examination of the entire ensemble of the known finds dated to the Late Hallstatt phase from the sites located in the southern Carpathian Basin.

2. Typological Classification of the Late Hallstatt Temple Rings in the Southern Carpathian Basin

As we already pointed out, the most numerous forms of female head decoration jewellery are different forms of temple rings that were probably used to decorate the hair. When attempting to define and reconstruct the way in which they were worn, it is very important to consider the finds from the inhumation graves which show that those items were probably worn in the hair. Temple rings are usually made of bronze, but silver ones have been recorded, which follow the bronze specimens in form and decoration.

The known finds of temple rings from the sites in the southern Carpathian Basin, with the cemetery in Donja Dolina as the main source of data,¹⁷ can be classified into several

14 VASIĆ 1988, 10–11 and Fig. 7. – POPOVIĆ, VUKMANOVIĆ 1998, 30–31 and Fig. 27. – METZNER-NEBELSICK 2002, 434. – LOŽNJAK DIZDAR 2010, 162–163. – PABST 2012, 413 and Map 44. – On the example of inhumation grave 202 from the Vukovar-Lijeva bara cemetery, with bronze hair/temple rings worn on a hairband, and some other finds of spiral hair/temple rings from cremation graves: VINSKI, VINSKI-GASPARINI 1962, 271 and Pls. III/48–53; IV/56, 59. – On Batina-type temple rings in the cemeteries of the Dalj group as an eastern influence at the beginning of the Early Iron Age: METZNER-NEBELSICK 2002, 433–439 and Pl. 8/26–27. – KEMENCZEI 2002, 63–64. – KEMENCZEI 2009, 80. – KOZUBOVÁ 2018, 31–32. – KOZUBOVÁ 2019, 109.

15 BOJČIĆ, LOŽNJAK DIZDAR, HRŠAK 2018, 167–168.

16 LOŽNJAK DIZDAR, HUTINEC 2013, 9 and Fig. 3. – LOŽNJAK DIZDAR, RAJIĆ ŠIKANJIĆ 2016, 118.

17 We owe special thanks to Andrijana Pravidur, Ph.D., from the National Museum in Sarajevo, who let us examine the finds of the temple rings from the Donja Dolina cemetery.

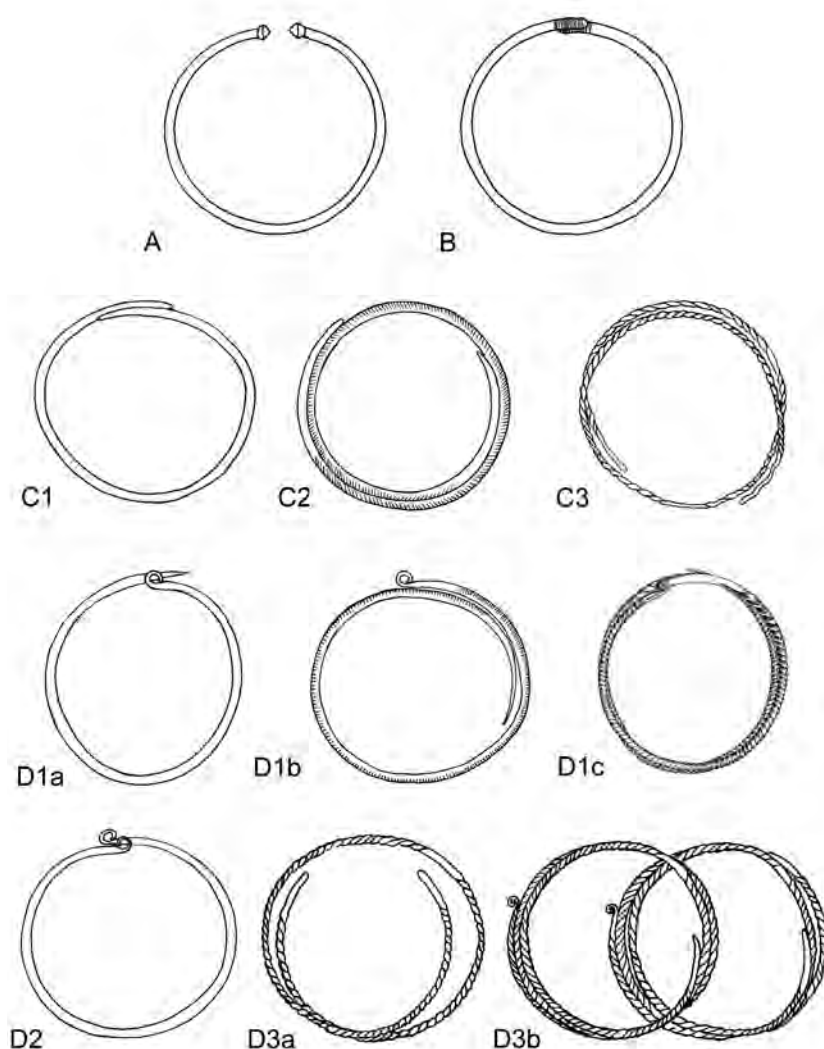


Fig. 1. Types of temple rings in the Donja Dolina cemetery (drawing: A. Kapuran).

basic types, primarily according to the design of their terminals (Fig. 1). Specific types can then be further classified into variants according to the body-shaping method, which can be: 1) smooth; 2) ribbed on the outside; 3) twisted. Also, the analysis focuses on the dimensions of the temple rings.¹⁸ Regarding the proposed classification of temple rings, it is important to point out that the earlier insights from the previous analyses of the finds from Donja Dolina were taken

¹⁸ In the cemetery in Donja Dolina, along with basic types with variants, there are some finds with an unclear function. The shape and production method indicate that these may be objects used as head/hair decorations, although other purposes are not excluded. This group may also include the few items originating from neighbouring areas and being characteristic of other cultural groups, notably the Dolenjska and Vekerzug groups.

into account;¹⁹ the most detailed one is the classification proposed by Mario Gavranović, who recognizes three basic types – with a conical thickening at the terminals; with one folded terminal; with tapering terminals – which correspond to the basic forms distinguished here.²⁰

We distinguish four basic types of temple rings with variants (Fig. 1), with special importance given to the funerary assemblages containing different basic types and variants:

- type A: smooth temple rings with a conical thickening at the terminals – Ciumbrud type – that are

¹⁹ MARIĆ 1964, 32–44. – ČOVIĆ 1987a, 241–258. – Marić and Čović recognize the temple rings that correspond roughly to the singled-out types.

²⁰ GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 216–217 and Fig. 217.

further classified according to the material from which they were made: variant A1: bronze temple rings; variant A2: temple rings made in precious metals (gold, silver);

- type B: temple rings with slightly widened and straight or conical terminals, which are decorated with transverse grooves – Donja Dolina type;
- type C: temple rings with tapering terminals that are further classified according to the body-shaping method: variant C1: smooth temple rings; variant C2: temple rings that are ribbed on the outside; variant C3: temple rings with a twisted body;
- type D: temple rings where at least one terminal is hammered and folded; type D is further classified into variants according to the body-shaping method. Type D1 includes temple rings with one terminal which is hammered and folded: variant D1a: smooth temple rings; variant D1b: temple rings that are ribbed on the outside; variant D1c: temple rings with a twisted body. Type D2 includes temple rings where both terminals are hammered and folded. Type D3 includes silver temple rings that can be classified into two basic variants: variant D3a: temple rings with a twisted body and slightly widened terminals; variant D3b: temple rings with a twisted body and one terminal that is hammered and folded.²¹

It should certainly be pointed out that some temple rings, particularly those from the cemetery in Donja Dolina, have not been preserved completely, and it is sometimes difficult to determine the decorating method on the body of a temple ring. Therefore, it is not always possible to unambiguously determine the type and the variant. Also, the first publication of the finds from Donja Dolina sometimes has discrepancies between the descriptions and the drawings of temple rings, both in the form and manner of decoration and in the dimensions. However, the classification of the temple rings from Donja Dolina allows the identification of the proposed basic typological features, with an important complement in the form of the other finds from the southern Carpathian Basin and the identified analogies. In the chronological identification of recognized variants, particular importance is given to the contexts, which are primarily graves, where the temple rings appear with costume items

²¹ Considering the complexity and the considerable scope of the topic, as well as the long period of time in which the temple rings were worn, here we will analyse only the A and B types, which are often found together in the same grave assemblages, while other forms will be presented in future analyses.

(e.g. belts, fibulae) and other items of ring jewellery (e.g. torcs, bracelets, pendants, various forms of beads).

2.1. Type A: Temple Rings with a Conical Thickening at the Terminals – the Ciumbrud Type

The first recognized form of temple rings is represented by type A (the Ciumbrud type), which is characterized by a smooth body of round cross section, ending with a conical thickening at both terminals.²² The terminals can be slightly spaced, touching, or slightly overlapping. Interestingly, different terminals sometimes appear together in the same grave in Donja Dolina. The terminals overlap to a greater extent in rare cases, such as a temple ring from grave M. Petrović Jr. 3 (Fig. 3/1), but that temple ring has a smaller diameter, so it was probably folded to a greater extent later.²³ Based on the material from which they were made, two variants can be distinguished – variant A1 is represented by bronze temple rings, while variant A2 includes temple rings made in precious metals (gold, silver), which is unknown in Donja Dolina, but has been recorded in Transylvania and northeast Hungary.

In the southern Carpathian Basin, bronze temple rings of variant A1 have been found only in the Donja Dolina cemetery, where they have been identified almost exclusively in the inhumation graves of women – a total of 13; the only cremation grave is grave M. Petrović 2 (Fig. 5). Temple rings have been found on both sides of the head of the deceased, at the height of the temples – usually several pairs, indicating the manner in which they were worn. Importantly, when Čiro Truhelka described inhumation grave N. Čegrlja 3 (Fig. 2) and grave 1 in the garden of N. Šokić, he concluded that temple rings (which he called temple hoops) hung on a cap or head scarf worn by the deceased.²⁴ Different forms have also been found in the settlement at Gradina in Donja Dolina, including one temple ring of variant A1 dated after Zdravko Marić to phases IIa, IIb and even into phase IIc.²⁵

²² TRUHELKA 1904, 85–135, 145–146 describes the thickenings as pear-like.

²³ For the temple rings of types A and B found in the Donja Dolina cemetery, the data on other items of costume and jewellery in the funerary complexes are provided in Tabs. 1 and 3.

²⁴ TRUHELKA 1904, 84–85 and Fig. 65, Pl. XL. – ČOVIĆ 1987a, 241. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 216. – A similar opinion is provided by PARZINGER 1992, 217, who concludes that the temple rings were worn on both sides of the head as ear or hair decorations: PARZINGER 1992, 217, 220 and Fig. 2.

²⁵ MARIĆ 1964, 33, 36, 40 and Pls. VI/15; XVI/17. – Marić dates the appearance of temple rings to phase Ic and looks for their source in forms from the end of the Urnfield Culture, such as the example from cremation grave M. Petrović Jr. 46, which he later dated to phase IIa: MARIĆ 1964, 31–32. – The same opinion is given by ČOVIĆ 1987a, 240 and Pl. XXIV/14–15. However, these are probably the remains of the bracelet in the mentioned grave.

Grave	Ritual	Age	No.	Diam. in cm	Other Types of Hair-Rings in Grave and their Number	Other Important Costume Items	Other Important Jewellery Items	References
N. Čegrlja 3	INH	18–25	3+3	8.0	B // 1+1?	plate fibula (2), spectacle fibula, fibula with the foot shaped like the Boeotian shield, open-work belt	diadem, torc, amber beads, bracelet with stamp-shaped terminals (2)	TRUHELKA 1904, 85–86 and Pl. XL/2. – MARIĆ 1964, 40 and Pl. XXV/12. – ČOVIĆ 1987a, 241 and Pl. XXV/1–2. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b, 133 and Fig. 166/2–3.
M. Petrović Jr. 3	INH	adult	1+1?	6.9 4.7	B // 1+1 C1 // 1+1 indeterminate // 3	boat-shaped fibula, fibula with amber coating (2), plate fibula, belt set with buckle and buttons	torc, bracelet with stamp-shaped terminals (2)	TRUHELKA 1904, 90–91 and Pl. XLII/12–13. – MARIĆ 1964, 35 and Pl. XXV/4. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b, 136 and Fig. 172/2–3.
M. Petrović Jr. 6	INH	adult	1+1	7.0 8.2	B // 5 C1 // 4 D2 // 1	fibula with the foot shaped like the Boeotian shield (2), Borajna-type fibula, fibula with a loop at the top of the bow (2), belt set with buckle and buttons, silver pin	torc, amber beads, spiral bracelet (2)	TRUHELKA 1904, 91–92 and Pl. XLIII/10–11. – MARIĆ 1964, 40 and Pl. XXV/6.
N. Šokić I 6	PIT		1	7.7				TRUHELKA 1904, 112 and Pl. LX/6.
N. Šokić Bašta 1	INH	12–15	3+3	8.5		plate fibula, boat-shaped fibula, fibula with a rectangular foot, fibula (4), belt	torc, spectacle pendant, amber beads, spiral bracelet (2)	TRUHELKA 1904, 84 and Fig. 65.
M. Petrović 2	CREM	adult	2+1	6.8 7.1 7.8	C1 // 1	fibula with the foot shaped like the Boeotian shield (2), plate fibula, fibula, belt buckle	torc (2)	TRUHELKA 1904, 118. – ČOVIĆ 1961, Y22/8–11. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b, 128 and Fig. 158/8–11.
M. Petrović 3	INH	adult	x	7.0	C1 // X	plate fibula (2), boat-shaped fibula (2), Donja Dolina-type pin	torc, spiral bracelet (2)	TRUHELKA 1904, 118–119.
M. Petrović 5	INH	adult	1+1	5.0	C1 // 1+1			TRUHELKA 1904, 120. – ČOVIĆ 1987a, 246 and Pl. XXVI/11.
M. Petrović 8	INH	adult	1+1	7.5	B // 3+3	boat-shaped fibula (4)	torc	TRUHELKA 1904, 120–121. – MARIĆ 1964, 40 and Pl. XXV/14.
M. Petrović Sen. 4	INH	adult	2+2	5.3–6.1	C1 // 2+2	fibula with a loop at the top of the bow, belt set with buckle and buttons	torc, glass beads	TRUHELKA 1904, 122–123 and Pl. LXVIII/12, 15.
M. Petrović Sen. 9	INH	adult	4+4	6.0–7.9		plate fibula, fibula with a loop at the top of the bow, belt set with buckle and buttons (2), bronze pin	torc, amber beads, spiral bracelet (2)	TRUHELKA 1904, 124–125 and Pl. LXX/21–22. – MARIĆ 1964, 40 and Pl. XXV/7. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b, 137 and Fig. 174/4–5.
N. Šokić II 2	INH	adult	1+1		C1 // 1			TRUHELKA 1904, 132–133.
N. Šokić II 4	INH	adult	1+1	6.0	C1 // 3+3	double-looped fibula with a triangular foot, plate fibula, open-work belt, calotte-shaped buckle with petals	amber beads, bronze bracelet (2)	TRUHELKA 1904, 133–134. – MARIĆ 1964, 40 and Pl. XXV/9.

Tab. 1. Graves from the Donja Dolina cemetery containing temple rings of the variant A1 – the Ciumberd type – with important items of costume and jewellery (M. Dizdār).

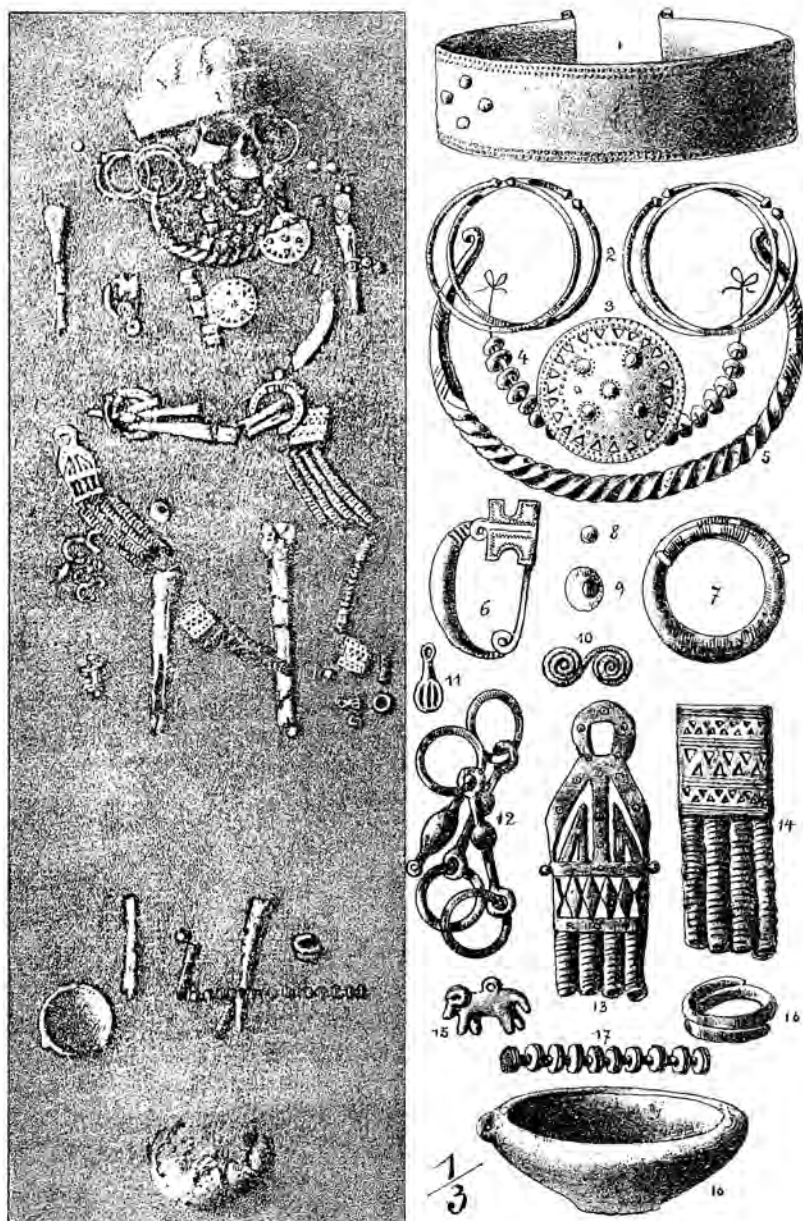


Fig. 2. Grave N. Čegrlja 3 (after TRUHELKA 1904).

Variant A1 temple rings in the Donja Dolina cemetery rarely appear in graves as the only form;²⁶ as a rule, they are accompanied by type B and much more frequently by type C1 (Tab. 1). Also, the graves sometimes contain a combination of three different basic forms of temple rings (types A1, B, C1); furthermore, in grave M. Petrović Jr. 6 (Fig. 4/5), they seem to be joined by a type D2, where both

terminals are hammered and folded (Tab. 1). Another interesting feature is the manner of wearing type A temple rings. When they are the only form in the grave, there are three or four type A temple rings on each side of the head (Tab. 1); when there is a single type A temple ring on each side of the head, it is usually combined with type B and/or C1; when there are two on each side, they are combined with type C1 (Fig. 6/1–2), and when there are three, it seems that they were combined with a single type B on each side, as in grave N. Čegrlja 3 (Fig. 2/2). As shown by all these examples, there is almost always the same number on each

²⁶ As the only shape in grave M. Petrović Sen. 9. Also, the grave N. Šokić I 6 actually represents a pit in which a single variant A1 temple ring was found, probably originating from a destroyed grave.

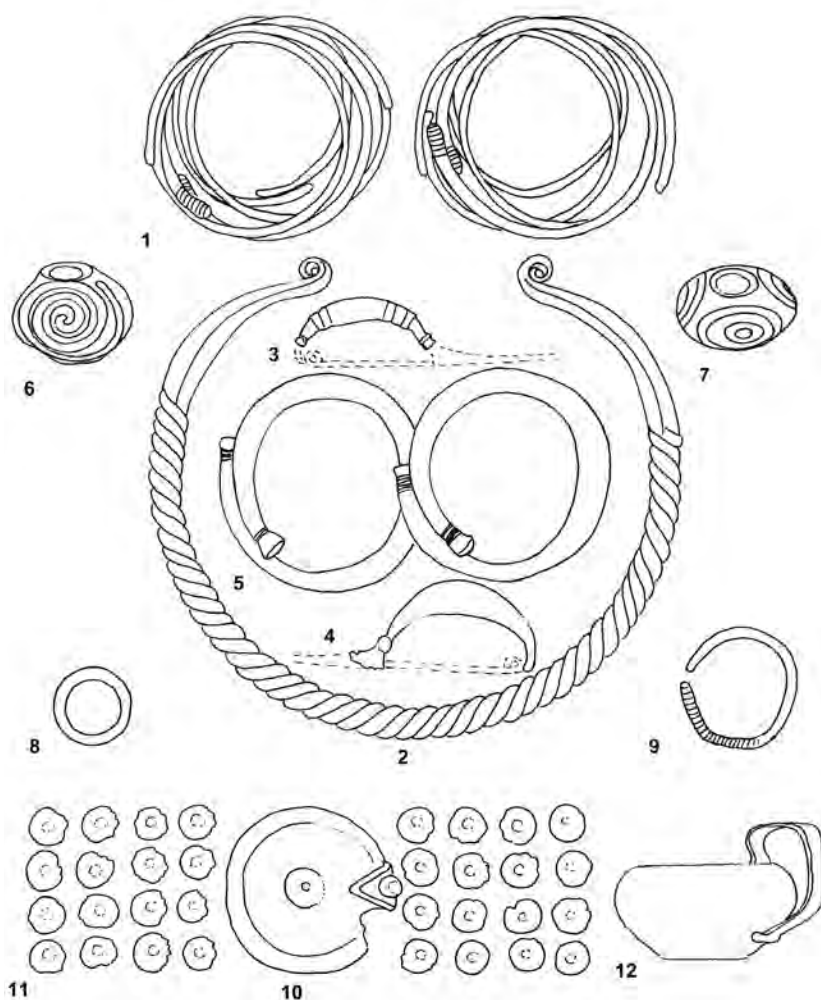


Fig. 3. Grave M. Petrović Jr. 3 (after TRUHELKA 1904).

side of the head. The radius of temple rings ranges between 4.7 and 10.5 cm,²⁷ but most frequently falls between 7.0 and 8.5 cm (Tab. 1).

In the cemetery of Donja Dolina variant A1 temple rings were found in the graves of women, often richly furnished with items of costume and ring jewellery (Tab. 1). The highest number of these graves belongs to phase 2a after the periodization of Borivoj Čović, or phases 1 and 2 according to Biba Teržan (Figs. 2–3, 5, 9). The younger group of graves with variant A1 temple rings were dated to phase 2b after

²⁷ The variant A1 temple ring with the diameter of 10.5 cm from grave N. Šokić 2 which was dated to phase IIc: MARIĆ 1964, 40 and Pl. XIV/17.

Čović²⁸ or phase 3 after Teržan²⁹ (Figs. 4, 6–7). The finds of temple rings from the graves in Donja Dolina were classified in detail by Gavranović. He dated the ones with thickening conical terminals to the horizon of double-loop fibulae with the foot in the shape of a Boeotian shield, i.e. to the second half of the 7th and the beginning of the 6th century BC.³⁰ The

²⁸ ČOVIĆ 1987a, 238–251 and Pls. XXV/1–2; XXVI/11. – According to Čović, phase 2a corresponds to subphase Stična 1 in Dolenjska or the Glasinac phase IVc-1: ČOVIĆ 1987a, 242–244. Phase 2b corresponds to subphase Stična 2 or the Glasinac IVc-2 phase: ČOVIĆ 1987a, 249–251.

²⁹ TERŽAN 1974, 43–45 and Fig. 7.

³⁰ GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 216–217, 268 and Fig. 217/1. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2016, 132 and Fig. 4. – Gavranović dates the oldest graves in Donja Dolina to the late 8th and the early 7th century BC: GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 263–265. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2016, 130–132.

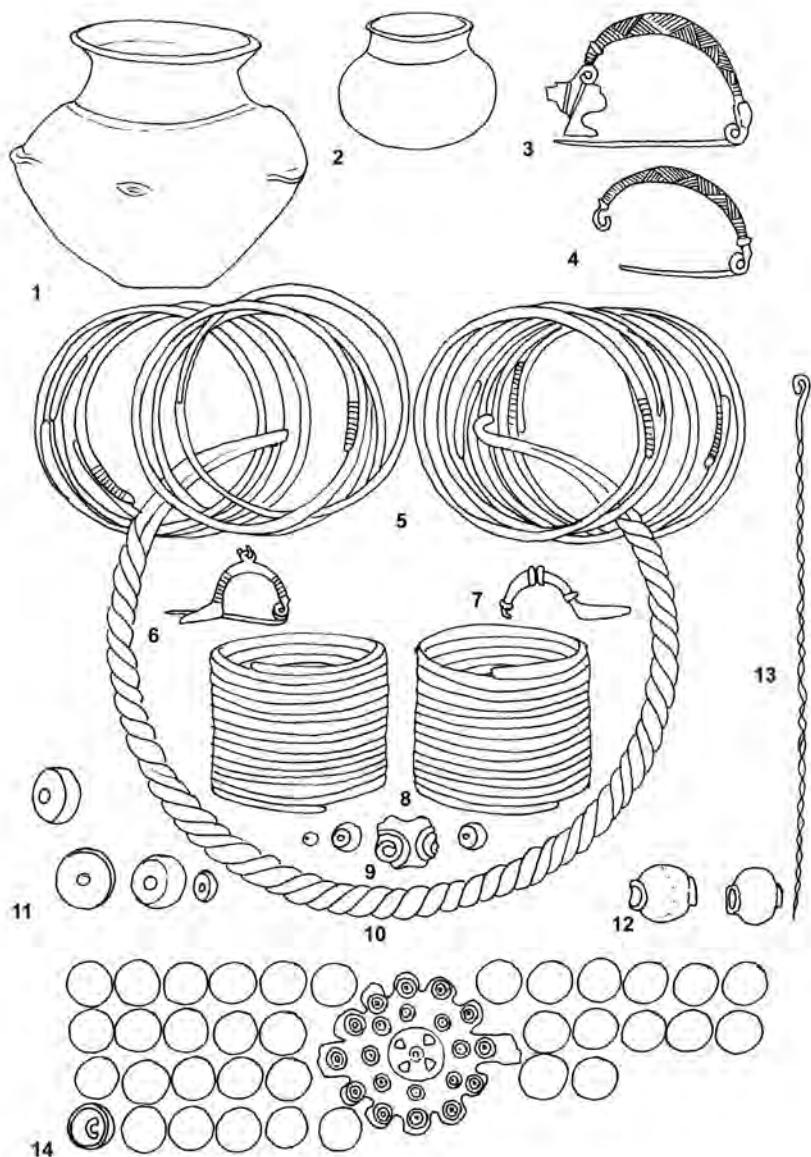


Fig. 4. Grave M. Petrović Jr. 6 (after TRUHELKA 1904).

dating of the variant A1 temple rings will enable detailed typo-chronological analyses of other items of costume and ring jewellery from these graves, which will also include the graves with type B temple rings (Tabs. 1, 3).

The nearest find of variant A1 temple rings from the Donja Dolina cemetery probably comes from a grave in Dobra (Kožica I) at Đerdap/Iron Gate (Fig. 10). The group of finds were initially defined as a small hoard dated to Ha C; aside from two temple rings (then defined as bracelets), it contained a bracelet decorated with transverse grooves at the terminals, two bronze fragments of rounded cross section, and fragments of two double-loop fibulae. The temple rings are rounded in cross section and have spaced terminals that

end with small conical thickenings.³¹ Later, Rastko Vasić assumed that these were probably found in an inhumation grave. One fibula has been associated with double-loop fibulae with a ribbed bow and probably an hourglass-shaped foot – this form would be dated to the beginning of the Early Iron Age. The other fragment, hexagonal in cross section with decorated ends, is associated with double-looped fibulae with the foot in the shape of a Boeotian shield, which seems to date the first fibula to a later period. Vasić also points out that the rings with conical thickening terminals are not bracelets but probably hair rings or temple rings.³²

³¹ TASIĆ 1969. – POPOVIĆ 1984, 135 and Fig. 1.

³² VASIĆ 1999, 58, 66 and Pls. 30/360; 34/446.

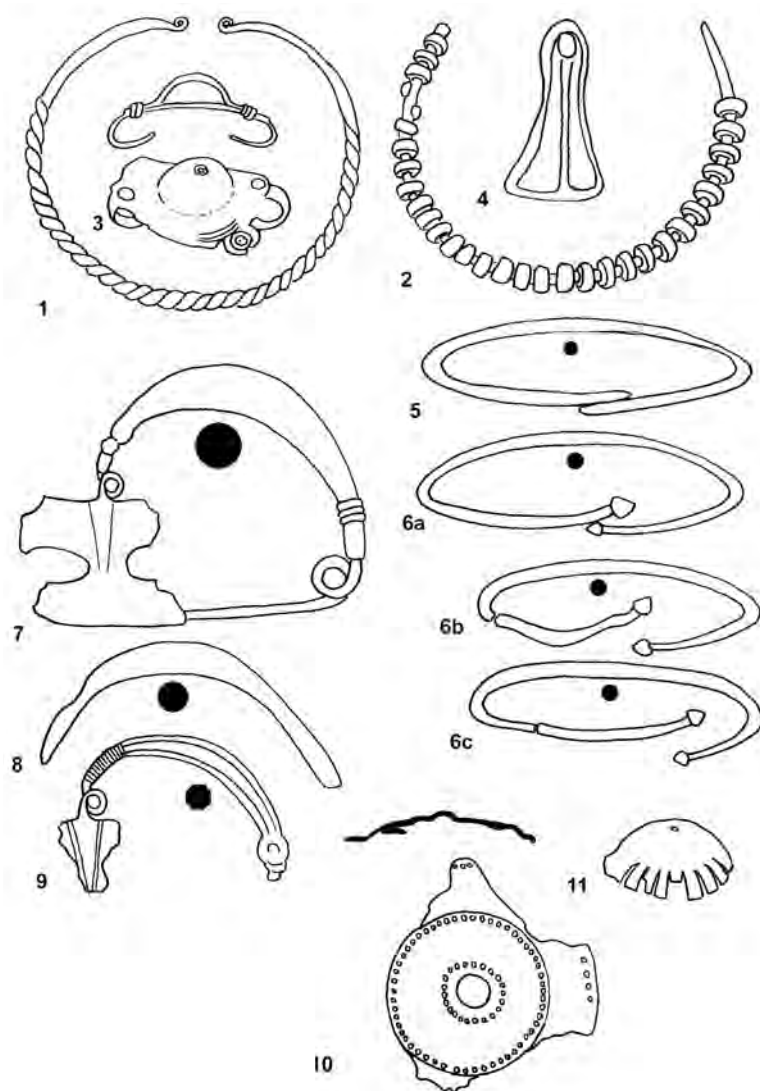


Fig. 5. Grave M. Petrović 2 (after GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b).

2.1.1. Temple Rings of Type A – the Ciumbrud Type – in Transylvania and Northeast Hungary

After the analysis of the Donja Dolina cemetery with the finds of variant A1 temple rings, we come to some interesting insights about other sites with temple rings of this type. First of all, these sites are quite far from Donja Dolina. In fact, finds from Transylvania and northeast Hungary are direct parallels of the finds from Donja Dolina, raising the question of their relationship, just as there are interesting insights about the different manners in which they were worn.³³

³³ The connection of the finds of A1 temple rings from Donja Dolina with the finds from eastern Hungary, that is, with the Szenetes-Vekerzug cemetery, was already mentioned by MARIĆ 1964, 40, 42.

The greatest number of rounded cross-section bronze temple rings with thickening conical terminals has been found in the Ciumbrud group inhumation graves that were distributed across Transylvania (Fig. 16) during the Early Iron Age (Tab. 2),³⁴ which is why they have been defined as Ciumbrud-type temple rings.³⁵ Unlike the female graves in Donja Dolina, which often contain several variant A1 temple rings on each side of the head or combined with other types, the Ciumbrud group inhumation graves always have

³⁴ For the finds of type A temple rings from the Ciumbrud group cemeteries, Tab. 2 provides the information on their diameter, the material from which they were made, and other finds of costume and jewellery items in the grave assemblages.

³⁵ KOZUBOVÁ 2018, 31–32. – KOZUBOVÁ 2019, 107 and Fig. 31.

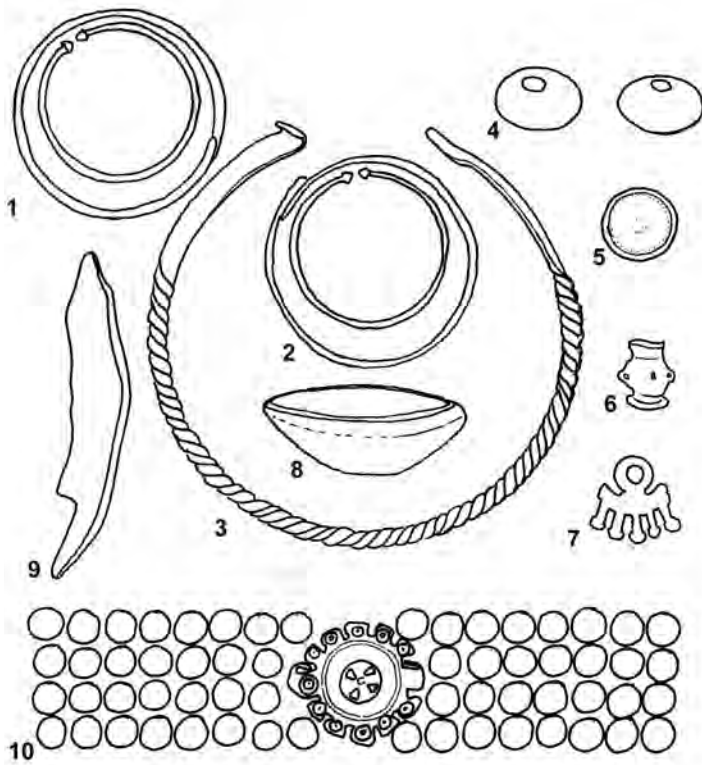


Fig. 6. Grave M. Petrović Sen. 4 (after TRUHELKA 1904).

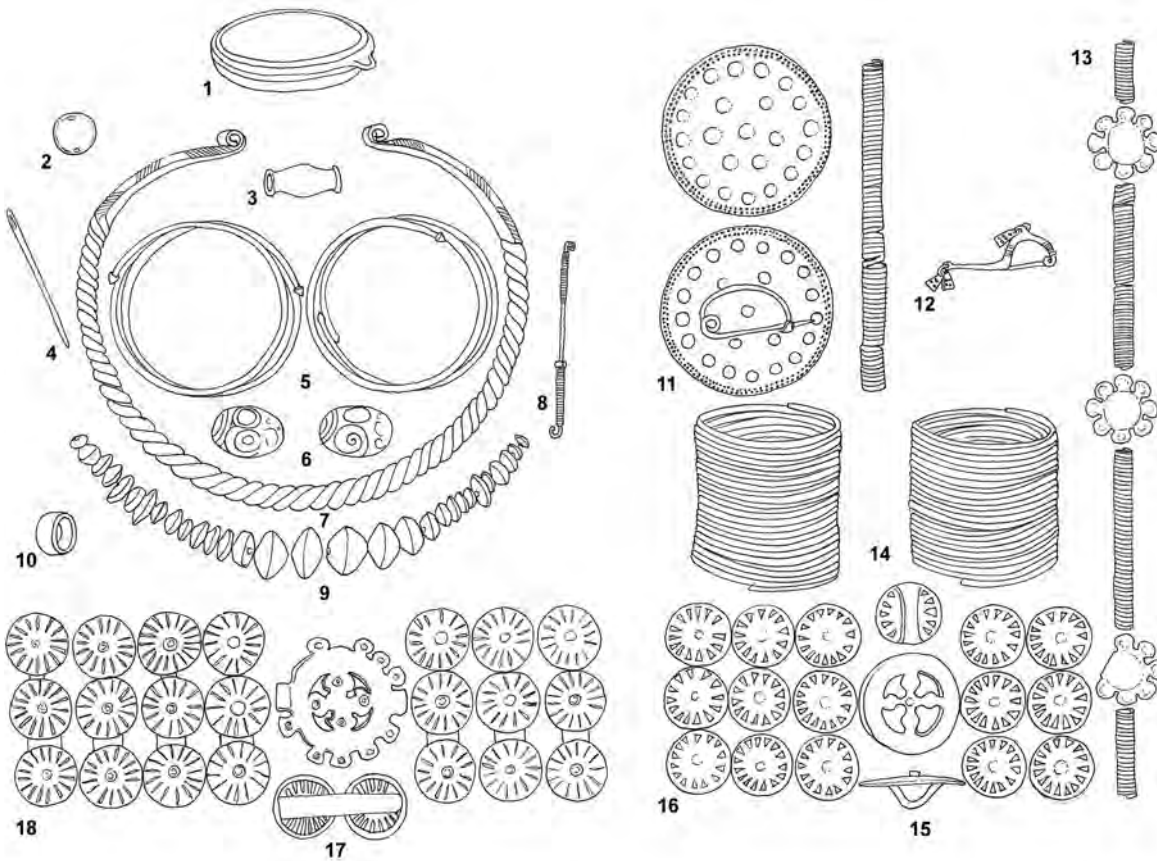


Fig. 7. Grave M. Petrović Sen. 9 (after TRUHELKA 1904).

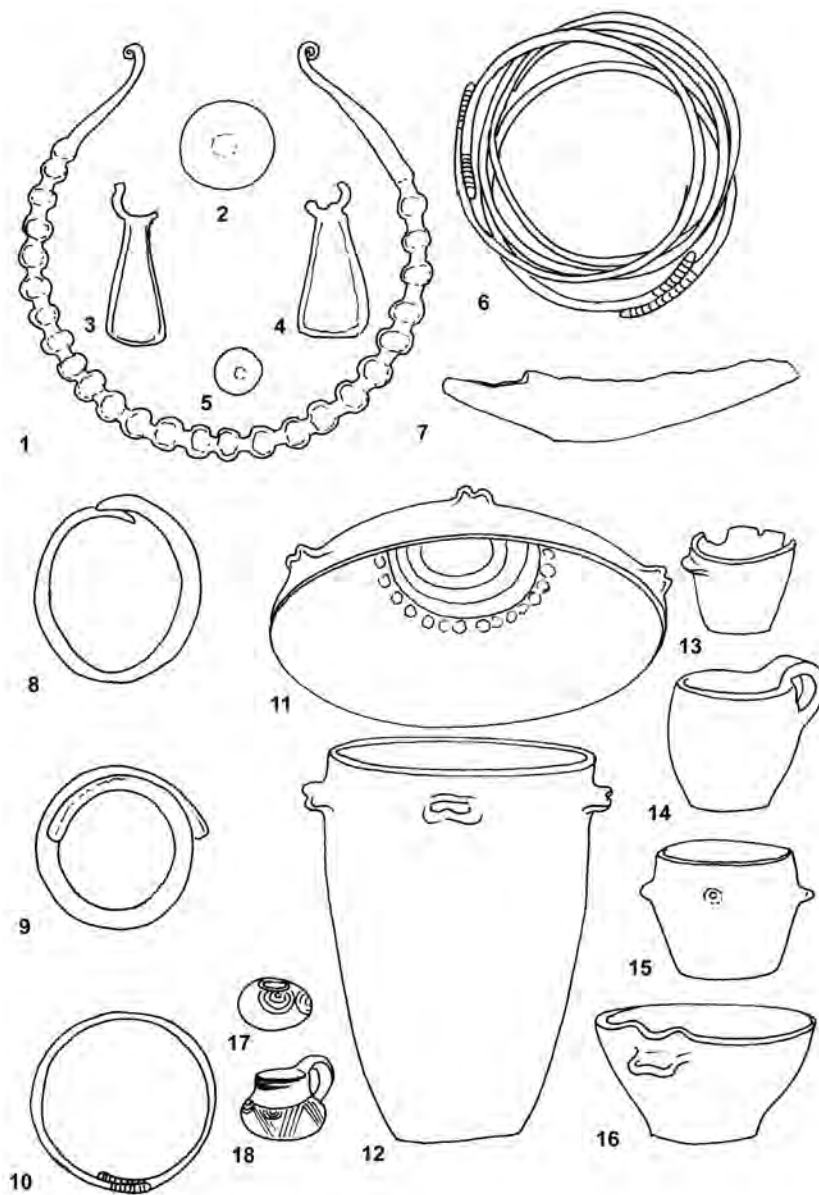


Fig. 8. Grave S. Jakarić 14 (after TRUHELKA 1904).

a single type A temple ring on each side of the head, almost always as the only type. Sometimes the grave contains just one temple ring of this kind. As a rule, they are made in bronze – variant A1, and only rarely in precious metals (gold, silver) – variant A2.

The eponymous cemetery of Ciumbrud-Podireu includes inhumation grave XIV with a buried adult woman; on each side of her head there was a single bronze temple ring of the variant A1.³⁶ Again without a context, probably

³⁶ FERENCZI 1966, 54 and Fig. 18/2. – FERENCZI 1969, 50 and Fig. 18/2.

from destroyed graves, there are finds of variant A1 temple rings.³⁷ Inhumation grave IV at the Cipău-Gară cemetery contained a bronze temple ring with one preserved conical thickening (Fig. 12).³⁸ Grave 7 at the Cristești-Szörtsey cemetery also contained a bronze temple ring.³⁹ In inhumation

³⁷ FERENCZI 1965, 87 and Fig. 8/2, 5, 12–14.

³⁸ VLASSA 1961, 28 and Fig. 6/3. – KEMENCZEI 2004, 79, 81 and Fig. 2/7.

³⁹ CRIȘAN 1965a, 59 and Fig. 12/7. – KEMENCZEI 2004, 83 and Fig. 3/11. – The grave also contained two spectacle fibulae without a central figure-of-eight loop: CRIȘAN 1974, 107 and Fig. 6/2. – KEMENCZEI 2004, 83 and Fig. 3/10.

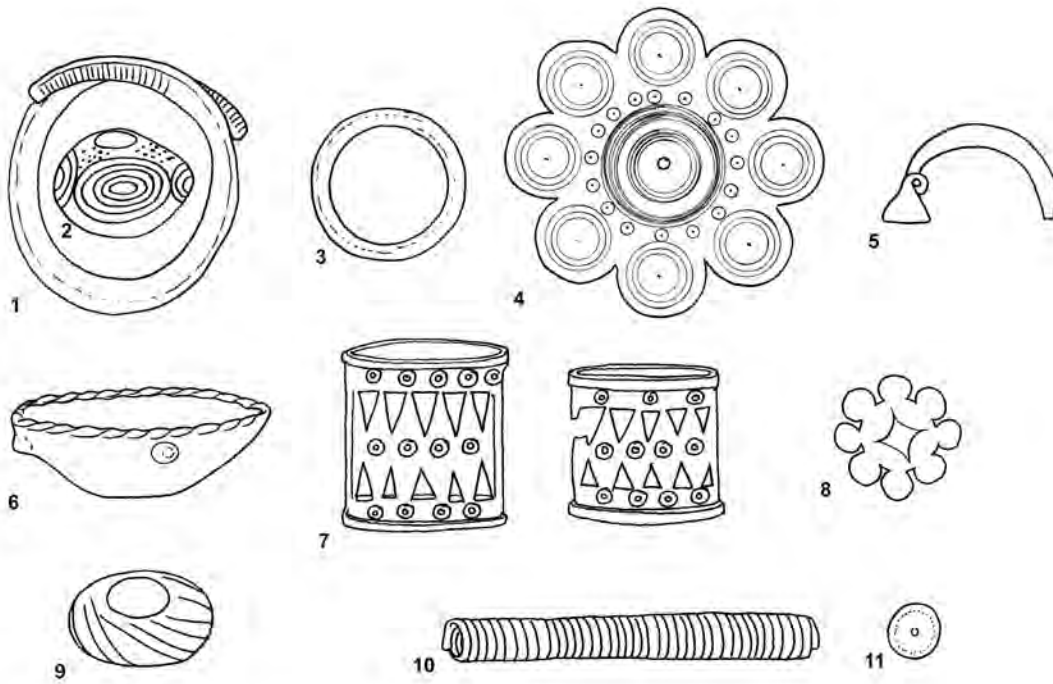


Fig. 9. Grave N. Šokić II 4 (after TRUHELKA 1904).

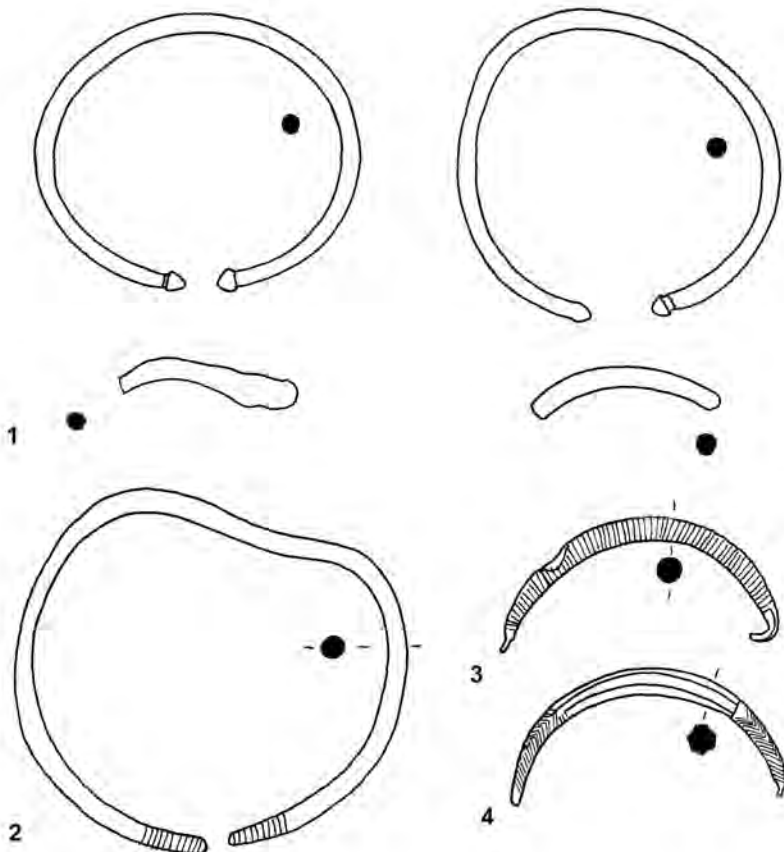


Fig. 10. Finds from Dobra-Kožica I (after POPOVIĆ 1984).

grave 10, where an adult woman was buried, there was a single temple ring on each side of the head.⁴⁰ In the Blaj cemetery, in inhumation grave 1, probably containing a girl aged 8 to 10, a fragmented bronze temple ring was found,⁴¹ while inhumation grave 2, where an adult woman was buried, contained two temple rings.⁴² Grave 3 is interesting; it is assumed that a man was buried there. On the left side of the head there was a temple ring.⁴³ In inhumation grave 7, containing an adult woman, a single temple ring was found on each side of the head.⁴⁴ For the research of type A temple rings, particular significance is given to the Ozd-Piscul Deagului cemetery where 16 inhumation graves have been found. Graves 1–2 contained a bent temple ring with thickening terminals.⁴⁵ Grave 8 is particularly important; it contained an adult woman with two temple rings (Fig. 13) which were found next to the head of the deceased.⁴⁶ We should also mention the damaged grave 16, where a woman was buried too, and which contained a fragment of a temple ring.⁴⁷

Aside from the finds in grave assemblages, there are also a large number of finds of bronze temple rings with conical thickenings for which the context of the find is unknown, even though most of them probably originated from destroyed graves⁴⁸ – Dezmir⁴⁹ and the Oradea-Salca cemetery.⁵⁰ At several locations in the Aiud there were inhumation graves, some of which also contained type A temple rings; not far from that is the eponymous cemetery of Ciunbrud-Podireu, which gave the name to the group that is thought to have formed in the middle of the 7th century BC. The site of Aiud-Parc included a bronze temple ring, but also three fragments of a gold temple ring (variant A2) with a conical thickening terminal.⁵¹ Also, what was probably a

double grave contained temple rings.⁵² At the Aiud-Gerepen site there was also a temple ring.⁵³ Grave 20 in the nearby Gîmbaş-Măgauricea cemetery contained four temple rings and a Poiana-type fibula.⁵⁴ Grave 14 included two temple rings.⁵⁵ Inhumation grave 7 in the Teiuș-Cetățuia cemetery, in which an adult woman was buried, contained two temple rings next to the head. The first temple ring has one terminal with a conical thickening and one in the form of a hemisphere. Both thickenings of the other temple ring are hemispherical.⁵⁶ Not far from the mentioned grave, another two inhumation graves were found. Grave 1 contained a fragment of a temple ring next to the head of an adult woman.⁵⁷ Grave 2 – another burial of a woman – contained a silver temple ring (variant A2) with expanding and overlapping conical terminals.⁵⁸

Very important insights into the manner of wearing temple rings have been gained in the exploration of the Budești-Fînațe cemetery dated from the middle to the end of the 7th century BC. Grave 1 contained an adult woman who had a single temple ring on each side of her head (Fig. 11).⁵⁹ In the richly furnished grave 3, a girl aged 9 to 10 was buried with a temple ring next to the left ear. Alexandru Vulpe dates this grave to before 600 BC.⁶⁰ Also, grave 5, in which an adult woman was buried, contained a single temple ring on each side of the head.⁶¹ Mărișelu is another important cemetery which has been dated from the end of the 7th to the middle of the 6th century BC. Grave 2, probably the burial of an adult woman, included a single temple ring on each side of the head.⁶² Grave 3, another burial of an adult woman, included

40 ZRÍNYI 1965, 37 and Pls. V/3; XIII/37; XV/38.

41 VASILIEV 1972, 22 and Pl. V/1.

42 VASILIEV 1972, 26 and Pl. VI/1–2. – VASILIEV 1980, 105 and Pl. 18/14.

43 VASILIEV 1972, 26 and Pl. VII/6.

44 VASILIEV 1972, 27 and Pl. IX/1–2. – On the golden objects from this grave: VASILIEV 1970, 53–55, Figs. 3/1–6; 5/1–2. Including the parallels in the Szentes-Vekerzug cemetery and in the area north of the Black Sea.

45 VASILIEV, ZRÍNYI 1974, 90 and Pl. X/1.

46 VASILIEV, ZRÍNYI 1974, 93 and Pls. Vb; IXa; XII/6–7.

47 VASILIEV, ZRÍNYI 1974, 96 and Pl. XVI/16.

48 E.g. Transylvania: VASILIEV 1980, 105 and Pl. 19/5.

49 CRIȘAN 1964, 92 and Fig. 3/2, Pl. II/1.

50 NÉMETI 1982, 130 and Fig. 20/4. – According to the data in: CRIȘAN 1965b, 136.

51 CRIȘAN 1974, 107 and Fig. 5/7. – VASILIEV 1980, 105 and Pl. 19/1. – VULPE 1984, 36, 38 and Figs. 2/3; 7/9. – These are probably the finds from several destroyed graves.

52 VULPE 1984, 40 and Fig. 6/15–19.

53 VULPE 1984, 43–44.

54 VULPE 1984, 47 and Fig. 8/4–6, 8. – KEMENCZEI 2004, 90 and Fig. 4/17.

55 KEMENCZEI 2004, 89 and Fig. 4/20, 22.

56 HOREDIT 1953, 802 and Fig. 11/1–2.

57 VASILIEV, BADEA, MAN 1973, 28 and Fig. 3/1.

58 VASILIEV 1970, 41–42 and Fig. 1/3. – VASILIEV, BADEA, MAN 1973, 28, 31 and Fig. 4/3. – CRIȘAN 1974, 107 and Fig. 5/9. – VASILIEV 1980, 105 and Pl. 19/2. – VULPE 1990, Pl. 46C. – CHOCHOROWSKI 1998, 480 and Fig. 3/52. – CHOCHOROWSKI 2014, 21, 23 and Fig. 11/52. – A similar spherical pendant was found in grave M. Petrović Sen. 10: TRUHELKA 1904, 125 and Pl. LXXII/20. As one of the oldest graves of the Ciunbrud group: CHOCHOROWSKI 2014, 23.

59 MARINESCU 1984, 48 and Fig. 2A/1a–b.

60 MARINESCU 1984, 48 and Fig. 3/8. – VULPE 1990, 98, 128 and Pl. 42B. – There are three open-work pendants, with the parallel in grave M. Petrović Sen. 10: TRUHELKA 1904, 125 and Pl. LXXII/21. – MARINESCU 1984, 79–80: it also mentions a parallel with a find from tumulus III of the Cepari-Toplița site and the Kisravazd hoard in western Hungary, dated to the turn of the 7th and 6th centuries BC: FEKETE 1973, 341 and Fig. 3/30.

61 MARINESCU 1984, 48 and Fig. 4/4a–b.

62 MARINESCU 1984, 49 and Fig. 8A/2a–b.

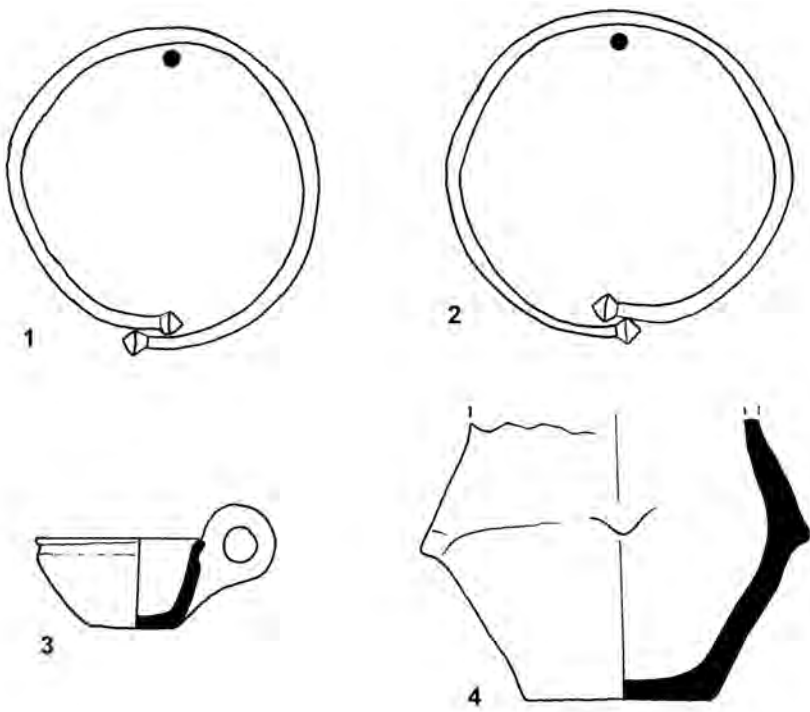


Fig. 11. Grave 1 from the Budești-Finațe cemetery (after MARINESCU 1984).

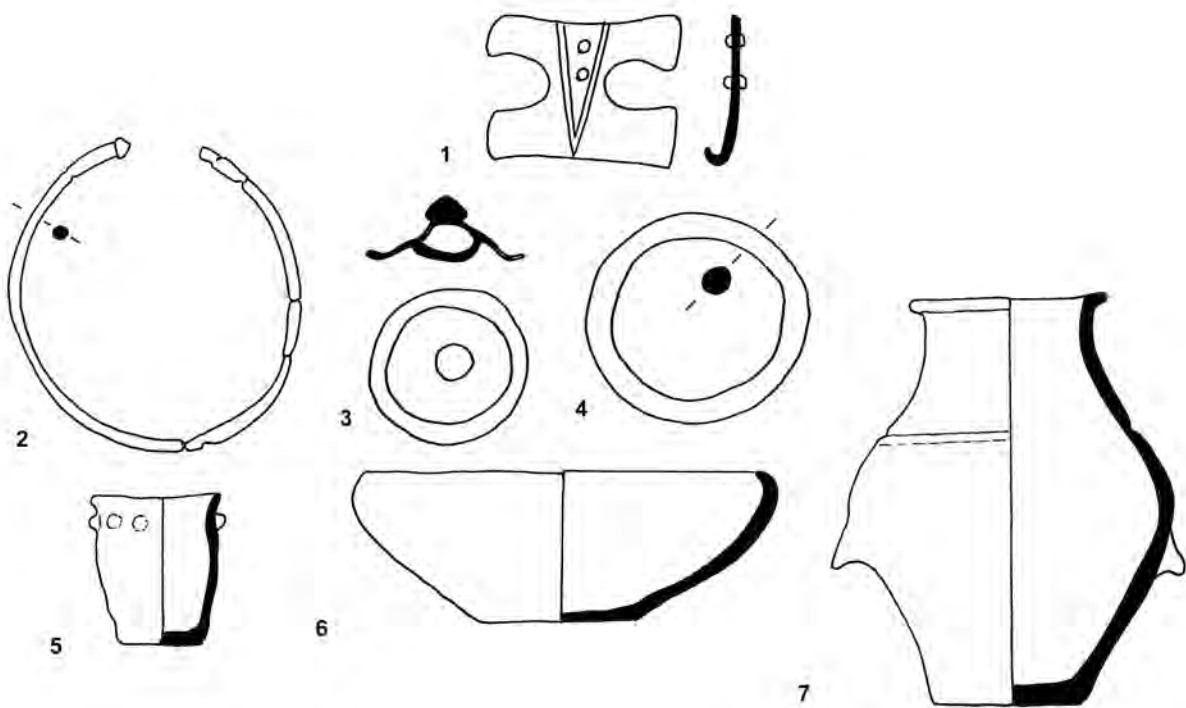


Fig. 12. Grave 4 from the Cipău-Gară cemetery (after KEMENCZEI 2004).

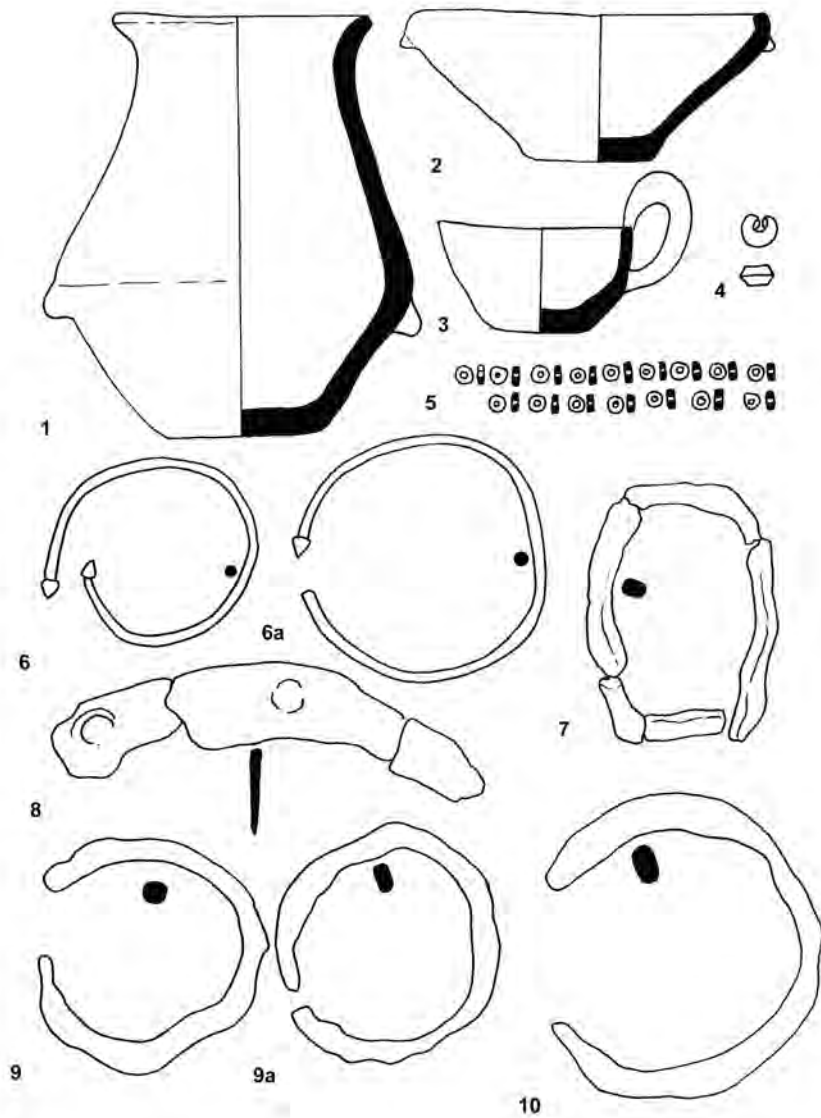


Fig. 13. Grave 8 from the Ozd-Piscul Deagului cemetery (after VASILIEV, ZRINYI 1974).

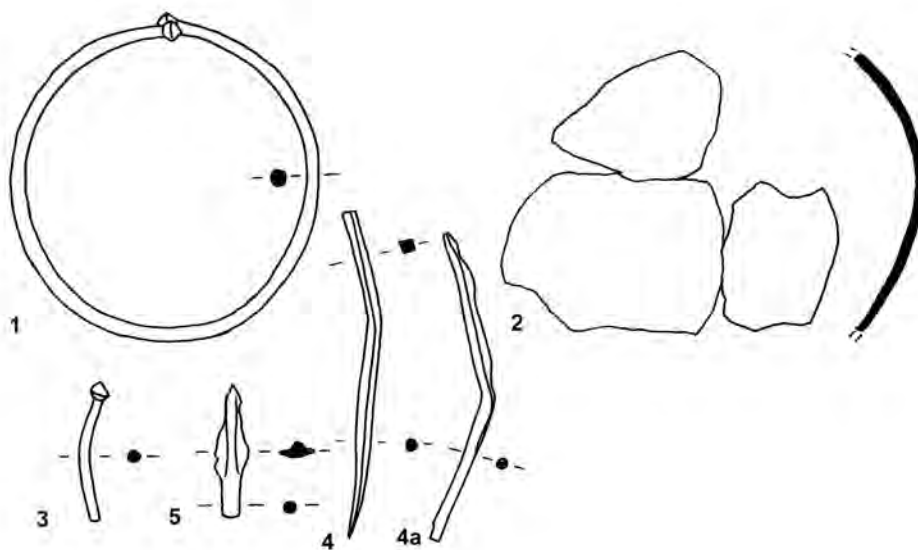


Fig. 14. Grave 50 from the Alsótelekes-Dolinka cemetery (after KEMENCZEI 1994).

two temple rings at the position of the dislocated head.⁶³ There is also the particularly interesting double inhumation grave 6, with the burials of an adult man and woman. Under the *akinake* there was a temple ring.⁶⁴

At the Târgu Mureş cemetery there was an inhumation grave with fragments of two temple rings with conical terminals. The important find for dating is the fibula with the foot in the shape of a Boeotian shield.⁶⁵ At the Simeria (Piski) cemetery one grave contained a temple ring.⁶⁶ In the Proştea Mică (Tirnăvioara) cemetery a temple ring was also found.⁶⁷ The site of Saharna Mare contained three silver temple rings. It is assumed that it could have been a hoard.⁶⁸ There is an interesting find of bronze rings with conical thickening from the Orosia settlement. At the bottom of the pit there was an inhumation burial of a child in a contracted position with two ceramic vessels in front. Along with the remains of the child, aged between 12 and 18 months, there were other finds, while each hand had a single bronze bracelet with overlapping terminals ending with conical thickenings, 3.7 × 4.0 and 3.8 × 4.0 cm in diameter; the expanded part of one of them is decorated with oblique incisions combined in a braid motif. Therefore, in this cemetery this jewellery form served as a bracelet, which is confirmed by the age of the deceased, excluding the possibility of long hair with braids where they could have been worn as temple rings. Still, we do not completely rule out the possibility that they were originally made as temple rings and later put on the child's hands as bracelets.⁶⁹

Bronze temple rings with conical thickening terminals have also been found at sites outside the Transylvanian region, which are marked during the Early Iron Age by the material heritage associated with other cultural groups. It is particularly interesting that this form of temple rings appears very rarely at the sites of the Ferigile group. Cremation grave 1 of tumulus 10 in the Tigveni cemetery contained a temple ring which was described as a bracelet. The find is

63 MARINESCU 1984, 50 and Fig. 8B/1a–b.

64 MARINESCU 1984, 50 and Fig. 11/7. – VULPE 1990, Pl. 44A. – It should also be mentioned that grave 5, also with a buried adult woman (MARINESCU 1984, 50, 77 and Fig. 10/4. – VULPE 1990, 128), contained a double-loop fibula with a rectangular foot with two holes dated to the late 7th and the beginning of the 6th century BC, also with parallels in the Balkans: KEMENCZEI 2004, 81 and Fig. 2/13. The grave also contained arrows and a bronze mirror: TERŽAN, HELLMUTH, HEIMANN 2011, 263 and Fig. 8. – Grave 5 is considered to be a burial of a female archer warrior.

65 KEMENCZEI 2004, 79 and Fig. 2/1–2.

66 KEMENCZEI 2004, 89 and Fig. 3/13.

67 KEMENCZEI 2004, 90 and Fig. 4/2.

68 NICULIŢĂ et al. 2011, 193, 195–196 and Fig. 3.

69 URSUŢIU, URÁK 2016, 256, 258–259, 261 and Fig. 1/6–7, Pls. 2; 3/2–3.

considered to be atypical for the Ferigile group; the tumulus was dated to the first half of the 5th century BC.⁷⁰ In the Gogoşu cemetery in the Danube area, in tumulus XXVII-II with a single inhumation grave, a small temple ring was found next to the head of the deceased; one of its terminals is straight, and the other ends with a conical thickening measuring only 2.6 cm in diameter.⁷¹ Also, east of the Carpathians, there are two temple rings from grave 1 from the Giurgiuleşti cemetery in Moldova. The grave and the other finds, like a fibula with the foot in the shape of a Boeotian shield, show a connection with the finds from Transylvania.⁷²

Aside from the sites of the Ciurbrud group in Transylvania, the highest number of finds of temple rings with conical thickening terminals is currently known from sites located in northeast Hungary (Fig. 16), associated with the Vekerzug group, where they have been dated to the period from the second half of the 7th to the middle of the 6th century BC, with an emphasis on the connections with Transylvania, their probable place of origin.⁷³

The Alsótelekes-Dolinka cemetery has several graves with finds of bronze temple rings with conical thickening terminals, described as bracelets, which are associated with the graves from the older burial phase, i.e. the second half of the 7th century BC.⁷⁴ Grave 16 contained a fragment with a single preserved conical thickening at the end;⁷⁵ grave 33 had fragments of a temple ring;⁷⁶ grave 43 included a temple ring;⁷⁷ and cremation grave 50, with the remains of a deceased woman laid inside the grave pit, contained a temple ring and a fragment with a preserved conical thickening (Fig. 14).⁷⁸

70 POPESCU, VULPE 1982, 87 and Fig. 14/1. – The Tigveni cemetery is characterized by cremation graves under tumuli; the finds important for the dating are fibulae with the foot shaped like a Boeotian shield and the Marvinci-Gogoşu type.

71 BERCIU, COMŞA 1956, 425, 428 and Fig. 151/5. – The grave contained a fibula of the Marvinci-Gogoşu type (Fig. 151/2): VULPE 1990, 120. – The cemetery is dated to the second half of the 7th and the beginning of the 6th century BC.

72 KEMENCZEI 2004, 83.

73 PÁRDUCZ 1965, 204–206. – CHOCHOROWSKI 1985a, 61–65. – VULPE 1990. – KEMENCZEI 2009, 80–81. – KOZUBOVÁ 2018, 31–32. – KOZUBOVÁ 2019, 107–109 and Fig. 31.

74 PATAY 1961, 42. – CHOCHOROWSKI 1985a, 65. – KEMENCZEI 1994, 89. – PATAY, KISS 2002, 114–115.

75 PATAY 1961, 31 and Pl. VI/5. – CHOCHOROWSKI 1987, 172–173 and Fig. 6/9.

76 PATAY 1961, 32 and Pl. VI/9. – CHOCHOROWSKI 1987, 172–173 and Fig. 6/18. – KEMENCZEI 2009, 81, 162 and Pl. 134/23.

77 PATAY 1961, 33 and Pl. VI/10. – KEMENCZEI 2009, 80, 162 and Pl. 135/2.

78 PATAY 1961, 34 and Pl. VI/13–14. – CHOCHOROWSKI 1987, 172–173 and Fig. 6/24–25. – KEMENCZEI 1994, 84 and Fig. 3/2–3. – KEMENCZEI 2009, 163 and Pl. 135/12, 14. – KOZUBOVÁ 2018, 32 and Fig. 19c. – KOZUBOVÁ 2019, 107 and Fig. 30/16.

Cremation grave 35a at the Tiszavasvári-Csárdapart cemetery included two bronze temple rings defined as bracelets.⁷⁹ At the Dédestapolcsány-Verebce-terőn cemetery, double grave 2 had two urns. One urn, containing the remains of a child aged 10 to 11, included a bronze bracelet with overlapping terminals and two rings. The other urn contained the remains of a child aged 3.5 to 4.5, and a bronze ring with one preserved terminal that is conically expanded. The temple ring is associated with the Pontus-Transylvanian type, dated to the second half of the 7th and the first half of the 6th century BC.⁸⁰ The Ártánd cemetery included two temple rings that are believed to have served as earrings. They have conical thickenings, and one of them has a bronze conical pendant on the body. It is assumed that the third temple ring could have served as a bracelet and that it probably originated from the same grave.⁸¹ The Pilinyi cemetery included a bronze temple ring defined as a bracelet.⁸² Another find is a temple ring from the Sajógömör cemetery.⁸³ An unknown site in the area of Zips in eastern Slovakia included a bronze temple ring with conical thickening terminals. Around the temple ring there is another smaller ring with an expansion. The temple ring is dated to the end of the 7th and the first half of the 6th century BC, with parallels in northeast Hungary and in the area of the Ciurbrud group.⁸⁴

Somewhat different smooth rings with small conical thickenings, made of electrum and found in the Tapiószele cemetery, are assumed to have served as earrings and are attributed local origin, dated from the end of the 6th century BC.⁸⁵ Cremation grave 302, with the remains of a woman laid directly into the grave pit, included a smooth ring with small conical thickenings.⁸⁶ Two small identical rings have

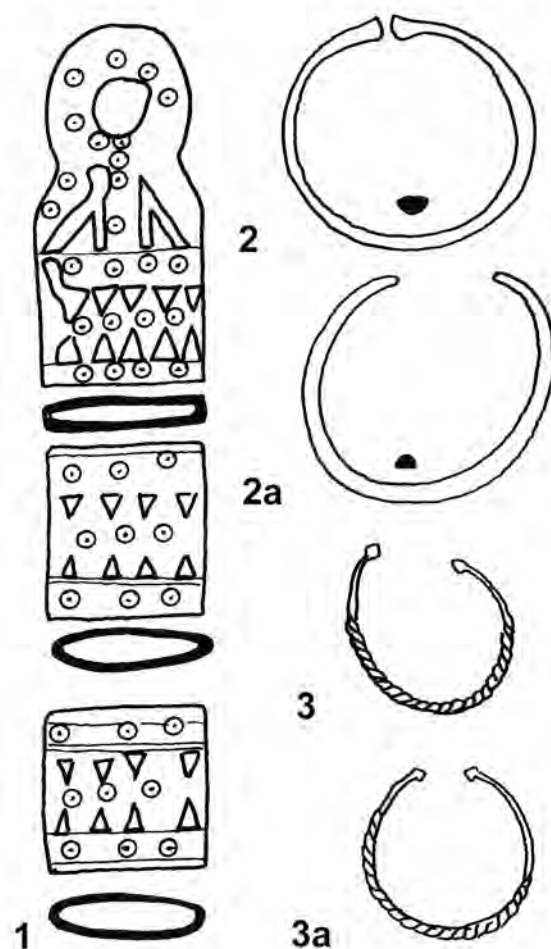


Fig. 15. The finds from Dulbok Dol (after HRISTOV 2004).

been found in grave 337,⁸⁷ while cremation grave 341 contained four entire rings and one fragmented ring, all with small conical thickenings.⁸⁸ Cremation grave 392 contained two rings with small hemispherical thickenings,⁸⁹ while cremation grave 462 contained a small twisted ring with a button-shaped terminal.⁹⁰ Cremation grave 32 in the Tiszavasvári-Csárdapart cemetery, dated to the 6th century BC, included a small, round-section silver ring ending with small spherical thickenings.⁹¹

As a separate variant we can single out twisted rings with expanded conical terminals found at the sites in northern Bulgaria and made of silver (Fig. 16). For instance, the

⁷⁹ KEMENCZEI 2009, 155 and Pl. 121/9.

⁸⁰ TÓTH 2012, 64, 74 and Pl. 5/6. – KOZUBOVÁ 2018, 32 and Fig. 19a. – KOZUBOVÁ 2019, 107 and Fig. 30/6.

⁸¹ PÁRDU CZ 1965, 139, 204 and Pl. XXII/1–3. – Two gold rings, defined as bracelets, with terminals that have conical expansions have also been found in Ártánd. They were found in fragments and it is possible that the ends were folded. Their bodies are decorated with series of four knobs made in the granulation technique. There are also knobs at the top of the conical thickenings and in their lower part: PÁRDU CZ 1965, 146 and Pl. XX/1–2. – KEMENCZEI 2009, 80, 85, 116 and Pl. 6/2–3.

⁸² PATAY 1955, 66, 72 and Pl. XVI/10. – PÁRDU CZ 1965, 206. – KEMENCZEI 2009, 81, 173 and Pl. 171/26.

⁸³ PÁRDU CZ 1954, 70. – VASILIEV 1970, 6. – MARINESCU 1984, 80, n. 208.

⁸⁴ BENEDIKOVÁ 2007, 70 and Fig. 6/11. – BENEDIKOVÁ 2017, 357 and Fig. 13/10.

⁸⁵ PÁRDU CZ 1966, 85.

⁸⁶ PÁRDU CZ 1966, 61 and Pl. XXXIX/27. – CHOCHOROWSKI 1985a, 65 and Fig. 13/13. – KEMENCZEI 2009, 138 and Pl. 88/8.

⁸⁷ PÁRDU CZ 1966, 61 and Pl. XLIX/32, 34.

⁸⁸ PÁRDU CZ 1966, 67 and Pl. L/26–31.

⁸⁹ PÁRDU CZ 1966, 73 and Pl. LXIV/11–12.

⁹⁰ PÁRDU CZ 1966, 80 and Fig. 5/11.

⁹¹ KEMENCZEI 2002, 45 and Fig. 11/1. – KEMENCZEI 2009, 81, 155 and Pl. 120/4. – KOZUBOVÁ 2018, 32 and Fig. 17b.

Site / Grave	Ritual	Age	No.	Diam. in cm	Other Important Costume Items and Weaponry	Other Important Jewellery Items	References
Dobra (Kožica I)	INH?		2		double-looped fibula with ribbed bow and probably with hourglass foot, double-looped bow fibula with the foot in the shape of the Boeotian shield	bracelet of circular cross section which is decorated with transverse grooves on the ends	TASIĆ 1969. – POPOVIĆ 1984, 135 and Fig. 1. – VASIĆ 1999, 58, 66, Pls. 30/360; 34/446.
Aiud-Gerepen	INH		1	4.0			VULPE 1984, 43–44.
Aiud-Parc	stray finds		several, 1 from Au	4.5 6.0–7.0			CRISAN 1974, 107 and Fig. 5/7. – VASILIEV 1980, 105 and Pl. 19/1. – VULPE 1984, 36, 38, 40 and Figs. 2/3; 6/15–19; 7/9.
Blaj grave 1	INH	child 8–10	1	4.3		glass and amber beads, kauri snails	VASILIEV 1972, 22 and Pl. V/1.
Blaj grave 2	INH	F adult	1+1	5.2		glass beads	VASILIEV 1972, 26 and Pl. VI/1–2. – VASILIEV 1980, 105 and Pl. 18/14.
Blaj grave 3	INH	M? adult	1	4.6		fragment of bronze bracelet?	VASILIEV 1972, 26 and Pl. VII/6.
Blaj grave 7	INH	F adult	1+1	5.2	three trefoil gold plaques decorated with embossing, gold trapezoidal plaque decorated in granulation technique	glass beads	VASILIEV 1972, 27 and Pl. IX/1–2.
Budești-Fînațe grave 1	INH	F adult	1+1	5.2 5.5			MARINESCU 1984, 48 and Fig. 2A/1a–b.
Budești-Fînațe grave 3	INH	child 9–10	1	1.8	three bronze rings, open-work bronze fetter	three open-work bronze pendants, bronze pendant with two bird protomes and six eyes with trapezoidal pendants hanging from them	MARINESCU 1984, 48 and Fig. 3/8. – VULPE 1990, 98, 128 and Pl. 42B.
Budești-Fînațe grave 5	INH	F adult	1+1	6.5 6.7		more than 500 beads, kauri snails, bronze saltaleone	MARINESCU 1984, 48 and Fig. 4/4a–b.
Cipău-Gară grave IV	INH	F adult	1	5.6 × 6.1	double-looped bow fibula with the foot in the shape of the Boeotian shield, bronze button with knob at the top	bronze bracelet	V. LASSA 1961, 28 and Fig. 6/3. – KEMENCZEI 2004, 79, 81 and Fig. 2/7.
Ciumbrud-Podireu grave XIV	INH	F adult	1+1	5.6	spectacle fibula	two iron rings, kauri snails	FERENCZI 1965, 102. – FERENCZI 1966, 54 and Fig. 18/2. – FERENCZI 1969, 50 and Fig. 18/2. – KEMENCZEI 2004, 83.

Tab. 2. Graves of the Ciumberud and Vekerzug groups containing temple rings of type A – the Ciumberud type – with important items of costume, jewellery and weaponry (M. Dizdar).

Site / Grave	Ritual	Age	No.	Diam. in cm	Other Important Costume Items and Weaponry	Other Important Jewellery Items	References
Ciumbrud-Podireu	stray finds		at least 4	6.5			FERENCZI 1965, 87 and Fig. 8/2, 5, 12-14.
Cristești-Szörtsey grave 7	INH	F adult	1	6.0	two spectacle fibulae		CRİȘAN 1965a, 59 and Fig. 12/7. – CRİȘAN 1974, 107 and Fig. 6/2. – KEMENCZEI 2004, 83 and Fig. 3/11.
Cristești-Szörtsey grave 10	INH	F adult	1+1	6.0			ZRÍNYI 1965, 37 and Pls. V/3; XIII/37; XV/38.
Dezmir	stray finds						CRİȘAN 1964, 92 and Fig. 3/2, Pl. II/1.
Gîmbaș-Măgauricea grave 14	INH		1+1		bronze fibula with bow and upper part of the foot	two calotte-shaped buttons, glass beads	KEMENCZEI 2004, 89 and Fig. 4/20, 22.
Gîmbaș-Măgauricea grave 20	INH		2+2		Poiana-type fibula	bronze calotte-shaped button	VULPE 1984, 47 and Fig. 8/4-6, 8. – KEMENCZEI 2004, 90 and Fig. 4/17.
Mărișelu grave 2	INH	F adult	1+1	4.5 4.7		a few hundred beads	MARINESCU 1984, 49 and Fig. 8A/2a-b.
Mărișelu grave 3	INH	F adult	1+1	5.6 5.8		a few hundred beads	MARINESCU 1984, 50 and Fig. 8B/1a-b.
Mărișelu grave 6	INH	M+F adults	1	5.5		beads	MARINESCU 1984, 50 and Fig. 11/7. – VULPE 1990, Pl. 44A.
Oradea-Salca	stray finds		1				CRİȘAN 1965b, 136. – NÉMETI 1982, 130 and Fig. 20/4.
Orosia	INH	child 1-1.5	1+1	3.7 × 4.0 3.8 × 4.0		glass beads, bronze saltalene	URSUȚIU, URÁK 2016, 256, 258-259, 261 and Fig. 1/6-7, Pls. 2; 3/2-3.
Ozd-Piscul Deagului grave 1-2	INH		1				VASILIEV, ZRÍNYI 1974, 90 and Pl. X/1.
Ozd-Piscul Deagului grave 8	INH	F adult	1+1			kauri snails, glass beads, four iron rings	VASILIEV, ZRÍNYI 1974, 93 and Pls. Vb; IXa; XII/6-7.
Ozd-Piscul Deagului grave 16	INH		1				VASILIEV, ZRÍNYI 1974, 96 and Pl. XVI/16.
Proștea Mică	INH		1	6.8	fragment of double-looped fibula without preserved foot	trefoil pendant, kauri snails	KEMENCZEI 2004, 90 and Fig. 4/2.
Saharna Mare	hoard?		3 (Ag)	4.0-4.9		bracelets, amber and glass beads	NICULIȚĂ et al. 2011, 195-196 and Fig. 3.

Tab. 2. Continued.

Site / Grave	Ritual	Age	No.	Diam. in cm	Other Important Costume Items and Weaponry	Other Important Jewellery Items	References
Simeria	INH		1	6.5	bronze fibula with loops on the bow and rectangular foot, bronze ring with four eyes on the edge	bone bead	KEMENCZEI 2004, 89 and Fig. 3/13.
Târgu Mureş	INH		1+1		double-looped bow fibula with the foot in the shape of the Boeotian shield		KEMENCZEI 2004, 79 and Fig. 2/1-2.
Teiuş-Cetăţuia grave 7	INH	F adult	1+1	5.6 6.0		glass beads	HOREDT 1953, 802 and Fig. 11/1-2.
Teiuş-Cetăţuia grave 1	INH	F adult	1	fragment			VASILIEV, BADEA, MAN 1973, 28 and Fig. 3/1.
Teiuş-Cetăţuia grave 2	INH	F adult	1 (Ag)	4.7	akimakes, arrowheads	circular pendant	VASILIEV 1970, 41-42 and Fig. 1/3. - VASILIEV, BADEA, MAN 1973, 28, 31 and Fig. 4/3. - CRIŞAN 1974, 107 and Fig. 5/9. - VASILIEV 1980, 105 and Pl. 19/2. - VULPE 1990, Pl. 46C. - CHOCHOROWSKI 1998, 480 and Fig. 3/52. - CHOCHOROWSKI 2014, 21, 23 and Fig. 11/52. VASILIEV 1980, 105 and Pl. 19/5.
Transylvania	stray find						
Gogoşu tumulus XXVIII	INH		1	2.6	Marvinci-Gogoşu-type fibula		BERCIU, COMŞA 1956, 425, 428 and Fig. 151/5.
Tigveni grave 1 tumulus 10	CREM		1				POPESCU, VULPE 1982, 87 and Fig. 14/1.
Giurguleşti grave 1	INH		1+1		double-looped bow fibula with the foot in the shape of the Boeotian shield	6 propeller pendants, 6 kauri snails	KEMENCZEI 2004, 83.
Alsótelekes-Dolinka grave 16	CREM		1				PATAY 1961, 31, Pl. VI/5. - CHOCHOROWSKI 1987, 172-173 and Fig. 6/9.
Alsótelekes-Dolinka grave 33	CREM		1	8.0			PATAY 1961, 32 and Pl. VI/9. - CHOCHOROWSKI 1987, 172-173 and Fig. 6/18. - KEMENCZEI 2009, 81, 162 and Pl. 134/23.
Alsótelekes-Dolinka grave 43	CREM		1	5.6			PATAY 1961, 33 and Pl. VI/10. - KEMENCZEI 2009, 80, 162 and Pl. 135/2.

Tab. 2. Continued.

Site / Grave	Ritual	Age	No.	Diam. in cm	Other Important Costume Items and Weaponry	Other Important Jewellery Items	References
Alsótelekes-Dolinka grave 50	CREM		2	5.6	small iron arrowhead		PATAY 1961, 34 and Pl. VI/13–14. – CHOCHOROWSKI 1987, 172–173 and Fig. 6/24–25. – KEMENCZEI 1994, 84 and Fig. 3/2–3. – KEMENCZEI 2009, 163 and Pl. 135/12, 14. – KOZUBOVÁ 2018, 32 and Fig. 19c. – KOZUBOVÁ 2019, 107 and Fig. 30/16.
Ártánd	stray finds		3	4.3 5.8			PARDUCZ 1965, 139, 204 and Pl. XXII/1–3.
Dédestapolcsány-Verebce-terőn grave 2	CREM	child+child 10–11 3.5 – 4.5	1	5.0		bronze bracelet	TÓTH 2012, 64, 74 and Pl. 5/6. – KOZUBOVÁ 2018, 32 and Fig. 19a. – KOZUBOVÁ 2019, 107 and Fig. 30/6.
Pilinyi	stray find		1	9.4			PATAY 1955, 66, 72 and Pl. XVI/10. – PARDUCZ 1965, 206. – KEMENCZEI 2009, 81, 173 and Pl. 171/26.
Sajógömör	stray find		1				PARDUCZ 1954, 70. – VASILIEV 1970, 6. – MARINESCU 1984, 80, n. 208.
Tapiószele grave 302	CREM	F	1				PARDUCZ 1966, 61 and Pl. XXXIX/27. – CHOCHOROWSKI 1985a, 65 and Fig. 13/13. – KEMENCZEI 2009, 138 and Pl. 88/8.
Tapiószele grave 337	CREM		2				PARDUCZ 1966, 61 and Pl. XLIX/32, 34.
Tapiószele grave 341	CREM		5				PARDUCZ 1966, 67 and Pl. L/26–31.
Tapiószele grave 392	CREM		2				PARDUCZ 1966, 73 and Pl. LXIV/11–2.
Tapiószele grave 462	CREM		1				PARDUCZ 1966, 80 and Fig. 5/11.
Tiszavasvári-Csárdapart grave 32	CREM		1 (Ag)	4.1 × 2.7	triangular arrowheads, iron axe		KEMENCZEI 2002, 45 and Fig. 11/1. – KEMENCZEI 2009, 81, 155 and Pl. 120/4. – KOZUBOVÁ 2018, 32 and Fig. 17b.
Tiszavasvári-Csárdapart grave 35a	CREM		2	6.4			KEMENCZEI 2009, 155 and Pl. 121/9.

Tab. 2. Continued.

Malka Brestnica site included a twisted temple ring with smooth overlapping terminals ending with conical thickenings.⁹² A tumulus at the Dulbok Dol site, which seems to be a rich burial of a woman, included two twisted temple rings with conical terminals; the part before the terminals is also smooth (Fig. 15). They are 4.3 and 4.8 cm in diameter; the grave has been dated to the 7th century BC.⁹³ The same dating applies to the tumuli from the Radjuvene site, where as many as eight more or less twisted temple rings have been found.⁹⁴ This ensemble of finds is similar to the contemporary one in Donja Dolina. We must also mention the finds from grave 1 of tumulus 2 at the Kočan site, where five small silver rings have been found; four of them are twisted, but only in the middle part, while the terminals are smooth. The rings have a small diameter: 1.5 to 2.6 cm. The grave has been dated to the second half of the 6th century BC.⁹⁵

On the other hand, what mostly appears in the Vekerzug group cemeteries are differently shaped small rings, made of bronze, silver, electrum, or gold; they are assumed to be hair decorations, while the first publications listed them as earrings. The terminals can have variously shaped thickenings (i.e. conical, mushroom-shaped, plate). Most finds come from cremation graves, but the finds on both sides of the head in inhumation graves show that they were head/hair decorations. It was the characteristic head decoration of the Vekerzug group over the entire duration of the group (from the second half of the 7th to the end of the 4th century BC), which most often appears in female graves, as the deceased probably came from richer families. Different types have been classified considering the form of the body, with certain forms being widespread in the northeast Carpathian Basin and considered to be a product of local workshops under eastern influences.⁹⁶ A particularly important insight is that those head/hair decorations were most often worn by adult women, while pairing with other forms used as body decoration makes it possible to identify several types

of female costume, which probably indicates social stratification in the communities.⁹⁷

Especially interesting finds are twisted rings made of silver, sometimes bronze, which are known in large numbers from the Szentes-Vekerzug cemetery, where they have been found both in cremation and inhumation graves and are sometimes described as earrings, with the mentioned parallels at the sites in Transylvania and northern Bulgaria, but also Donja Dolina, where, however, they have a smooth body. For the rings with conical thickening terminals there are particularly notable parallels at the Transylvanian sites, where they could have originated, but twisted bodies have not been found there, so the origin of twisting is looked for in eastern Hungary or northern Bulgaria.⁹⁸ Ring terminals often have conical or spherical thickenings preceded by a short and smooth part.⁹⁹ For instance, cremation grave 27 included two twisted rings with smooth and overlapping terminals,¹⁰⁰ while cremation grave 34 included one gold and one silver twisted ring.¹⁰¹ Next to the head of the deceased woman in inhumation grave 46 there were two silver twisted rings described as earrings. It seems that one terminal has a conical thickening.¹⁰² The richly furnished cremation grave 61 contained rings of twisted silver wire that seemingly had a conical thickening at one end and a spherical thickening at the other, with parallels from Ártánd, dated before the middle of the 6th century BC.¹⁰³ Cremation grave 74 contained three silver twisted rings of different diameters, with

92 DUŠEK 1964b, 69 and Pl. III/2. – DUŠEK 1974, 371 and Pl. III/15.

93 HRISTOV 2004, 44, 54, 59 and Figs. 1, 6–7.

94 HRISTOV 2004, 51, 55 and Fig. 12; 61 nos. 29–32.

95 GERGOVA 1987, 73 and Pl. 35/A156–159.

96 On the classification of hair ornaments at the Vekerzug group cemeteries: DUŠEK 1966, 34–35. – CHOCHOROWSKI 1985a, 61, 64. – KEMENCZEI 2002, 29, 57–70. – KEMENCZEI 2009, 71, 80–85. – KEMENCZEI 2010, 118 and Fig. 10. – ILON 2017. For the most detailed typo-chronological classification of the head/hair ornaments, see KOZUBOVÁ 2013, 26–34. – KOZUBOVÁ 2018, 13–55 and Fig. 10. – KOZUBOVÁ 2019, 106–109 and Figs. 28, 31. – Kozubová divides them into three basic types, and the Vekerzug group is particularly characterized by the second type, appearing in the first half of the 6th century BC.

97 KOZUBOVÁ 2018, 13, 39–55. – KOZUBOVÁ 2019, 146–149. – Emphasis is placed on the correlation between different combinations of jewellery with respect to the gender, age, and social status of the deceased.

98 PÁRDU CZ 1954, 35, 52, 64–65. – PÁRDU CZ 1955, Pls. V/12; VI/4. – PÁRDU CZ 1965, 204–205. – The listed parallels with Donja Dolina are the finds of pendants, plate fibulae, Novi Pazar type fibulae etc. (PÁRDU CZ 1965, Pls. VIII/1; XV/11; XXII/1–2). – Interestingly, KEMENCZEI 2009, 80, mentions twisted silver temple rings with conical terminals from the graves in Donja Dolina, which are actually not present at that cemetery.

99 KEMENCZEI 2009, 80. – As hair ornaments of the first type in the graves dated to the 7th and 6th centuries BC: KOZUBOVÁ 2018, 32. – KOZUBOVÁ 2019, 107–108 points out that the twisted rings found at the cemeteries in eastern Hungary have a local origin and do not appear before the 6th century BC, and are still worn in the first half of the 5th century BC, maybe with an origin in the west, where they appear earlier (Ha C2/D1).

100 PÁRDU CZ 1954, 30 and Pl. VI/12. – KEMENCZEI 2002, 31 and Fig. 4/11. – KEMENCZEI 2009, 80, 135 and Pl. 69/11. – KOZUBOVÁ 2018, 32 and Fig. 17a.

101 PÁRDU CZ 1954, 32 and Pl. VI/17–18. – KEMENCZEI 2009, 80, 135 and Pl. 70/14, 17.

102 PÁRDU CZ 1954, 34 and Pl. XIII/17–18.

103 PÁRDU CZ 1954, 36 and Pl. XVII/8–9. – KEMENCZEI 2004, 87, 89 and Fig. 6/10–11. – KEMENCZEI 2009, 80, 135 and Pl. 74/6–7.

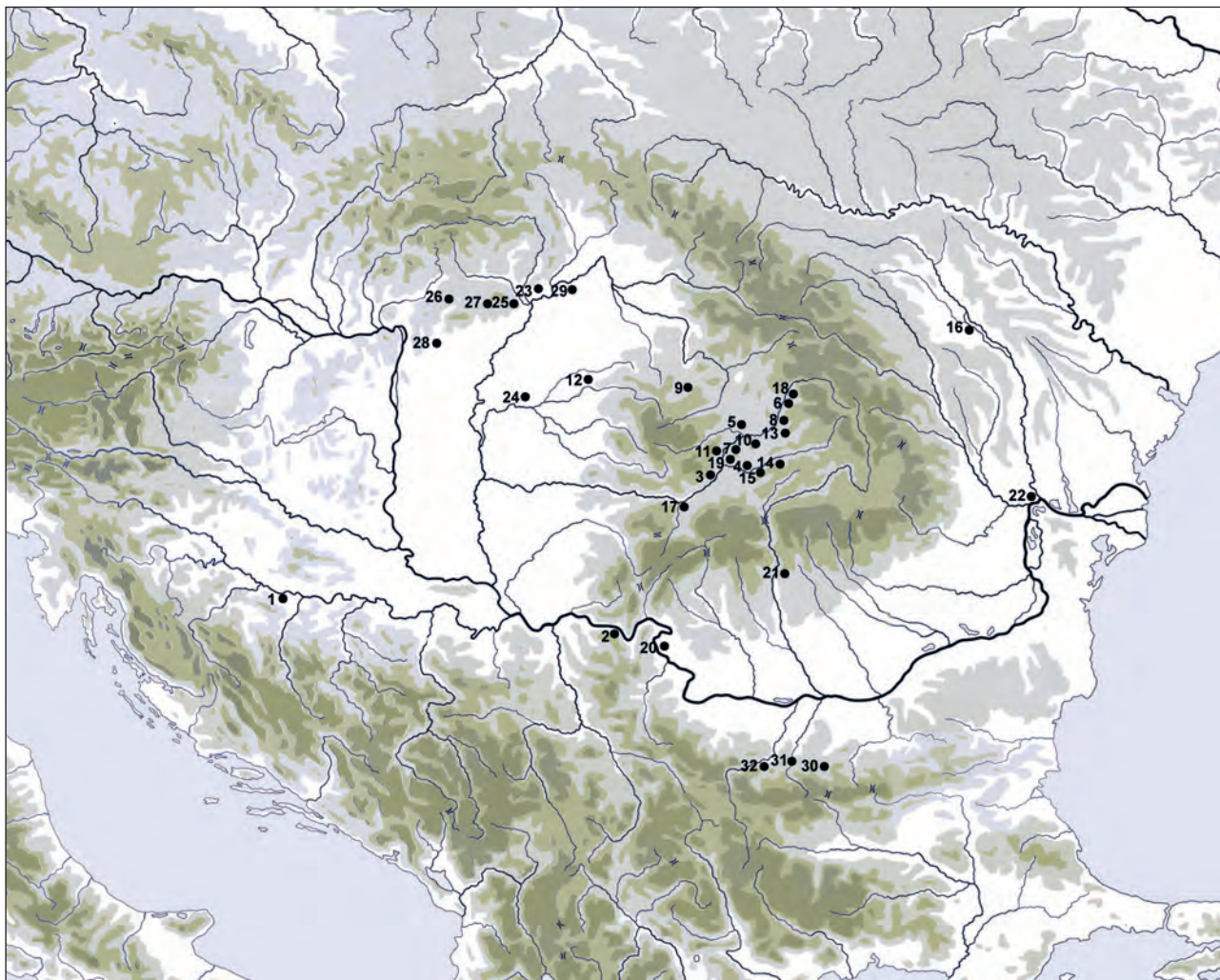


Fig. 16. Distribution map of the finds of type A temple rings, the Ciumbrud type. – 1. Donja Dolina. – 2. Dobra-Kožica I. – 3. Aiud-Gerepen and Parc. – 4. Blaj. – 5. Budești-Fînațe. – 6. Cipău-Gară. – 7. Ciumbrud-Podireu. – 8. Cristești-Szörtsey. – 9. Dezmir. – 10. Gîmbaș-Măgauricea. – 11. Mărișelu. – 12. Oradea-Salca. – 13. Orosia. – 14. Ozd-Piscul Deagului. – 15. Proștea Mică. – 16. Saharna Mare. – 17. Simeria. – 18. Târgu Mureș. – 19. Teiuș-Cetățuia. – 20. Gogoșu. – 21. Tigveni. – 22. Giurgiulești. – 23. Alsótelekes-Dolinka. – 24. Ártánd. – 25. Dédestapolcsány-Verebce-terőn. – 26. Pilinyi. – 27. Sajógömör. – 28. Tapiószele. – 29. Tiszavasvári-Csárdapart. – Bulgarian variant: 30. Dulbok Dol. – 31. Malka Brestnica. – 32. Radjuvene (M. Dizdar and A. Kapuran).

small conical thickenings that are pulled through each other.¹⁰⁴ Inhumation grave 76 contained a pair of silver twisted rings with expanded conical terminals.¹⁰⁵ On each side of the head of the deceased in inhumation grave 114 there was an electrum ring with a twisted body and conical thickening terminals.¹⁰⁶

After listing all the known sites with the finds of temple rings with conical thickening terminals of type A or the

Ciumbrud type, especially in the case of closed grave assemblages from Donja Dolina (Tab. 1) all the way to the cemeteries of Transylvania and northeast Hungary (Tab. 2), it is necessary to briefly present the history of research of this very characteristic item of female jewellery, which often appears in the cemeteries of the eponymous Ciumbrud group, but also in northeast Hungary and in the Donja Dolina cemetery (Fig. 16).

Temple rings with conical terminals – the Ciumbrud type – were considered characteristic for the ‘Scythian’ graves in Transylvania by the first researchers, Nicolae Vlassa¹⁰⁷ and

¹⁰⁴ PÁRDUCZ 1954, 38 and Pl. XXIV/1.

¹⁰⁵ PÁRDUCZ 1955, 39 and Pl. XXIV/12–13. – CHOCHOROWSKI 1985a, 136 and Fig. 47/16. – KEMENCZEI 2009, 136 and Pl. 75/22.

¹⁰⁶ PÁRDUCZ 1955, 3 and Pl. III/16–17. – CHOCHOROWSKI 1985a, Fig. 13/14. – CHOCHOROWSKI 1985b, 227 and Pl. 4/17.

¹⁰⁷ VLASSA 1961, 40.

Ion Horațiu Crișan, who pointed out that their origin was the area along the northern shores of the Black Sea.¹⁰⁸ This opinion on the Scythian origin was taken up by Mikuláš Dušek.¹⁰⁹ Ștefan Ferenczi also writes that smooth temple rings with conical terminals often appeared in cemeteries in Transylvania, noticeably differing from the finds from the cemeteries along the Tisza River and in southern Slovakia. Also, he mentions that this form of temple ring appears at the sites along the northern shores of the Black Sea, most often exceeding 5.0 cm in diameter.¹¹⁰ Valentin Vasiliev, in his analysis of the Blaj cemetery and in some later papers, sought the origins of temple rings north of the Black Sea, and considers their typology, distribution, origin, and the chronological framework of different forms of temple rings. In that respect, he identifies three basic types of temple rings with defined distribution areas; the first one is characterized by conical thickening terminals and is considered characteristic for the 'Scythian' group of the 6th century BC, located north of the Black Sea, and for the sites in Transylvania and some in northeast Hungary, while they are rare in the west and south.¹¹¹ A similar opinion is given by Vasiliev and Andrei Zrínyi in the analysis of the Ozd-Piscul Deagului cemetery; they identify two basic types. The first type includes temple

rings with conical thickening terminals that are believed to be characteristic for 'Scythian' cemeteries and considered as an influence from the areas north of the Black Sea. The second type is represented by two variants: the first includes temple rings from child grave 6, of round cross section and smaller dimensions; the second includes the finds from grave 9, which have a semicircular cross section and overlapping tapering terminals, which is a characteristic of recognized type C1 in Donja Dolina. After all, temple rings are considered to be characteristic of the Ciumbrud group, distributed across Transylvania, where they came from the areas north of the Black Sea, and those in the Ozd cemetery have been dated to the beginning of the 6th century BC.¹¹² The same opinion is provided by Vulpe, who identifies them as one of the distinctive forms of the Ciumbrud group at the sites in Transylvania, primarily in the cemeteries; he describes them as earrings. The beginning of the group has been dated to the middle of the 7th century BC, with three phases.¹¹³ Interestingly, when Vasić mentions the finds of double-loop fibulae with the foot in the shape of a Boeotian shield or some other forms from the Transylvanian sites (Cipău-Gară, Târgu Mureș), associating them with the finds from the western and central Balkans, he also mentions the finds of hair rings with conical terminals that are frequent at the Transylvanian sites and can be found in Donja Dolina too.¹¹⁴ Teržan believes that smooth wire temple rings with conical thickening terminals are one of the characteristic forms of the Vekerzug group; the elements of particular importance for dating are the finds from the graves in Donja Dolina, where they were together with various costume and jewellery items from the second half of the 7th century BC.¹¹⁵

108 CRIȘAN 1964, 92. – CRIȘAN 1974, 107 and Fig. 5/7–9. – Mention is also made of finds from the Dacian sites, which are much younger, e.g. grave dating in the 3rd century BC from the Murighiol cemetery: BUJOR 1958, 135 and Fig. 7/15–17.

109 DUŠEK 1964a, 284–285 and Fig. 5/9. – DUŠEK 1974, 371. – A similar opinion is provided by CHOCHOROWSKI 1985b, 227, who believes that the appearance of the Transylvanian group at the beginning of the 6th century BC is related to the Scythian incursions from the east. On a reverse direction of spreading: PÁRDUCZ 1965, 206.

110 FERENCZI 1969, 49–50 and Fig. 8/2, 5, 12–14.

111 VASILIEV 1970, 41–50 and Fig. 7. – VASILIEV 1972, 48–50. – VASILIEV, BADEA, MAN 1973, 31. – VASILIEV 1980, 105 and Pls. 18/4; 19/1–3, 5. – NÉMETI 1982, 123. – The first variant is characterized by conical thickenings at the terminals – it is the Pontic-Transylvanian variant. The second variant is called Szentes-Vekerzug-Chotín and is widespread in eastern Hungary and Slovakia in the 6th century BC. The last is the Pontic-South Danube variant, occurring at sites along the northern shores of the Black Sea in the 6th century BC, and present in Thracia in the 5th century BC. Finally, he quotes silver finds already belonging to the Late Iron Age and even to antiquity, of smaller dimensions, with larger and smaller conical expansion or one terminal ending with a smaller conical thickening, while the other just tapers. These younger forms, often described as earrings, have been found at numerous sites dating from the end of the 4th century BC right up until the 1st century AD: RUSTOIU 1996, 102–103, 196–197 and Fig. 50, Pl. 51/1–10. – RUSTOIU 2002, 104 and Fig. 70/23–29. – SPÂNU 2012, 52 and Fig. 9. – We also mention a silver earring with a diameter of 5.5 cm from the site of Šetonje-Vasina glavica (or Salakovac-Mogila-Most) in northern Serbia, which has a larger conical thickening at one terminal and a smaller one at the other, and is dated to Iron Age III (STOJČIĆ, JACANOVIĆ 2008, 281, 283 and Figs. 131, 150, Pl. CXX/15).

112 VASILIEV, ZRÍNYI 1974, 112–113, 117. Type 1: Pls. X/1; XII/6–7; XVI/16. Type 2: Pls. XI/10–11; XIII/16–17. – In the richly equipped grave 6, where a 6-year-old girl was buried: VASILIEV, ZRÍNYI 1974, 92 and Pls. IVb; XI/10–11. – In grave 9, where an adult woman was buried, on each side of her head there are temple rings of semicircular cross section, with folded tapering terminals that are 5.8 cm in diameter: VASILIEV, ZRÍNYI 1974, 94 and Pls. VIa; IXb; XIII/16–17.

113 VULPE 1970, 153 and Fig. 9/4. – VULPE 1990, 127–130. – KEMENCZEI 1994, 83. – KEMENCZEI 2002, 63. – Ciumbrud group cemeteries are composed of smaller groups of graves and date from the mid-7th century BC. – CHOCHOROWSKI 1998, 479–480, associates the Transylvanian group with the oldest Scythian elements and also dates them around the mid-7th century BC, even though it is not excluded that the first Scythian influences date from the turn of the 8th and the 7th centuries BC. Similar to Vulpe, he concludes that the group certainly existed as early as the second half of the 7th century BC.

114 VASIĆ 1974, 37, n. 17. – VASIĆ 1987b, 545. – VASIĆ 1999, 58, 66. – KEMENCZEI 2009, 81.

115 TERŽAN 1998, 515. – Contacts are also indicated by the finds of plate fibulae.

Very significant insights were gained through the analysis of the cemeteries of Budești-Fînațe and Mărișelu, where George Marinescu noticed that temple rings with conical thickening terminals were found on both sides of the head, next to the ear opening. On the basis of the position, he concludes that they could have been worn as earrings or temple rings, both possibilities being likely, but he favours the earrings explanation, since the conical terminal for pulling through the ear is small or missing in most specimens. Also, after remarking that they differ in both size and weight, the cause is found in the age of the person that wore them. It is believed they are characteristic of female graves but can sometimes be found in male graves, taking as an example grave 2 from the Teiuș cemetery. They frequently appear in the Transylvanian cemeteries, where they have been dated to the second half of the 7th century BC and later (Budești, Targu Mureș), and they appear later and more rarely among the Scythians. Instead of the previous theory of the Scythian origin of this type of temple ring, this presents them as a local form that probably originated in Transylvania. It is also pointed out that they occasionally appear in Thracia, and they are also known from the Donja Dolina cemetery, where they are contemporary with the Transylvanian finds.¹¹⁶ The connection of the Transylvanian cemeteries with that in Donja Dolina, based on the form of bronze temple rings with conical thickening terminals, but also some other forms of fibulae, is also recognized by Tibor Kemenczei. He dates them to the Scythian horizon and later, not excluding the possibility that they came to Transylvania from the east. In Donja Dolina, he dates them to the second half of the 7th century BC.¹¹⁷ There is a particularly interesting interpretation of a find from a child grave in the Orosia settlement where rings with conical terminals were documented as serving as bracelets, while allowing for the possibility that they were originally made as temple rings. This form is considered to be characteristic for the Ciunbrud group. On the basis of specific contexts, it can be concluded that they were worn as hair decorations, mostly by adult women, and were dated to the 6th and 5th centuries BC.¹¹⁸

There are particularly important studies of the hair decorations of the Vekerzug group by Anita Kozubová, whose

¹¹⁶ MARINESCU 1984, 80–81. – Some graves have a single temple ring, and some have two of them – one on each side. To the middle and the second half of the 7th century BC can be dated finds from cemeteries of Budești, Cipău, Targu Mureș, Aiud, and Cristești II, and the older phase of the Ferigile (south) cemetery. Younger cemeteries are Mărișelu, Ciunbrud, Blaj, Ozd, and Ferigile north.

¹¹⁷ KEMENCZEI 1988, 93. – KEMENCZEI 2002, 66. – KEMENCZEI 2004, 81, 83, 90. – KEMENCZEI 2009, 80–81. – The connection of Transylvania and the eastern Carpathian Basin with the northern Balkans is also indicated by some types of bronze fibulae.

¹¹⁸ URSUȚIU, URÁK 2016, 261, 264–265.

considerations include the finds of temple rings with conical thickening terminals, which she defines as the Ciunbrud type, including the rare occasions when they are worn as bracelets. As opposed to the characteristic forms of the Vekerzug group, they are much larger in diameter, with a smooth body and terminals that are spaced, touching, or overlapping. The Ciunbrud-type temple rings are distributed in four areas – on the territory of the eponymous Ciunbrud group in Transylvania, at the Vekerzug group sites, in Donja Dolina, and in the area along the northern shores of the Black Sea. The Ciunbrud group is characterized by the smooth body, which is sometimes made of precious metals. Their wearing period is the second half of the 7th and during the first half of the 6th century BC, which is also the dating of the finds from the Donja Dolina cemetery, where they were worn in a somewhat different way. At the sites located in the area along the northern shores of the Black Sea, they appeared later, from the 6th to the 3rd century BC, and they were worn as bracelets, which gives chronological priority to the finds from the distribution area of the Ciunbrud group and Donja Dolina.¹¹⁹

2.2. Type B: Temple Rings with Decorated Terminals – the Donja Dolina Type

The temple rings classified as type B at the cemetery in Donja Dolina are bronze temple rings of rounded cross section, with terminals decorated with a group of transverse grooves, while the rest of the body is smooth. The terminal itself is either straight or conical (Fig. 1), and they can be slightly spaced or slightly overlapping. This type of temple ring has been found only in Donja Dolina, with no known finds at other sites so far. Most of them have been found in inhumation graves of adult women on both sides of the head of the deceased – a total of six; the only cremation grave is grave S. Jakarić 14 (Fig. 8). A type B temple ring which probably comes from a destroyed grave, 7.6 cm in diameter, has been dated to phase IIa after Marić, and continues into phase IIb.¹²⁰

It is extremely rare for a type B temple ring to be the only form in a grave; as a rule, they are accompanied by type A1 or type C1 (Tab. 3). In two graves they are combined with types A1 and C1 (Figs. 3–4), and it seems that grave M. Petrović Jr. 6 also includes a type D2 (Tab. 3). Type B temple rings are worn in an interesting way. When they appear as the only form in the grave, there are four

¹¹⁹ KOZUBOVÁ 2013, 34–35. – KOZUBOVÁ 2018, 31–32. – KOZUBOVÁ 2019, 107–109, 123, 156–157 and Fig. 31. – At the sites of the Vekerzug group, the Ciunbrud-type temple rings are the oldest.

¹²⁰ MARIĆ 1964, 33, 36 and Pl. VI/16. – The temple ring is considered to be a local form.

Grave	Ritual	Age	No.	Diam. in cm	Other Types of Hair-Rings in Grave and their Number	Other Important Costume Items	Other Important Jewellery Items	References
N. Čegrlja 3	INH	18–25	1+1?	8.0	A1 // 3+3	plate fibula (2), spectacle fibula, double-looped bow fibula with the foot in the shape of the Boeotian shield, open-work belt	diadem, torc, amber beads, bracelet with stamp-shaped terminals (2)	TRUHELKA 1904, 85–86 and Pl. XL/2. – MARIĆ 1964, 40 and Pl. XXV/12. – ČOVIĆ 1987a, 241 and Pl. XXV/1–2. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b, 133 and Fig. 166/2–3.
M. Petrović Jr. 3	INH	adult	1+1	6.5 7.1	A1 // 1+1? C1 // 1+1 indeterminate // 3	boat-shaped fibula, fibula with amber pledget (2), plate fibula, belt set with buckle and buttons	torc, bracelet with stamp-shaped terminals (2)	TRUHELKA 1904, 90–91 and Pl. XLII/12–13. – MARIĆ 1964, 35 and Pl. XXV/4. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b, 136 and Fig. 172/2–3.
M. Petrović Jr. 6	INH	adult	5	6.3– 8.0	A1 // 1+1 C1 // 4 D2 // 1	fibula with the foot in the shape of the Boeotian shield (2), Borajna-type fibula, fibula with perforation on the top of the bow (2), belt set with buckle and buttons, silver pin	torc, amber beads, spiral bracelet (2)	TRUHELKA 1904, 91–92 and Pl. XLIII/10–11. – MARIĆ 1964, 40 and Pl. XXV/6.
S. Jakarić 14	CREM	adult	5	7.2– 7.8	C1 // 7		torc (2), bracelet with stamp-shaped terminals (2)	TRUHELKA 1904, 107–108 and Pls. LV/3; LVI/6. – MARIĆ 1964, 40 and Pl. XXV/10.
M. Petrović 1	INH	adult	4+4	7.5		double-looped fibula with triangular foot, Marvinci-Gogošu-type fibula, double-looped fibula with triangular foot(?), Donja Dolina-type pin	amber beads	TRUHELKA 1904, 117–118. – MARIĆ 1964, 40 and Pl. XXV/8.
M. Petrović 8	INH	adult	3+3	8.5	A1 // 1+1	boat-shaped fibula (4)	torc	TRUHELKA 1904, 120–121. – MARIĆ 1964, 40 and Pl. XXV/14.












Tab. 3. Graves from the Donja Dolina cemetery containing temple rings of type B – the Donja Dolina type – with important items of costume and jewellery (M. Dizdar).

temple rings on each side of the head. On the other hand, when there is a single type B temple ring on each side of the head, it is combined with type A1 and/or C1. Three on each side have been found in combination with type A1 or type C1; three of them seem to be combined with a single type B temple ring on each side in grave N. Čegrlja 3 (Fig. 2).¹²¹ The grave M. Petrović Jr. 6 contained five type B temple rings combined with types A1, C1, and D2 (Fig. 4).

¹²¹ Čović 1987a, 241 and Pl. XXV/1–2.

As shown by these graves, they almost always have the same number on each side of the head. They measure 6.3 cm to 8.5 cm in diameter.

In the Donja Dolina cemetery type B bronze temple rings with decorated terminals have been found in graves of women, often richly furnished with items of costume and ring jewellery (Tab. 3). The majority of these graves belong to phase 2a after the classification of Čović, or phases 1 and 2 after the classification of Teržan (Figs. 2–3, 8). The younger group of graves with type B temple rings dated to phase 2b

											
N. Šokić II 4	A C1	•	•								
M. Petrović 1	B	•			•						
M. Petrović 2	A C1		•	•							
M. Petrović 3	A C1		•					•			
N. Čegrlja 3a	A B		•	•		•					
N. Šokić Bašta 1	A		•				•	•			
M. Petrović 8	A B							•			
M. Petrović Sen. 9	A		•							•	
M. Petrović Jr. 6	A B C1 D1				•				•	•	
M. Petrović Jr. 3	A B C1		•					•			•

Tab. 4. Types of fibulae that appear in the graves in Donja Dolina with the temple rings of types A and B (A. Kapuran).

after Čović or phase 3 after Teržan (grave M. Petrović Jr. 6).¹²² This will also be shown by the typo-chronological analyses of items of costume and ring jewellery from these graves, which will include the grave assemblages with type A1 temple rings (Tabs. 1, 3).

3. Costume and Jewellery Items in Graves with Type A and B Temple Rings

For the chronological and sociological definitions of graves with temple rings of types A and B, but also other recognized types, it is extremely important to analyse the grave assemblages where such forms appear, primarily in the Donja Dolina cemetery.¹²³ Also, the analysis will include other costume and jewellery items from the graves of the Ciumbrud group containing type A temple rings; as already pointed out, at the cemeteries in Transylvania and northeast Hungary they have been dated to the second half of the 7th










and the first half of the 6th century BC, which matches the chronological insights of Čović, Teržan and Gavranović for the Donja Dolina cemetery.

As temple rings of types A and B in the Donja Dolina cemetery sometimes come from the same graves (Tabs. 1, 3), this will significantly facilitate the analysis of other items of costume and jewellery, with the common appearance of both types indicating that they were worn in the same time frame. Costume items are associated with different forms of belts or belt sets and fibulae, occasionally also with pins. On the other hand, ring jewellery includes the finds of torcs and bracelets (Tabs. 4–5). Other items, especially jewellery, like the different forms of beads or pendants, have not been analysed separately here, but we mention some of the more important forms.

Among the belts in the graves of Donja Dolina which contain temple rings of types A and B, there are (Tab. 5) open-work belts and belt sets with a buckle and buttons. Among the fibulae (Tab. 4), there are a large number of different forms with greater or smaller numbers of types. Among the ring jewellery, those important for the analyses are torcs, bracelets with stamp-shaped terminals, and spiral bracelets (Tab. 5).

¹²² TERŽAN 1974, 43–45 and Fig. 7. – ČOVIĆ 1987a, 238–251.

¹²³ As already stated, we do not analyse other types of hair decorations here, although some of them (types C1, D1a, D1b and D2) occur within the same graves in which were found temple rings of types A and B, which already indicates they were contemporary. However, these are forms that occur in some younger graves in Donja Dolina, so they will be the subject of a separate analysis.

									
N. Šokić II 4	A C1			•		•			
M. Petrović 2	A C1	•	•						
M. Petrović 3	A C1	•					•	•	
N. Čegrlja 3a	A B	•		•	•	•			•
N. Šokić Bašta 1	A	•					•		•
M. Petrović 8	A B	•							
M. Petrović Sen. 9	A	•	•				•		
M. Petrović Jr. 6	A B C1 D1	•	•				•		
M. Petrović Jr. 3	A B C1	•	•			•			

Tab. 5. Costume and jewellery items that appear in the graves in Donja Dolina with the temple rings of types A and B (A. Kapuran).

3.1. Open-Work Belts

Open-work belts are known from the two grave assemblages in the Donja Dolina cemetery (Tab. 5) which contain temple rings of types A and B – grave N. Čegrlja 3 (Fig. 2/13–14)¹²⁴ and grave N. Šokić II 4 (Fig. 9/7, 10).¹²⁵ Since both of them are inhumation graves, the excavations established that the belts were located in the area of the waist and consisted of buckles and open-work fittings, but also spiral tubes. Another fitting with spiral tubes comes from cremation grave N. Šokić I 8,¹²⁶ while one buckle comes from outside the grave assemblage.¹²⁷

These graves with open-work belts, which include a buckle and several rectangular fittings with spiral tubes connecting them,¹²⁸ have been dated after Teržan to the oldest burial horizon in Donja Dolina, which is associated with phase Ha C1, but they continue into the next one.¹²⁹ Čović

dates the start of the burials at the Donja Dolina cemetery to phase Ha C2, when open-work belts appear in graves during phase 2a and continue during the phase 2b.¹³⁰ Vasić has several papers on bronze open-work belts, dating them to horizon 2 of the Early Iron Age in Serbia (Ha C2), when they are the most numerous and often combined with double-loop fibulae with the foot in the shape of a Boeotian shield or with a triangular foot. Still, belts have also been found in the graves of phase 3, as testified by grave 1 from the Karagač cemetery. Belts have been found at sites from southern Hungary all the way to the Peloponnese and from the Black Sea to Donja Dolina; it is assumed that they originated in Greece.¹³¹ It is particularly interesting that they have also been found together with bronze bracelets with stamp-shaped terminals, as in the case of the inhumation grave from Hrtkovci, which also included spiral bracelets.¹³²

¹²⁴ TRUHELKA 1904, 85–86 and Pl. XL/13–14.

¹²⁵ TRUHELKA 1904, 133 and Pl. LXXVII/13–14, 18.

¹²⁶ TRUHELKA 1904, 113 and Pl. LX/37.

¹²⁷ MARIĆ 1964, 37, 40 and Pl. X/10.

¹²⁸ The last analysis of open-work belts was presented in: DIZDAR 2020.

¹²⁹ TERŽAN 1974, 43 and Fig. 7.

¹³⁰ ČOVIĆ 1987a, 241, 246 and Fig. 14/14.

¹³¹ VASIĆ 1971, 1, 4, 6, 8 and Map 1. – VASIĆ 1977, 17–20, 25, 33. – VASIĆ 1987c, 661, 664–664 and Fig. 37/13, Pl. LXVIII/3–4. – Vasić considers them representatives of the ‘Zlot decorative style’. – FILIPOVIĆ 2015, 50 and Map 2. – DIZDAR 2020, 193–198.

¹³² VINSKI 1955, 35 and Fig. 18. – VINSKI, VINSKI-GASPARINI 1962, 271, 278 and Pl. VI/70–71. – DIZDAR 2020, 193 and Fig. 3.

The finds that are the most similar to Donja Dolina are those from the destroyed graves at Dvorovi near Bijeljina, which belong to the younger group of finds.¹³³ Finds of belts from northwestern Bulgaria are analysed by Diana Gergova, who singles out a distinctive triangle-shaped open-work decoration with alternating motifs of concentric circles. Three basic variants are distinguished on the basis of buckle shapes. The belts are dated to the second half of the 7th and the first half of the 6th century BC.¹³⁴ A similar opinion and distribution were provided earlier by Klaus Kilian,¹³⁵ followed by Hermann Parzinger.¹³⁶ Analysing the open-work belts from Donja Dolina, Gavranović also points out that they were most widespread between the rivers Morava, Vardar, and Isker; for the finds from Donja Dolina, he recognizes the importance of the communication route along the Sava and the Danube, confirmed by finds from Hrtkovci and Dvorovi. The finds from Donja Dolina have been dated to the 7th century BC; it is stated that they are often combined with double-loop fibulae with the foot in the shape of a Boeotian shield and bronze bracelets with stamp-shaped terminals over a wide territory (Fig. 2), pointing to the existence of super-regional female costume and jewellery.¹³⁷ Interestingly, there are still no belts from the Transylvanian sites, even though a communication route from the confluence of the Sava and the Danube to the north is indicated by the find of an open-work belt with a double-loop fibula with the foot in the shape of a Boeotian shield in the cremation grave at the site of Nyiregyháza-Közvágóhíd.¹³⁸ Moreover, there are no open-work belts from the distribution area of the Glasinac group, even though there are many direct contacts of that area with Donja Dolina, as shown by some contemporary finds such as belt sets consisting of different buckles and buttons (Figs. 3/10–11, 4/14, 6/10, 7/15–18). Bronze open-work belts show direct contacts of Donja Dolina with eastern areas, primarily with the areas of eastern Serbia and, further away, southwestern Romania and northwestern Bulgaria (Fig. 15/1). They are a characteristic female

costume item in Donja Dolina, found in the oldest graves, which can be dated to the second half of the 7th century BC.

3.2. Belt Sets with a Buckle and Buttons

Belt sets consisting of different forms of buckles and buttons are known from several graves in Donja Dolina that contained temple rings of types A and B (Tab. 5), often together with those of type C1. Grave M. Petrović Jr. 3 contained a round conical belt buckle, 6.5 cm in diameter, with a hemispherical protruding central part, under which there is a hole on the bottom side, while the front side is decorated with incised circular lines (Fig. 3/10). The belt also includes calotte buttons with holes, organized in four rows (Fig. 3/11).¹³⁹ Grave M. Petrović Jr. 6 (Fig. 4/14),¹⁴⁰ grave M. Petrović 2 (Fig. 5/3, 11),¹⁴¹ and grave M. Petrović Sen. 4 (Fig. 6/10)¹⁴² contained round belt buckles with a hemispherical protruding central part surrounded by a decoration of concentric circles; along the edge there are petal-shaped protrusions decorated with the motif of concentric circles or a ring-and-dot motif. The buckle of this kind, with a central strip which is curved on the edges and which fastened the buckle to the belt, decorated with a cross motif on the upper side, was found in the richly furnished cremation grave N. Šokić I 1.¹⁴³ There is also another buckle from Donja Dolina.¹⁴⁴

The belt buckle from grave M. Petrović Jr. 3 is associated with buckles of type 1, dated from phase Glasinac IVa to phase IVc-1. They are buckles that are based on the richly decorated conical buckles of the late 9th and the 8th century BC.¹⁴⁵ The buckles from the remaining three graves are associated with type 6, characterized by petals ordered along the edge, while the hemispherical central part is protruding. Buckles of type 6 are dated to the end of the 7th and the 6th century BC; they are often found in female graves,¹⁴⁶ as also testified to by the finds from the Donja Dolina cemetery.

Teržan dated the graves with belt sets to the horizon following the graves she believes to be characteristic for phase Ha C2, meaning that she believes they are younger than the open-work belts; they are accompanied by Borajna-type fibulae or fibulae with a ring at the top of the bow,

¹³³ MARIĆ 1960, 50–54 and Pls. II/3; III/1–5. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 220. – DIZDAR 2020, 196 and Fig. 7. – With fibulae of the Ararava gromila type.

¹³⁴ GERGOVA 1987, 61–63 and Pls. 22–24/A30–A40. – BADER 1983, 85, mentions the finds from the Ferigile cemetery (Pl. 60A–B). HRISTOV 2004 with new finds of belts (Fig. 15/1).

¹³⁵ KILIAN 1975, 61, 89, 95–96, 108 and Pl. 53/3–9; showing the distribution by that time at Pl. 84/1.

¹³⁶ PARZINGER 1992, 234 and Fig. 10/2.

¹³⁷ GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 219–220 and Fig. 220.

¹³⁸ KEMENCZEI 2009, 86, 130 and Pl. 49/4, pointing out the comparisons with the finds from the northern Balkans, while the grave has been dated to the second half of the 7th and the first half of the 6th century BC.

¹³⁹ TRUHELKA 1904, 90 and Pl. XLII/23–24.

¹⁴⁰ TRUHELKA 1904, 91 and Pl. XLIV/1–2.

¹⁴¹ TRUHELKA 1904, 118. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b, 128 and Fig. 158/3, 13. – Probably combined with calotte buttons with slits.

¹⁴² TRUHELKA 1904, 122–123 and Pl. LXVIII/22–23.

¹⁴³ TRUHELKA 1904, 111 and Pl. LIX/1–2.

¹⁴⁴ MARIĆ 1964, Pl. VI/14. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 224 and Fig. 225/1.

¹⁴⁵ TESSMAN 2004, 142, 146 and Fig. 3/5.

¹⁴⁶ TESSMAN 2004, 144 and Fig. 13.

which she dates to Ha D1.¹⁴⁷ However, the aforementioned graves indicate that it is a belt type that actually appears at the same time as the open-work belts, only with a different origin, with the buckle from grave M. Petrović Jr. 3 certainly belonging to the older type. This buckle has been dated through amber-coated fibulae and a boat-shaped fibula to the second half of the 7th century BC.¹⁴⁸ Buckles of type 6, which Čović also calls the Glasinac type, have also been dated to phases 2a and 2b.¹⁴⁹ He reaches a similar conclusion in analysis of the buckles from the Glasinac area and believes them to be a characteristic item from phase Glasinac IVb; however, they also appear in phase IVc-1, when they have a protruding calotte-shaped central part and petals along the edge, while those without petals along the edge appear in smaller numbers.¹⁵⁰ Round belt buckles with petals are also considered by Gavranović and he dates them to the second half of the 7th and the early 6th century BC, emphasizing their frequent appearances at Glasinac and in western Serbia.¹⁵¹ Vasić dates buckles with edge petals to the contemporary phase 2 of the Early Iron Age in Serbia,¹⁵² while Parzinger points out that belt sets of the Glasinac-Mati type have been found in the area from Glasinac all the way to northern Albania, with Donja Dolina as the farthest northern site.¹⁵³ It has been noted that they have their greatest concentration at Glasinac, and dated from phase Glasinac IVb to phase IVc-2, meaning to the 7th and 6th centuries BC, continuing until phase Va.¹⁵⁴

In relation to type 6 belt buckles, a somewhat different buckle has been found in inhumation grave M. Petrović Sen. 9. It is the second belt from that grave which is assumed to have possibly been a gift to the deceased woman. This buckle has edge petals too, while the central part is T-shaped and decorated with open work. Next to the buckle, there were single and double calotte buttons with radial slits

(Fig. 7/17–18).¹⁵⁵ This buckle has been dated to phase 2b¹⁵⁶ and associated with buckles of type 6, variant 3, characterized by an open-work central part, while the petals are decorated with a concentric circle motif. The buckles of this variant have been dated to the 7th and 6th centuries BC.¹⁵⁷ Therefore, it is a younger form of buckles, which first appeared at Glasinac,¹⁵⁸ with grave M. Petrović Sen. 9 being dated to the late 7th century BC.¹⁵⁹ Along with the buckle of the second belt from the grave 9, there are single and double calotte buttons with radial slits. These buttons were made in several sizes and variants (single, double, or triple), and have been dated to phase IVc-1, continuing into phase IVc-2, when they are less numerous, even appearing singly in graves.¹⁶⁰ Aside from their function within belt sets, buttons of this kind could have served as armour when sewn onto the clothes.¹⁶¹ They are distributed from eastern Bosnia all the way to Greece,¹⁶² with Donja Dolina still being the farthest northwestern site where they appear in the graves of the late 7th and the 6th century BC.¹⁶³ In grave 9, the deceased woman wore a belt set consisting of a spherical open-work buckle with a cross motif and a large hole on the bottom side and single and double calotte buttons with radial slits (Fig. 7/15–16).¹⁶⁴ The grave is associated with phase 2b,¹⁶⁵ or the late 7th century BC.¹⁶⁶ Interestingly, this grave also contained three buckles in the shape of a rosette with a calotte-shaped central part and a crossbar on the bottom side. There are spiral tubes between the buckles (Fig. 7/13).¹⁶⁷ Rosette-shaped buckles have been found in several other graves in Donja Dolina, often with spiral tubes,¹⁶⁸ including the interesting find of a buckle in inhumation grave N. Šokić II 4, which has two fittings belonging to an open-work belt (Fig. 9/8).¹⁶⁹ These buckles are considered to be a new form which

¹⁴⁷ TERŽAN 1974, 43 and Fig. 7.

¹⁴⁸ GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 219.

¹⁴⁹ ČOVIĆ 1987a, 241, 243, 246 and Fig. 14/15, Pls. XXIV/17; XXVI/10. – In phase 2b, the buckles are accompanied by single or double calotte buttons with radial slits.

¹⁵⁰ ČOVIĆ 1987b, 596, 610 and Fig. 35/7–8, 23–24, Pl. LXI/7–8, 19. – Also: KILIAN 1975, 108 and Pls. 82/3; 87. – LUCENTINI 1981, 83 and Fig. 4/13.

¹⁵¹ GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 223–224 and Fig. 225. – As a part of the set, buckles are accompanied by calotte buttons that can be followed from the older phase of the Urnfield culture to the later phase of the Early Iron Age.

¹⁵² VASIĆ 1977, 18, 21 and Pls. 26/6; 28/4. – E.g. Pilatovići tumulus III, grave 6, the finds from the tumulus in Uzići etc.

¹⁵³ PARZINGER 1992, 234 and Fig. 11/1.

¹⁵⁴ BLEČIĆ KAVUR, MILIČEVIĆ-CAPEK 2011, 46, 50, 52 and Fig. 10.

¹⁵⁵ TRUHELKA 1904, 124 and Pl. LXXII/1–2.

¹⁵⁶ ČOVIĆ 1987a, 246 and Pl. XXVI/7.

¹⁵⁷ TESSMAN 2004, 145, 152 and Fig. 16.

¹⁵⁸ LUCENTINI 1981, 83 and Fig. 4/10. – Like type A, variant 1.

¹⁵⁹ GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 223 and Fig. 224/1.

¹⁶⁰ ČOVIĆ 1987b, 596, 610, 620 and Fig. 35/10–11, Pl. LXI/2–4.

¹⁶¹ KILIAN 1975, 51. – ZOTOVIĆ 1985, 84. – ČOVIĆ 1987b, 596.

¹⁶² KILIAN 1975, 28, 109 and Pl. 87/4. – LUCENTINI 1981, 80 and Fig. 3/30–31.

¹⁶³ GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 232 and Fig. 234/3.

¹⁶⁴ TRUHELKA 1904, 124 and Pl. LXXI/8–9.

¹⁶⁵ ČOVIĆ 1987a, 248.

¹⁶⁶ GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 239.

¹⁶⁷ TRUHELKA 1904, 124–125 and Pl. LXXI/2, 4–5.

¹⁶⁸ Grave N. Šokić I 1: TRUHELKA 1904, 111 and Pl. LVIII/14, 22, 25–26. – Grave M. Petrović Jr. 20: TRUHELKA 1904, 127 and Pl. LIII/3.

– Grave M. Petrović Jr. 35: TRUHELKA 1904, 98 and Pl. XLVIII/19. – Grave M. Petrović Jr. 59: TRUHELKA 1904, 105 and Pl. LIII/21–22, 24.

¹⁶⁹ TRUHELKA 1904, 133 and Pl. LXXVIII/20.

appears in phase 2b,¹⁷⁰ and they are considered as part of a belt or a chest decoration appearing in the graves of the late 7th and the early 6th century BC.¹⁷¹ It is believed they originated from the areas of Greece and Macedonia, where they are particularly numerous in the 7th and 6th centuries BC;¹⁷² there is an interesting find in the Vekerzug group cemetery of Muhi-Kocmadom, with parallels in the northern Balkans and Donja Dolina.¹⁷³

Thus, belt sets consisting of differently shaped buckles and buttons reveal direct contacts with the Glasinac area in the south and are a characteristic female costume item in Donja Dolina, where they have been found in graves that can be dated to the second half of the 7th century and the beginning of the 6th century BC.

3.3. Double-Loop Fibulae with a Triangular Foot

As we already pointed out, in dating the Donja Dolina graves with temple rings of types A and B, particular importance is given to the finds of various forms of fibulae (Tab. 4), which should definitely be joined by the other finds from the Ciumbrud group cemeteries. The first to be analysed are bronze double-loop fibulae with a triangular foot, which can be classified into several variants depending on the form and cross section of the bow.

Grave N. Šokić II 4 contained a bronze fibula with a rounded cross section to the bow and a triangular foot. The pin of the fibula is missing and it was fastened with an iron rivet (Fig. 9/5).¹⁷⁴ Grave M. Petrović 1 contained a fibula with a leaf-like hammered and decorated bow of strap cross section, and probably another fibula with a leaf-like bow and a missing foot.¹⁷⁵ Fibulae with a triangular foot have also been found in some other graves at the Donja Dolina cemetery. Grave M. Petrović Sen. 10 contained a fibula with a larger triangular foot and ribbed bow, with the ribs in the middle of the bow being a little larger and wider.¹⁷⁶ We should also mention the fibula with ribs at the terminals of the bow, decorated along the edges with a tremolo line, found in the richly furnished grave N. Šokić I 1,¹⁷⁷ and dated to phase 2b.¹⁷⁸ Found outside the grave assemblages were

a fibula with a twisted bow and a larger triangular foot¹⁷⁹ and a fibula with a rhombic cross section to the bow with ribbed terminals and a larger triangular foot, for which it is not quite clear if it comes from grave I. Stipančević 17.¹⁸⁰ We should also mention the remains of a double-loop fibula without the preserved foot from the cemetery of Proștea Mică (Tirnăvioara) with the find of a type A temple ring.¹⁸¹

Fibulae of this kind in the Donja Dolina cemetery have been placed in the oldest burial horizon, matching phase Ha C1;¹⁸² in Serbia, they have been dated in horizon 2.¹⁸³ Tiberiu Bader classifies double-loop fibulae with a triangular foot into four variants considering the cross section of the bow, which can be found both in female and male graves. They are usually found singly on the shoulders or chest of the deceased, but they have been found in pairs too.¹⁸⁴ Similarly, Vasić classifies these fibulae into three variants considering the cross section of the bow.¹⁸⁵ These fibulae have also been classified into several variants by Gavranović, who dates them to the period from the 8th to the 6th century BC.¹⁸⁶

The fibula with a triangular foot and twisted bow from Donja Dolina which does not come from a grave belongs to type 7a after the classification of Stane Gabrovec.¹⁸⁷ These fibulae are considered to be a somewhat younger form within phase Glasinac IVa. The younger forms of fibulae are characterized by a finely twisted bow, and continue into phase IVc-1.¹⁸⁸ Fibulae of type 7a have been found at Danube sites all the way to western Bulgaria, where they have been dated mostly to the 7th century BC, then to Macedonia and Greece in the south, while there are none in the southeast

170 ČOVIĆ 1987a, 246 and Pl. XXVI/9.

171 GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 233 and Fig. 236.

172 KILIAN 1975, 84, 109 and Pl. 90/2. – GERGOVA 1987, 60 and Pl. 22/A17–A20.

173 KEMENCZEI 2009, 86, 128 and Pl. 42/4.

174 TRUHELKA 1904, 133 and Pl. LXXVII/21.

175 TRUHELKA 1904, 117. – MARIĆ 1964, Pl. IX/10, 13. – Truhelka wrote that one fibula had a foot in the shape of a Boeotian shield.

176 TRUHELKA 1904, 125 and Pl. LXXII/18. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2016, 132 and Fig. 3 dates the grave to the early 7th century BC.

177 TRUHELKA 1904, 110 and Pl. LVIII/3.

178 ČOVIĆ 1987a, 246 and Fig. 15/12.

179 MARIĆ 1964, Pl. VI/9. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b, 80 and Fig. 102/1.

180 MARIĆ 1964, Pl. IX/9.

181 BADER 1983, 73 and Pl. 24/142. – KEMENCZEI 2004, 90 and Fig. 4/1.

182 TERŽAN 1974, 43 and Fig. 7. – The same opinion: PARZINGER 1992, 231 and Fig. 6, dating to the second half of the 8th century BC and GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 263, 265. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2016, 130, 132.

183 VASIĆ 1977, 18.

184 BADER 1983, 71, 76–77 and Pl. 47. – Fibulae of this kind have been dated to the 8th century BC in Greece, while they appear in Bulgaria in the second half of the 7th century BC. At the sites in Romania, older forms appear at the cemeteries of Basarabi and Balta Verde, while younger ones appear at the Gogoșu cemetery. They are distributed at sites across southeastern Europe (Pl. 47), and in particular in the Balkans and Romania.

185 VASIĆ 1999, 49. – Smooth-bowed fibulae may have a round or square-shaped bow that is sometimes decorated with transverse lines.

186 GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 184 and Fig. 174.

187 GABROVEC 1970, 29, 37–38 and Map X.

188 ČOVIĆ 1987b, phase IVa: 585–586, 595, 607 and Fig. 33/9; 34/27, Pl. LX/9.

Alps.¹⁸⁹ A fibula from Dalj has a smaller triangular foot.¹⁹⁰ Double-loop bow fibulae from the Bulgarian sites are classified into several variants considering the decoration and cross section of the bow; the foot is mostly undecorated, but it can include hammered decorations, concentric circle motifs, or zig-zag lines. The fibulae of type B I 2, variant β , are characterized by a twisted bow and a larger or smaller triangular foot that can be decorated with a concentric circle motif. These fibulae are distributed across the central and eastern Balkans, where they have been dated to the 7th century BC.¹⁹¹ Fibulae with a twisted bow belong to variant D, which is known from sites in Bulgaria, Greece and Serbia, all the way to Donja Dolina.¹⁹² These fibulae, according to the classification of Vasić, encompass a heterogeneous group of finds, with the nearest parallels to the one from Donja Dolina are the fibulae from Pilatovići and Šabac, which are smaller. Fibulae of this type are distributed in eastern Bosnia, Serbia, and western Bulgaria, being most common during the 7th century BC.¹⁹³ A fibula with a twisted bow has been found in the Hallstatt cemetery too; its triangular foot is decorated with a tremolo decoration.¹⁹⁴

For fibulae with a rhombic cross section to the bow and a triangular foot, singled out as type 3a,¹⁹⁵ a parallel has been identified in Dalj; a fibula has a smaller triangular foot, and the spiral towards the pin is connected with the bow by means of two rivets.¹⁹⁶ Bader distinguishes fibulae with a square cross section to the bow as variant B, while the fibula from Donja Dolina (grave I. Stipančević 17?) with ribs on the ends of the bow could be close to a fibula from Basarabi/Gogošu. It is pointed out for the fibulae of this variant that they are found at sites in Bulgaria and southwestern Romania.¹⁹⁷ Gergova distinguishes double-loop fibulae of type B I 2, variant γ , which have a rhombic cross section to the bow and a foot that is triangular but can occasionally be square. The bow is slightly expanded in the middle and always undecorated, with a geometric decoration found only once. The fibulae of this kind are distributed in the eastern Balkans and dated from the beginning of the 7th to the middle of the 6th century BC.¹⁹⁸ On the other hand,

bronze fibulae with a rhombic cross section to the bow and a triangular foot have been dated from the first half of the 8th to the middle of the 7th century BC at the latest.¹⁹⁹

Fibulae with a rounded cross section to the bow and a triangular foot are distinguished as type 1c.²⁰⁰ The entire bow or only its ends are often decorated with tiny transversal ribs, like the example from Donja Dolina. The fibula from grave N. Šokić I 1 has a parallel in the fibulae from Pilatovići, which have a larger triangular foot, and the foot of one fibula is also decorated along the edges with a tremolo line. These fibulae are sometimes found in pairs; more often, however, they are single on the chest of the deceased woman. The fibulae have been dated to the second half of the 8th and the first half of the 7th century BC, but they continue into the 6th century BC. It is pointed out that they are distributed in the central Balkans and the southeastern Alpine area,²⁰¹ but here we can also distinguish some older forms that have nothing to do with the fibulae of this type. After the classification of Bader, fibulae with a smooth rounded cross section to the bow belong to variant A. The fibula with a smooth bow from grave N. Šokić II 4 (Fig. 9/5) has a parallel in the one from the surroundings of Aiud, while the fibula with the ribbed ends to the bow from grave N. Šokić I 1 has parallels in the fibulae from the graves in Gogošu, which also still have ribs in the middle of the bow.²⁰² On the other hand, the fibula from the grave in Proștea Mică (Tirnăviara) has a smooth bow, but the foot has not been preserved, and it has been dated to the middle of the 6th century BC.²⁰³ Gergova distinguishes double-loop fibulae with a rounded cross section to the bow as variant B I 2 δ , which is usually undecorated, while one fibula has a group of transverse grooves on the ends of the bow. Sometimes there are groups of transverse lines on the foot. Fibulae of this kind are distributed in the Balkans and dated to the 7th and 6th centuries BC, but their first appearance was already recorded at the end of the 8th century BC, while the youngest find has been dated to the beginning of the 5th century BC.²⁰⁴ Fibulae such as the one found in grave N. Šokić II 4 are dated by Gavranović to the period from the end of the 8th to the

189 GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 185.

190 VINSKI, VINSKI-GASPARINI 1962, 270, 275 and Pl. VII/75.

191 GERGOVA 1987, 36, 39–40 and Pl. 9/114–121.

192 BADER 1983, 75, 77 and Pl. 25/154.

193 VASIĆ 1999, 51–52 and Pl. 27/323–325, Map 63B.

194 GLUNZ 1997, 47, 168 and Pl. 8/2. – The fibula from Donja Dolina is said to be single-looped.

195 GABROVEC 1970, 24 and Map VI.

196 VINSKI, VINSKI-GASPARINI 1962, 270, 275 and Pl. VII/76.

197 BADER 1983, 74–75, 77 and Pl. 25/152.

198 GERGOVA 1987, 40–41 and Pls. 9/122–126; 10/127–134A.

199 TERŽAN 1990, 73, 75.

200 GABROVEC 1970, 24 and Map IV.

201 VASIĆ 1999, 49–50 and Pl. 26/299–301. – In grave 5 in tumulus V at the Pilatovići-Ravni lug cemetery four spectacle fibulae without a figure-of-eight loop were found. For their distribution: VASIĆ 1999, Pl. 63B.

202 BADER 1983, 71–73, 77 and Pls. 23/128; 23/132–133; 24/134, 138.

203 BADER 1983, 73 and Pl. 24/142. – KEMENCZEI 2004, 90 and Fig. 4/1.

204 GERGOVA 1987, 41–43 and Pls. 10/135–143; 11/144–153; 12/154–163.

developed 7th century BC, pointing out that it is one of the oldest graves in Donja Dolina. These fibulae are distributed in the eastern and central Balkans.²⁰⁵ On the other hand, the fibula from grave M. Petrović Sen. 10 with a rib-decorated bow has been dated through other finds, such as the ‘Macedonian pendants’, to the late 8th and the first half of the 7th century BC. In fact, the quoted parallels are the mentioned finds from the cemeteries in Pilatovići and Gogošu, which, on the other hand, have been dated to the late 7th and the early 6th century BC. The fibula from grave 10 can be joined by the one from grave N. Šokić I 1, which also has rib decorations on the terminals of the bow, while the foot is decorated with a tremolo line along the edges. Because of other finds, this grave is also a representative of the female costume of the late 7th and the early 6th century BC.²⁰⁶

The fibulae with a leaf-like strap-section hammered bow and a triangular foot from grave M. Petrović 1 have been dated to phase 2b when considered to be an ‘archaic form’ continuing from a previous phase.²⁰⁷ There are parallels in the finds from a destroyed grave from Vrtište²⁰⁸ and Zlot cave.²⁰⁹ Vasić believes that these fibulae were actually made in the area of eastern Serbia; in them, he recognizes the connection with the fibulae from grave M. Petrović 1, and dates them to the first half of the 6th century BC, just like the mentioned grave from Donja Dolina on the basis of the find of a Marvinci-Gogošu-type fibula.²¹⁰ On the chest of the deceased woman in the inhumation grave from tumulus 43 in the Gogošu cemetery, there was a single-loop fibula with a leaf-like bow decorated with a tremolo line along the edges and an irregularly drawn zig-zag line through the middle. The fibula is small (3.8 cm) and has been dated to the first half of the 6th century BC, partly on the basis of the fibulae from grave M. Petrović 1. Fibulae of this kind have been found, after Bader, at the sites in southern Romania, northern Serbia, and Donja Dolina.²¹¹

²⁰⁵ GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 186 and Fig. 174/7.

²⁰⁶ GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 186, 188 and Fig. 174/8–9. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2016, 132 and Fig. 3.

²⁰⁷ ČOVIĆ 1987a, 246.

²⁰⁸ VASIĆ 1977, 18–19 and Pl. 21/5. – VASIĆ 1987c, 661 and Pl. LXVI-II/15. – VASIĆ 1999, 53 and Pl. 27/333. – The bow is rhombic in cross section and decorated with a tremolo line in the middle and a zig-zag line along both edges. The grave probably also contained a spectacle fibula with no figure-of-eight loop and a fibula with the foot in the shape of a Boeotian shield.

²⁰⁹ VASIĆ 1977, 18–19 and Pl. 20/7. – VASIĆ 1999, 53 and Pl. 27/334. – The fibula is decorated with a tremolo line along the edge of the bow and along the edges of the foot.

²¹⁰ VASIĆ 1999, 53–54 and Pl. 63B.

²¹¹ VULPE 1967, 197 and Pl. XXIII/3–4. – BADER 1983, 103–104 and Pl. 34/304. – VULPE 1977, Fig. 18A/a.

Thus, bronze double-loop bow fibulae, with various shapes of the bow and the triangular foot, point to direct contacts with eastern areas, primarily the area of Serbia and, further away, southwestern Romania and northwestern Bulgaria. They are a characteristic item of the female costume in Donja Dolina and have been found in the oldest graves that have been dated to the middle and the second half of the 7th century BC.

3.4. Double-Loop Fibulae with the Foot in the Shape of a Boeotian Shield

In dating graves with temple rings of types A and B, particular importance is given to the finds of bronze double-loop fibulae with the foot in the shape of a Boeotian shield, which come singly or in pairs (Tab. 4). Apart from the fibulae from the Donja Dolina cemetery, finds from Dobra (Fig. 11/4) and from the cemeteries of the Ciumbrud group (Fig. 12/1) are also known. Considering the form and cross section of the bow and the form of the foot, these fibulae can be classified into several variants.²¹²

On the right side of the chest of the deceased woman in grave N. Čegrlja 3 there was a fibula with a rounded cross section to the bow that is ribbed on the terminals on both sides. The foot is decorated along the middle with a rib flanked on each side by a tremolo line also found along the plate edges (Fig. 2/6).²¹³ On the chest of the woman in grave M. Petrović Jr. 6 there were two fibulae with a rounded cross section to the bow that are decorated with hatched triangles in the middle part, and there are groups of thickly set lines on each side. Each terminal of the bow has a single ring-like expansion. One fibula has a preserved part of the foot with a V rib along the middle and two grooves on each side of it (Fig. 4/3–4).²¹⁴ Grave M. Petrović 2 contained two fibulae. One fibula has ring-like ribs on the terminals of the bow, while the other fibula has tiny ribs only before the loop that precedes the foot. The feet are decorated with a V motif made of shallow grooves (Fig. 5/7, 9).²¹⁵ Fibulae of this kind have also been found in some graves in Donja Dolina: two fibulae with the V-motif foot decoration from the cremation

²¹² HEILMANN 2016 has a detailed classification of these fibulae, recognizing three basic types. She places their appearance in the first half of the 7th century BC, with origins in northwestern Bulgaria and southwestern Romania.

²¹³ TRUHELKA 1904, 85 and Pl. XL/6. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2016, 132 and Fig. 4 who dates the grave to the second half of the 7th century BC.

²¹⁴ TRUHELKA 1904, 91 and Pl. XLIII/7, 9.

²¹⁵ TRUHELKA 1904, 118. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b, 128 and Fig. 158/5, 7. – There may be another fibula of this type in the grave, but only the bow is preserved.

grave N. Šokić I 8,²¹⁶ while the destroyed grave 31 contained a fibula similar to the one from grave N. Čegrlja 3.²¹⁷ Also, it is stated that the possible grave I. Stipančević 17 contained a fibula that seems to have an octagonal cross section to the bow.²¹⁸

Type A temple rings with fibulae of this type have also been found in some other graves. In a possible grave from Dobra (Kožica I) (Fig. 11/4) was a fragment of a fibula with a hexagonal cross section to the bow with decorated terminals.²¹⁹ Inhumation grave IV at the Cipău-Gară cemetery contained a fibula foot decorated with a V motif (Fig. 12/1),²²⁰ while the inhumation grave from Târgu Mureș contained a fibula with the foot and the pin spiral fastened to a round-section bow with a single rivet each, while the foot is decorated with vertical ribs.²²¹

Double-loop fibulae with the foot in the shape of a Boeotian shield have been singled out as group 8, and are assumed to have been created at Glasinac.²²² In the Donja Dolina cemetery, they have been associated with the Ha C2 phase,²²³ while Čović dates them to phases 2a and 2b.²²⁴ Vasić dates them to phase 2; they have a large distribution, being most numerous from western Bulgaria to Glasinac.²²⁵ In his last analysis, Vasić does not distinguish variants, even though he notes the existence of certain differences, like numerous variations in the design of the bow and the foot. When found in graves, they are single or in pairs, with sometimes even four to six fibulae of this type. He dates the oldest finds to the middle of the 7th century BC, but this is actually a characteristic form of fibula for the second half of the 7th and the first half of the 6th century BC, while the youngest finds date from the beginning of the 5th century BC. It is noticeable that the older ones are somewhat larger, while the younger ones are smaller. They are most numerous from eastern Bosnia to northwestern Bulgaria, reaching

the Dolenjska region in the west and northern Albania and Greece in the south.²²⁶ At Glasinac, these fibulae are the most numerous and the leading form of phase IVc-1, and it is believed they were created at the beginning of the second half of the 7th century BC. They appear more frequently in graves without weapons, but there are some in graves with weapons too. It is one of the leading types of fibulae of the late 7th and the first half of the 6th century BC, which rarely continues into phase IVc-2, when they disappear.²²⁷

Bader classifies these fibulae according to the bow cross section, which can be round or octagonal. The greatest number of finds from the Romanian sites is known from the graves of both sexes, with the remark that sometimes they come in pairs in female graves. The fibulae have been dated to the second half of the 7th and the first half of the 6th century BC, with a noticeably smaller number of finds in the area of Transylvania as opposed to more southerly sites.²²⁸ Gergova distinguishes these fibulae as type B II 2, which is classified into five variants according to the cross section and decoration of the bow and the foot.²²⁹ Some fibulae of variant γ are particularly interesting because they have a wider and lower foot, decorated with the V motif consisting of lines or ribs, while the round-section middle part of the bow is decorated with the motif of hatched triangles, and the sides have thick and low transverse ribs. In fact, a pair of fibulae decorated in this way has been found in grave M. Petrović Jr. 6 (Fig. 4/3–4). Fibulae of variant γ are known from the sites in northwestern Bulgaria, in Macedonia, at Glasinac, and in Donja Dolina, all the way to Hungary, and they have been dated to the second half of the 7th and the beginning of the 6th century BC.²³⁰ The appearance of these fibulae at the cemeteries of the eastern Carpathian Basin is dated by Kemenczei to the ‘early Scythian’ horizon, after

²¹⁶ TRUHELKA 1904, 113 and Pl. LX/38.

²¹⁷ TRUHELKA 1904, 116 and Pl. LXV/25.

²¹⁸ MARIĆ 1964, Pl. VI/10. – In a possible grave with a double-loop fibula with a triangular foot (MARIĆ 1964, Pl. IX/9).

²¹⁹ POPOVIĆ 1984, 135 and Fig. 1. – VASIĆ 1999, 66 and Pl. 34/446.

²²⁰ VLASSA 1961, 28 and Fig. 6/1. – BADER 1983, 87 and Pl. 31/239. – KEMENCZEI 2004, 79, 81 and Fig. 2/6. – HEILMANN 2016, 16 and Fig. 4 – as variant 2.

²²¹ BADER 1983, 85 and Pl. 29/229. – KEMENCZEI 2004, 79 and Fig. 2/3.

²²² GABROVEC 1970, 32, 39, 42 and Map XI.

²²³ TERŽAN 1974, 43 and Fig. 7.

²²⁴ ČOVIĆ 1987a, 241, 243, 246 and Fig. 15/9, Pl. XXV/5–6. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 190–191 and Fig. 174/12–17. – HEILMANN 2016, 20.

²²⁵ KILIAN 1975, 108 and Pl. 83/1. – VASIĆ 1977, 17, 20, 33.

²²⁶ VASIĆ 1999, 65–71 and Pls. 33/435–38/532; for their distribution: Pl. 66. The bow can be round or octagonal in cross section. The foot can be decorated in the middle with a V motif or vertical lines, and sometimes with concentric circle motifs or tremolo lines.

²²⁷ ČOVIĆ 1987b, 602–604, 608, 612, 618 and Pls. LXI/13, 16; LXII/5, 9. – VASIĆ 1999, 69. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 190–191 and Fig. 174. – Younger finds no longer have the bow with polygonal section. The closing of the cut-out on the foot took place at the end of phase IVc-1. On their appearance at Glasinac as early as the end of the 8th century BC, and on their classification into three variants: LUCENTINI 1981, 72–73 and Figs. 1/20–22; 1–2.

²²⁸ BADER 1983, 85–90 and Pls. 29/225–229; 30/230–234A; 31/236–238; for their distribution: Pl. 49.

²²⁹ GERGOVA 1987, 44–53 and Pls. 14–17. – Fibulae of type B II 2 developed from those with the foot in the form of an hourglass of type B II 1.

²³⁰ GERGOVA 1987, 50–51 and Pl. 17/211–215.

the middle of the 7th century BC, pointing out the parallels with the finds from Donja Dolina. On the other hand, he dates the appearance of this type of fibula in the northern and central Balkans as early as the first half of the 7th century BC.²³¹ Also, the appearance of these fibulae, distributed from the Aegean to the Carpathian Basin and the southeast Alps, is dated by Teržan to the first half or the middle of the 7th century BC (at the latest) until the early 6th century BC. In the area of the central Balkans, these fibulae are items of female costume, and often come in pairs,²³² as is the case with some of the graves from Donja Dolina.

The fibulae from Donja Dolina are most often decorated with the V motif on the foot, which is a characteristic of the fibulae of variant 2, which include the fibulae from grave N. Čegrlja 3 and those from graves N. Šokić I 8 and 31.²³³ This motif on the foot is most widespread in the area from eastern Bosnia to northwest Bulgaria and Macedonia, already appearing during the second half of the 7th century BC, which applies to the tremolo decoration too.²³⁴ The tremolo decoration along the edge of the foot, as seen on the fibula from grave N. Čegrlja 3, is known on the fibula from the Grivac which belongs to the variant 2a with a very low foot and oval cut-outs, but this fibula has a V motif in the middle part.²³⁵

Thus, double-loop bow fibulae with the foot in the shape of a Boeotian shield from the graves in Donja Dolina have parallels in the area of Glasinac, but a pair of fibulae from grave M. Petrović Jr. 6 (Fig. 4/3–4) has direct parallels in the finds from northern Bulgaria; along with the parallels documented by the analysis of open-work belts, this testifies about direct contacts along the rivers Sava and Danube. This form of fibula was a characteristic item of female costume in Donja Dolina, where they have been found in

graves which can be dated to the second half of the 7th and the beginning of the 6th century BC.

Presented as a distinct form, the fibula from inhumation grave 1 in the garden of N. Šokić was found on the chest of a richly equipped young woman along with a plate fibula, a boat-shaped fibula, and four other fibulae. It is a single-loop fibula with a rectangular symmetrical foot and a vertical rib along the middle, with the motif of a concentric circle below it. On each side of the rib there are two concentric circles. The bow has a low triangular cross section and is flat on the back. At the top of the bow there are five loops with hanging chains consisting of single and double small rings and with pendants hanging at the end of the chains. At the end of the bow, towards the missing spiral, there is a spherical protrusion.²³⁶

The closest parallel is a fibula from the Debele Brdo-Soukbnar site, which is a single-loop fibula with a large triangular foot and five loops at the top of the narrow crescent-shaped bow. The upper and lower edges of the bow are decorated with short oblique incisions. Chains hanging from the loops consist of small rings. Close to the spiral on the bow, there is also a pendant with one ring on each terminal. The fibula has been dated to the 8th and 7th centuries BC.²³⁷ However, the only direct parallel is the pair of single-loop fibulae from grave 8 in tumulus I at the Bazje site in northern Albania. The fibulae have the foot in the shape of a Boeotian shield, with a vertical groove along the middle. The bow is crescent shaped; at its top there are five loops with hanging pendants of complex composition.²³⁸ On the basis of its double-loop fibulae with a rectangular symmetrical foot with two holes of the kind that was also found in Donja Dolina (phase 2c), the grave can be dated to phase Glasinac IVc-2. These fibulae are considered to be a further development of fibulae with the foot in the shape of a Boeotian shield; their appearance has been dated to the turn of the 7th and 6th centuries BC. Aside from the sites in eastern Bosnia and western Serbia, fibulae of this shape have also been found at sites in Herzegovina and northern Albania.²³⁹

231 KEMENCZEI 2004, 79, 81, 83, 98 and Fig. 1/2, 5–6. – On that occasion, he dated grave N. Čegrlja 3 to the middle of the 7th century BC.

232 TERŽAN 1987a, 15 and Fig. 9/7. – TERŽAN 1987b, 420. – TERŽAN 1990, 82, 99–100, 139. – METZNER-NEBELSICK 2002, 110–111, 415, 426 and Fig. 39/3. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 190. – HEILMANN 2016, 16.

233 HEILMANN 2016, 21–22 and Fig. 3. – The fibulae of variant 2 are distributed across the central Balkans, in northwest Bulgaria and Macedonia from the middle of the 7th to the first half of the 6th century BC, while the fibulae of variant 3 are dated to the end of the first half and the middle of the 6th century BC and are restricted to the western Balkans.

234 VASIĆ 1999, 70. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 190 and Fig. 174/12–17. – HEILMANN 2016, 12–13, 16, 18, 22 and Fig. 3. – The fibulae of variant 2 after the classification of Daniela Heilmann have a bow of round or polygonal cross section and with expansions on the terminals. The low and wide foot is decorated with an incised V motif and less frequently with the motif of relief ribs.

235 VASIĆ 1977, 33 and Pl. 23/1. – VASIĆ 1999, 66 and Pl. 34/451. – HEILMANN 2016, 15.

236 TRUHELKA 1904, 84 and Fig. 65. – MARIĆ 1964, Pl. XIII/34. – Temple rings of type A were found in the grave.

237 GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b, 25 and Fig. 20/2.

238 PRENDI 1976, 172 and Pl. VI/14. – ISLAMI 1983, 115 and Fig. 8, Pl. IV/2–3.

239 BENAC, ČOVIĆ 1957, 41–42. – LUCENTINI 1981, 73–74 and Fig. 2/3–5. – ČOVIĆ 1987a, 252 and Pl. XXVIII/4. – ČOVIĆ 1987b, 604, 618–619 and Pl. LXII/24, 26, Fig. 36/20. – VASIĆ 1999, 71. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 190–191, 199 and Fig. 174/18, 20. – These fibulae are usually between 3 cm and 5 cm long, with a trend of getting even smaller.

3.5. Plate Fibulae

One of the most numerous forms of fibulae in the Donja Dolina is the plate fibula, which has often been found in graves with temple rings of types A and B (Tab. 4). In inhumation graves, they are placed on the chest of the deceased women, sometimes in pairs. This is testified to by grave N. Čegrlja 3 (Fig. 2)²⁴⁰ and grave 1 in the garden of N. Šokić.²⁴¹ There are two distinct basic types, dominated by fibulae that are richly decorated with hammered and open-work decorations, while the pin is fastened on the back (Figs. 5/10, 7/11).²⁴² Only grave N. Šokić II 4 included a plate fibula with eight petals (Fig. 9/4).²⁴³ Plate fibulae have been found in a few other graves in Donja Dolina, which also contain some other forms of temple rings, most often the variants of type D.²⁴⁴ We should add the chance finds of plate fibulae from the cemetery and one from Gradina.²⁴⁵

The plate fibulae from the cemetery in Donja Dolina are dated to phases 2a and 2b; the youngest finds date to phases 2c and 3a-1, when they disappear.²⁴⁶ These fibulae have been singled out as the Donja Dolina type and they are dated in the 7th and 6th centuries BC. One of the oldest finds is a rosette-shaped fibula from grave N. Šokić II 4 (Fig. 9/4), where it was found together with objects originating from the eastern Balkans and Greece. Plate fibulae are widespread from Hallstatt to Asia Minor, but their places of origin are northern Greece and Albania, from where they reached Donja Dolina through Glasinac.²⁴⁷ Plate fibulae are analysed in detail by Teržan, who distinguished two variants: fibulae with a spherical plate and fibulae with a rosette-shaped plate, which she dates from the second half of the 8th to the middle of the 6th century BC. As for the finds from Donja

Dolina, which include both variants, she dates them from the middle of the 7th to the 6th century BC. Plate fibulae are widespread in the Aegean too, where they originated, and in the Balkans, all the way to the southeastern Alps. They have also been found in the cemeteries of Ferigile and Szentes-Vekerzug; in fact, the fibulae from the latter site, which have a star-shaped open-work decoration, have been recognized as the closest parallel to those from Donja Dolina, dated to the second half of the 7th century BC. On the other hand, it is pointed out that rosette-shaped plate fibulae have been found at sites ranging from the southern Balkans to Donja Dolina.²⁴⁸ As pointed out, they have been found in a cremation grave from tumulus 45 in the Ferigile cemetery, with parallels sought in Donja Dolina,²⁴⁹ especially for those from the Szentes-Vekerzug cemetery, dated to the first half of the 6th century BC and reflecting the influence of the Hallstatt-Balkans fashion of wearing fibulae.²⁵⁰

Thus, the plate fibulae from the Donja Dolina cemetery indicate a distinctive and favourite form of female costume originating in the southern Balkans, which arrived in this area around the middle of the 7th century BC and remained in use until the second half of the 6th century BC.

3.6. Spectacle Fibulae

In the Donja Dolina cemetery and in some cemeteries of the Ciumbrud group with type A temple rings, small bronze spectacle fibulae without a figure-of-eight loop in the middle part (Tabs. 2, 4) have been found, singly or in pairs. In grave N. Čegrlja 3, on the right side of the chest of the woman, there was a small fibula of this shape (Fig. 2/10).²⁵¹ Fibulae of this kind have also been found in the Donja Dolina cemetery in grave N. Šokić 1,²⁵² and there were two fibulae in grave M. Petrović 9.²⁵³ Chance finds from Donja Dolina include another three fibulae of this kind.²⁵⁴ In grave XIV of the Ciumbrud-Podireu cemetery, there was a small bronze

240 TRUHELKA 1904, 85 and Pl. XL/3.

241 TRUHELKA 1904, 84 and Fig. 65.

242 Grave M. Petrović Jr. 3: TRUHELKA 1904, 90. – Grave M. Petrović 2: TRUHELKA 1904, 118. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b, 128 and Fig. 158/12. – Grave M. Petrović 3: TRUHELKA 1904, 119. – ČOVIĆ 1987a, 246 and Pl. XXVI/4–5. – Grave M. Petrović Sen. 9: TRUHELKA 1904, 124 and Pl. LXXI/1.

243 TRUHELKA 1904, 133 and Pl. LXXVII/19. – This grave has been dated to the oldest burial horizon from Ha C1: TERŽAN 1974, 43 and Fig. 7. Also: KILIAN 1975, 51, 98, 108 and Pls. 28/12; 82/1.

244 Grave M. Petrović Jr. 35: TRUHELKA 1904, 98 and Pl. XLVIII/17–18. – Grave N. Šokić I 13: TRUHELKA 1904, 114 and Pl. LXII/7. – Grave N. Šokić I 26: TRUHELKA 1904, 115 and Pl. LXV/6. – Grave M. Petrović Sen. 16: TRUHELKA 1904, 126. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b, 129 and Fig. 160/11. – Grave N. Šokić II 5: TRUHELKA 1904, 134 and Pl. LXXVII/22.

245 TRUHELKA 1904, 144 and Fig. 83. – MARIĆ 1964, Pls. IX/18; XIII/6.

246 ČOVIĆ 1987a, 241, 246, 248, 252 and Figs. 15/13; 16/1, Pls. XXVI/5; XXVII/13.

247 GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 192 and Fig. 178.

248 TERŽAN 1974, 43 and Fig. 7. – TERŽAN 1987b, 420, 425 and Fig. 4. – TERŽAN 1990, 139, 141, 212 and Map 6. – TERŽAN 1998, 515. – EGG 1996, 272–273 and Fig. 151.

249 BADER 1983, 105 and Pl. 34/309–310.

250 KEMENCZEI 2004, 85, 87 and Figs. 5/2, 7, 16; 6/1–2. – TERŽAN, HELLMUTH, HEIMANN 2011, 268 and Fig. 12.

251 TRUHELKA 1904, 85 and Pl. XL/10.

252 MARIĆ 1964, Pl. IX/7. – The older settlement at Donja Dolina included a fibula with a figure-of-eight loop (MARIĆ 1964, Pl. IX/6). The fibula belongs to the Haslau-Regelsbrunn type and has been dated between Ha B3 and Ha C1, even though it remained in the western Balkans until the 5th century BC: GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 183 and Fig. 172/1. – PABST 2012, 379.

253 TRUHELKA 1904, 121.

254 TRUHELKA 1904, 143 and Fig. 82, Pl. LXXXI/1.

fibula on the chest of the woman,²⁵⁵ while grave 7 from the Cristești-Szörtsey cemetery contained two fibulae of this shape.²⁵⁶

The small spectacle fibulae without a figure-of-eight loop are associated with phase 2a,²⁵⁷ distinguished as the Santa Lucia type, and dated to the developed 7th century BC.²⁵⁸ At Glasinac they appear in phase IVb and are considered to be a form that was inherited from the previous phase, but they are frequent in and characteristic for phase IVc-1, in which the bottom side had a bronze or (more often) iron frame with a pin and a hook-shaped foot. This is one of the more frequent forms in phase IVc-2 too.²⁵⁹ Teržan also defines them as fibulae of the Santa Lucia type, which already appears in hoards of the older Urnfield Culture; in the central Balkans they belong to the female costume starting from the Glasinac IV phase.²⁶⁰ A similar opinion is provided by Bader, who points out that the spirals consist of four to eight coils of wire of round or rectangular cross section, and are found on the shoulder or chest in the graves, sometimes in pairs. Along with the already mentioned graves of the Ciumbrud group, a pair of small spectacle fibulae was found in grave 15 in the Ozd cemetery. The fibulae are distributed from the southeastern Alpine area, across Donja Dolina, Glasinac, and western Serbia, to Poland in the north and Greece in the south. Finds thereof have been recorded starting from hoards of the older Urnfield phase (Ha A1) to Ha D; the older ones are noticeably larger, while smaller ones have been found in the graves dated to the beginning of Ha D, such as the Ciumbrud group cemeteries.²⁶¹ Gergova distinguishes them as type C 2; they are few in number in the area of Bulgaria, and she dates them from the 9th to

the 7th century BC.²⁶² The Santa Lucia-type fibulae from the sites in Serbia are analysed by Vasić, who points out that they appear over the entire duration of the Early Iron Age, and concludes that the younger forms are smaller. The fibulae occasionally have an iron pin. They have been found most often in graves, singly or in pairs, dated from the 8th to the 5th century BC, and widespread across central Europe, the Balkans, and Italy.²⁶³ The last detailed analysis of spectacle fibulae was carried out by Sabine Pabst, who also distinguishes the single-piece Santa Lucia type, characterized by the lack of the figure-of-eight loop in the middle, and made from a wire of rounded cross section. It is a widespread form, which she associates with the mentioned finds from the graves of the Ciumbrud group. Santa Lucia-type fibulae appear as early as the 10th century BC; they are present in the 9th century BC in the central Balkans and after 700 BC at Glasinac and in the northern part of the central Balkans.²⁶⁴ On the other hand, multi-part spectacle fibulae without a figure-of-eight loop, mostly of small dimensions, are defined by her as the Glasinac type; she distinguishes three variants on the basis of the material they are made of. They are considered characteristic for the costume of adult women and girls. The fibulae of this type are distributed at Glasinac, in western Serbia, and in the Drina valley, with Donja Dolina being the northernmost site. At Glasinac, they appear in the graves of phase IVc, i.e. in the 7th and the first half of the 6th century BC.²⁶⁵

Thus, small bronze spectacle fibulae from the Donja Dolina cemetery and the Ciumbrud group cemeteries indicate that it was a female costume item worn from the middle of the 7th to the first half of the 6th century BC.

3.7. The Marvinci-Gogošu-Type Fibulae

One of the distinctive forms of fibulae in the Donja Dolina cemetery is the single-loop bow fibula with a rectangular foot of the Marvinci-Gogošu type.²⁶⁶ Two fibulae of this type have been found in inhumation grave M. Petrović 1 together

255 FERENCZI 1965, 102 and Fig. 8/16. – FERENCZI 1966, 54 and Fig. 18/2. – FERENCZI 1969, 50 and Fig. 18. – BADER 1983, 57 and Pl. 11/89. – KEMENCZEI 2004, 83 and Fig. 3/7. – Also, child grave VI contained a fragment of a fibula of this type: BADER 1983, 56 and Pl. 11/88.

256 CRIȘAN 1965a, 59 and Fig. 12/6. – CRIȘAN 1974, 107 and Fig. 6/2. – BADER 1983, 57 and Pls. 11/90; 56/B1. – KEMENCZEI 2004, 83 and Fig. 3/10.

257 ČOVIĆ 1987a, 241, 243.

258 GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 184.

259 ČOVIĆ 1987b, 594, 607, 618 and Pls. LX/21; LXI/17; LXII/23. – VASIĆ 1999, 34. – Also: LUCENTINI 1981, 69 and Fig. 1/1–2.

260 TERŽAN 1987a, 10 and Fig. 6/4–5.

261 BADER 1983, 56–60 and Pls. 11–13/86; for their distribution: Pl. 44. – Grave 15 from the Ozd cemetery: BADER 1983, 57 and Pls. 11/92–93; 56/C1–2. – VASILIEV, ZRÍNYI 1974, 96, 135 and Pl. XVI. – KEMENCZEI 2004, 83. – Kemenczei points out that spectacle fibulae without a figure-of-eight loop appear in the eastern Carpathian Basin in the 'first Scythian horizon', and that they might be a local tradition or originating from the northern Balkans: KEMENCZEI 2004, 85.

262 GERGOVA 1987, 53–54.

263 VASIĆ 1999, 30, 34–35 and Pls. 8–12/103–175; for their distribution: Pl. 62A.

264 PABST 2012, 88, 91, 255 and Fig. 8/1, Pl. 15/2; 392–393 and List 33, Map 25. – They remained on the Santa Lucia cemetery as long as the 5th century BC.

265 PABST 2012, 105–106, 172–173 and Fig. 11/1, Pl. 16/1–3; 396–397 and List 45, Map 30/2. – It is assumed that the fibula from grave N. Čegrlja 3 belongs to the Glasinac type.

266 KILIAN 1975, 73–74, 97–98 and Pl. 85/1–2. – PARZINGER 1992, 234 and Fig. 10/4. – From northern Greece to southern Romania, from the Morava and the Vardar to the Struma and the Iskar in the east. Rare further west, as in Donja Dolina.

with type B temple rings (Tab. 4). The better-preserved fibula has the saddle-shaped upper part of the low rectangular foot and ends with a button.²⁶⁷ In the Donja Dolina cemetery fibulae of this type have also been found as a pair in grave N. Šokić I 1,²⁶⁸ while grave M. Petrović Sen. 3 contained a single fibula.²⁶⁹ We should also mention the Marvinci-Gogošu-type fibula from the grave in tumulus XXVI-II in the eponymous cemetery, together with a small temple ring.²⁷⁰

Fibulae of this kind are dated to phase 2b,²⁷¹ while Vasić places them in horizon 2.²⁷² He then classifies bow fibulae with a rectangular foot into several variants, one of which is represented by fibulae with a large horizontal foot, which he calls the Marvinci-Gogošu type. They are characterized by a smooth, rounded cross section to the bow with button-shaped expansions on the terminals and a square or rectangular foot with a saddle-shaped upper part and a button at the end. The fibulae of this type are distributed in the greatest number in the central Balkans, but they have also been found from Thessaly to Transylvania and Donja Dolina. It is assumed that this form originated in Chalcidice at the end of the 7th century BC, spread to the Danube at the beginning of the 6th century BC, and remained in use until the beginning of the 5th century BC. For the fibulae from Donja Dolina, it is pointed out that they are typologically related to those from the sites in northwestern Bulgaria and southwestern Romania, from where they probably arrived, and have been dated to the beginning of the 6th century BC.²⁷³ On the other hand, the fibulae of the Marvinci-Gogošu type, also called the Donja Dolina type by Teržan, are dated by her from the middle of the 7th century BC onwards.²⁷⁴ Actually, these single-loop bow fibulae with a square or rectangular foot were first distinguished as the Donja Dolina type by Bader. The bow has a semi-circular outline and a varied cross section, while the foot can be decorated or undecorated, and as a rule, ends with a button. The highest number of these fibulae comes from

female graves; in most cases, they are worn singly, and they are rarely found in pairs. The finds from inhumation graves show that the deceased wore them on the left side of the chest or shoulders. The fibulae have been dated from the middle of the 7th to the middle of the 6th century BC, and not later than the second half of the 6th century BC.²⁷⁵ The Marvinci-Gogošu-type fibulae are distinguished by Gergova as type A III 4 with two variants, where variant α is the one with a bow that has no decorations except ring-like expansions, and the button from the remains of the foot can be separated by a rib. The fibulae of this variant are distributed in northwest Bulgaria, Romania, and Macedonia, and are dated to the 7th and 6th centuries BC, with a mention of the finds from Donja Dolina. Variant β is characterized by a massive bow, profiled with narrow and thick transverse ribs and somewhat wider ribs; the foot is low and is less than one half of the height of the fibula. These fibulae are considered to be characteristic for the Gogošu cemetery, meaning that it is a local variant that has been dated like the previous one.²⁷⁶ In his analysis of the fibulae from Donja Dolina, Gavranović also points out that the decorations of transverse grooves and tremolo lines on the foot along the edges are similar to the finds from the area of southwest Romania. Considering the combination of fibulae in grave N. Šokić I 1, this grave has been dated to the end of the 7th and the first half of the 6th century BC, while grave M. Petrović 1 has been dated to the early 6th century BC. The fibulae of this type again point to the importance of communication along the Sava and the Danube.²⁷⁷ The Marvinci-Gogošu-type fibulae from Vekerzug group cemeteries are mentioned by Kemenczei. The fibula from cremation grave 61 from the Szentes-Vekerzug cemetery has a higher square foot ending with a conical button, while there are expansions at the end of the high bow towards the foot. The fibula actually belongs to the Novi Pazar type, a younger type from the end of the 6th and the first half of the 5th century BC. Finally, grave 23 in the Tiszavasvári-Dózsa-telep cemetery included a fragment of a fibula with a low foot ending with a button, which could belong to the Marvinci-Gogošu type.²⁷⁸

Thus, bronze single-loop bow fibulae of the Marvinci-Gogošu type can be classified into different variants on

267 TRUHELKA 1904, 117–118. – MARIĆ 1964, Pl. IX/33–34.

268 TRUHELKA 1904, 110–111 and Pls. LVIII/4; LIX/7.

269 TRUHELKA 1904, 122 and Pl. LXVIII/9.

270 BERCIU, COMŞA 1956, 425, 428 and Fig. 151/2. – BADER 1983, 94 and Pl. 32/262.

271 ČOVIĆ 1987a, 246, 248 and Pl. XXVI/2.

272 VASIĆ 1977, 18 and Pls. 23/2; 51/3–4. – Sinjac Polje: KAPURAN, BLAGOJEVIĆ, BIZJAK 2015, Figs. 6/2; 9/5.

273 VASIĆ 1987a, 42–50 and Pl. 1/3–4, App. 1. – VASIĆ 1999, 71–77 and Pls. 40–41/553–581; for their distribution: Pl. 67A. The Marvinci variant is present in Greek Macedonia and North Macedonia, Serbia, and northwest Bulgaria; and the Gogošu variant with a decorated bow and foot, in Bulgaria and Oltenia.

274 TERŽAN 1987a, 19. – TERŽAN 1990, 74.

275 BADER 1983, 93–99 and Pl. 50. The classification into variants depends on the cross section of the bow. A variant E fibula was found in grave 1 from Simeria with temple rings with conical terminals (BADER 1983, 96). Some of the described fibulae actually belong to the younger type of Novi Pazar.

276 GERGOVA 1987, 33–34 and Pls. 6/83–84; 7/85–88; 7/89–91.

277 GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 198 and Fig. 185.

278 KEMENCZEI 2004, 87, 89–90 and Figs. 6/5–6; 7/1.

the basis of the shape of the bow and foot, with regional and chronological differences. The fibulae from the graves in Donja Dolina can be dated to the second half of the 7th and the beginning of the 6th century BC, and point to contacts with eastern areas along the Sava and the Danube, primarily with the areas of southwest Romania and northwest Bulgaria.

3.8. Poiana-Type Fibula

Grave 20 in the Gîmbaş-Măgauricea cemetery, containing type A temple rings, also included a single-loop fibula with a tall undecorated trapezoidal foot and a bent prong of the Poiana type.²⁷⁹ The fibulae of this type were classified into two variants by Bader on the basis of the bow cross section; he classified the fibula from the Gîmbaş grave as variant B with a triangular cross section to the bow with four deep and wide grooves in the middle and two more on the ends of the bow. Their origin is the Aegean area; they have been found in female graves and are distributed in southern Moldova and southern Transylvania, Bulgaria, and Macedonia. Their appearance has been dated from the beginning of the 7th to the end of the 6th century BC, while the Gîmbaş fibula has been dated to the turn of the 7th and 6th centuries BC.²⁸⁰ The fibulae of this kind, with a tall trapezoidal foot, have been distinguished by Gergova as type A II 3, variant γ , usually with a small and smooth bow and a group of three transverse ribs of different widths only in the middle. The back of the bow is smooth, while the tall foot has hammered protrusions. They are distributed in southern Thracia, but they also appear in Romania; they have been dated to the 7th and 6th centuries BC.²⁸¹ They are also called Thracian fibulae, known from sites ranging from Greece to Transylvania and Moldova.²⁸² In her last analysis, Teržan dates the Poiana-type fibulae from the middle of the 8th to the late 7th century BC, distinguishing the Poštela variant, which is present in the southeastern Alpine area, as a local product. The Poiana-type fibulae are classified into variants according to the shape of the bow and foot; they are distributed across Transylvania, Moldova, and Bulgaria, pointing to the local female costume of the eastern Balkans and having their origin in Thracia or the Aegean, where they were worn from the 10th to the 8th century BC. The fibula from the Gîmbaş

grave is dated by her to the late 7th/early 6th century BC, as one of the youngest finds.²⁸³

3.9. Boat-Shaped Fibulae

The important finds for the dating of the Donja Dolina graves with temple rings of types A and B are different forms of boat-shaped fibulae (Tab. 4) belonging to the defined types, the most numerous ones being of the Šmarjeta type.²⁸⁴

The boat-shaped fibulae of the Šmarjeta type, with three longitudinal ribs with transversal incisions (one rib along the middle of the bow and one along each edge) and ribs on both ends of the bow, have been found in grave M. Petrović 3 together with temple rings of types A and C1,²⁸⁵ but also in some other graves in Donja Dolina.²⁸⁶ A boat-shaped fibula with transverse fields with a netting decoration comes from grave N. Šokić II 5,²⁸⁷ while two fibulae have been found at the Gradina settlement.²⁸⁸ Another fibula from the cemetery area is a boat-shaped fibula with a bow decorated with groups of transverse grooves.²⁸⁹ Boat-shaped fibulae of somewhat different forms have been found in some other graves with temple rings of types A and B. Grave M. Petrović Jr. 3 contained a boat-shaped fibula with two transverse grooves on the ends of the bow, while the pin seems to have been made of iron and fastened to the end of the bow (Fig. 3/4).²⁹⁰ This fibula is similar to another fibula from the cemetery.²⁹¹ Grave M. Petrović 8 seems to contain two boat-shaped fibulae, while the other two fibulae were close to the Sanguisuga type with a rhombic cross section to the bow. One boat-shaped fibula has a long foot, the ends of the bow

279 BADER 1983, 99 and Pl. 34/294. – VULPE 1984, 47 and Fig. 8/8. – KEMENCZEI 2004, 90 and Fig. 4/23. – TERŽAN 2016, 340 and Fig. 3/2–4.

280 BADER 1983, 99–101 and Pls. 33/292–293; 34/294–296; for their distribution: Pl. 51.

281 GERGOVA 1987, 29–30 and Pls. 4/59–60; 5/61–68; 6/69–71.

282 KILIAN 1975, 108 and Pl. 81. – PARZINGER 1992, 234 and Fig. 9/3.

283 TERŽAN 1990, 59 and Map 5. – TERŽAN 2016, 338–344 and Figs. 1/1–2; 5.

284 For some boat-shaped fibulae, considering the publications until now, it is impossible to determine the exact shape, e.g. for grave 1 from the garden of N. Šokić, there is mention of a small boat-shaped fibula and another four fibulae of an unknown type: TRUHELKA 1904, 84 and Fig. 65.

285 TRUHELKA 1904, 119. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 193 and Fig. 179/1.

286 Grave M. Petrović Jr. 51: TRUHELKA 1904, 102 and Pl. XLI/8. – Grave N. Šokić I 1: TRUHELKA 1904, 110 and Pl. LVIII/6. – Grave I. Stipančević 8: TRUHELKA 1904, 128 and Pl. LXXV/9.

287 TRUHELKA 1904, 134 and Pl. LXXVII/29.

288 TRUHELKA 1904, 70 and Fig. 43. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b, 81 and Fig. 103/5–6.

289 MARIĆ 1964, Pl. IX/21. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 193 and Fig. 179/5.

290 TRUHELKA 1904, 90 and Pl. XLII/19. – GRAHEK 2004, 142, 144, associates this fibula with type 2d, characterized by a single longitudinal rib in the middle of the bow. These fibulae developed from the Šmarjeta type, and are distributed in the same area, only less numerous (GRAHEK 2004, Fig. 34). They also date to the Stična 2 subphase, and still remain within the serpentine fibula horizon.

291 ČOVIĆ 1987a, 246 and Pl. XXVI/3.

having several groups of transverse grooves, and longitudinal ribs in the middle. The other fibula also has a long foot and a bow with dense transverse ribs, and is associated with the late 7th and the early 6th century BC.²⁹² Grave M. Petrović Sen. 16 included a boat-shaped fibula with a long foot ending with a knob. At each end of the bow there is a group of transverse grooves. It is followed by a smooth part towards the middle of the bow and, again, a group of narrow transverse grooves on each side, while the central part of the bow has thick longitudinal ribs.²⁹³ The fibula from grave M. Petrović Jr. 3 is similar to one found in the settlement, which also has transverse grooves at the ends of the bow, while the central part of the bow has longitudinal grooves.²⁹⁴

Grave M. Petrović Jr. 3 with a boat-shaped fibula, which also contains two amber-coated fibulae, is included by Teržan in the horizon matching subphase Stična 2 in the Dolenjska region.²⁹⁵ The boat-shaped fibulae from Donja Dolina are dated in the same way by Čović, who classifies them into phase 2b.²⁹⁶ Boat-shaped fibulae of different types from the Donja Dolina cemetery are analysed in detail by Gavranović. The Šmarjeta-type fibulae, distributed from the southeastern Alps to Slovakia, are dated to horizon Ha C2–D1, i.e. to the late 7th and the early 6th century BC. They are similar to one of the fibulae from grave M. Petrović 8, with several longitudinal ribs, and the one from the settlement, which could be a local product. There are also a number of boat-shaped fibulae with transverse groups with a netting decoration, such as the one found in grave N. Šokić II 5, dated to the late 7th and the early 6th century BC; they can include chance finds and a fibula decorated with thick transverse grooves distributed in groups. The fibula from grave M. Petrović Jr. 3, and the fibula outside the grave assemblage, are classified as the Gogošu variant. The fibula from grave M. Petrović Sen. 16 has been dated on the basis of the other finds from the grave to the early 6th century BC.²⁹⁷ The detailed analysis of the boat-shaped fibulae from Magdalenska gora distinguishes several types

with variants matching the specific finds of boat-shaped fibulae from Donja Dolina.²⁹⁸

The boat-shaped fibulae from Donja Dolina originate from the Dolenjska region, where such fibulae are characteristic for phase Stična, reaching their peak during subphase Stična 2, when they appear in richly furnished female graves. The boat-shaped fibulae of the Šmarjeta type, like those with transverse ribs, are most frequent in the Dolenjska region, but there is a noticeable spread toward the east.²⁹⁹ Boat-shaped fibulae of the Šmarjeta type are analysed in detail by Teržan, who says that they originated from the southeastern Alpine area, but they have been found at sites in western Hungary, southwestern Slovakia, and as far as Moravia and Donja Dolina. They have been dated to subphase Stična 2, i.e. the late 7th and the early 6th century BC.³⁰⁰ Regarding Šmarjeta-type fibulae, Parzinger concludes that those with a shorter foot and without a knob at the end are older, belonging to the second half of the 7th century BC (Ha C2), while those with a longer foot and a knob at the end still belong to the beginning of Ha D1, i.e. to the early 6th century BC.³⁰¹ Also, there is the interesting claim that among the Šmarjeta-type fibulae, which can be classified into variants according to the number of longitudinal ribs on the bow, those with three to five ribs (variant A) are found in greater numbers at the sites located further away from their basic distribution area.³⁰² Boat-shaped fibulae of the Šmarjeta type are very rarely found further east, so it is suggested that they arrived from the southeastern Alpine area through Donja Dolina.³⁰³ The same conclusion would probably apply to the chance finds of different forms of boat-shaped

292 MARIĆ 1964, Pl. IX/25–26. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 193 and Fig. 179/2. – The grave also contains two fibulae close to the Sanguisuga type with a bow of rhombic cross section and a long foot: GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 196 and Fig. 183/1.

293 TRUHELKA 1904, 126. – ČOVIĆ 1987a, 248 and Pl. XXVII/9.

294 MARIĆ 1964, Pl. IX/23. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b, 81 and Fig. 103/7. – GRAHEK 2004, 142 associates this fibula with the Šmarjeta type.

295 TERŽAN 1974, 40, 42–43 and Fig. 7.

296 ČOVIĆ 1987a, 248–249 and Pls. XXVI/3; XXVII/9.

297 GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 193–194 and Fig. 179. – Boat-shaped fibulae with a long foot and profiled knob at the end are most frequent in the areas of the Dolenjska and Sveta Lucija groups, where they were made after Italic models: GABROVEC 1987, 49.

298 TECCO-HVALA 2012, 208–216, 268, 348 and Fig. 81. – The fibula from grave M. Petrović 3 has its closest parallel in one of the fibulae of type 1a, while the existence of the iron pin has parallels in type 1b fibulae that are characteristic for the Dolenjska region. One of the fibulae from grave M. Petrović 8 could belong to type 6b, which has a bow with a ribbed surface.

299 GABROVEC 1987, 42, 48–49 and Fig. 3/9–10. – DULAR 2003, 118, 130. – GABROVEC 2010, 52. – As the oldest variant from the Stična 1 subphase, a large boat-shaped fibula was singled out, with a long foot and a bow decorated with an incised ornament consisting of groups that are alternately decorated with a zig-zag line. Also: GRAHEK 2004, 142 and Fig. 35. – There are no such fibulae in Donja Dolina.

300 TERŽAN 1974, 40, 42. – TERŽAN 1987a, 19 and Fig. 13. – TERŽAN 1990, 43, 101–102, 139, 181 and Map 16. – TERŽAN 1998, 521, 524 and Fig. 4. – Also: FEKETE 1973, 342–343. – PARZINGER 1992, 233 and Fig. 9/1. – GLUNZ 1997, 98–99 and Map 24. – DULAR 2003, 118 and Fig. 70/6. – GRAHEK 2004, 142 and Fig. 33. – KRUIH 2010, 110 and Pl. 126/1. – TECCO-HVALA 2012, 208, 216, 348 and Fig. 81/10. – FELCAN 2018, 61 and Fig. 8.

301 PARZINGER 1995, 16, 19, 179 and Fig. 7.

302 GLUNZ 1997, 98–99 and Map 24.

303 VASIĆ 1999, 88 and Pls. 43/658; 44/660.

fibulae that come from the sites in Romania, but also for some other forms of fibulae that are characteristic for the southeastern Alpine area (e.g. the *fibula a tre bottoni* from tumulus XXXV in Gogoşu).³⁰⁴ These are probably imports from the west that could have arrived across western Hungary or through communication along the Sava and the Danube, where the settlement of Donja Dolina played an important role. This is testified to by the aforementioned finds of specific forms of belts or specific types of fibulae, which certainly originated in the Danube area.

Another well-represented type of boat-shaped fibula in the Donja Dolina cemetery consists of fibulae with a lower bow of angular outline, decorated with transverse fields with a netting decoration, such as the one found in grave N. Šokić II 5, while two fibulae were found at Gradina. The fibulae of this kind, classified as type 6a, are dated to the Stična 2 subphase and are distributed in the southeastern Alpine area, especially the Dolenjska region, but also across western Hungary all the way to Slovakia and Moravia in the north.³⁰⁵ The bow of one fibula from the cemetery is decorated with thick groups of transverse grooves; these fibulae are classified in the Dolenjska region as type 1b fibulae.³⁰⁶

Different forms of boat-shaped fibulae from the Donja Dolina cemetery represent one of the more numerous, but also more heterogeneous groups of fibulae that certainly originate from the southeastern Alpine area, where they were created after Italic models. In fact, the forms that came to Donja Dolina, such as the Šmarjeta-type fibulae or fibulae with transverse groups with netting decoration, are characteristic for the area of Dolenjska during the Stična 2 subphase.

3.10. Amber-Coated Fibulae

Along with boat-shaped and plate fibulae and different forms of temple rings (Tab. 4), grave M. Petrović Jr. 3 contained two amber-coated fibulae with a bronze wire bow, where both ends of the bow still have narrow ring-like expansions (Fig. 3/3).³⁰⁷ These fibulae are dated to phase 2b,³⁰⁸

³⁰⁴ BADER 1983, 108–115 and Pls. 35–36/345–350; for their distribution: Pl. 61D. – Of particular importance is the find of a boat-shaped fibula, singled out as the Gogoşu type, with the bow decorated with five groups of transverse ribs from the inhumation grave in tumulus XLVIII, where it was found together with a Marvinci-Gogoşu type fibula.

³⁰⁵ TERŽAN 1990, 101–102, 158 and Map 15. – FEKETE 1973, 342, 348. – GLUNZ 1997, 102 and Map 25. – DULAR 2003, 130 and Fig. 75/8. – POTREBICA 2003, 219–221 and Map 2. – GRAHEK 2004, 140–142 and Fig. 32. – GABROVEC 2010, 52. – TECCO-HVALA 2012, 210 and Fig. 81/11. – EGG, KRAMER 2016, 80–83, 203 and Map 35.

³⁰⁶ GRAHEK 2004, 140–142. – TECCO-HVALA 2012, 208, 214.

³⁰⁷ TRUHELKA 1904, 90 and Pl. XLII/16.

³⁰⁸ ČOVIĆ 1987a, 246, 249 and Fig. 15/15.

while Teržan dates this grave to the late 7th and the early 6th century BC.³⁰⁹

Fibulae coated with bone, glass, or amber are considered to be characteristic for subphase Stična 2 in the Dolenjska region where they are produced; their origin is northern Italy, where they appeared in the second half of the 7th century BC. Good examples are the amber-coated and bone-coated fibulae in the princely female grave 27 of tumulus 48 in Stična, which still contained large boat-shaped fibulae. Along with some contemporary examples from the Dolenjska region, this testifies that coated fibulae appear in the graves of women and girls who had a prominent status in the community.³¹⁰ A bone-coated fibula has been found in grave 2 of tumulus II in nearby Kaptol and is associated with horizon 3 of the Martijanec-Kaptol group, i.e. the fibulae have been dated to the end of the 7th and the beginning of the 6th century BC.³¹¹ It should be noted that the first analysis of the fibulae with different coatings – bone, amber, glass – on the wire bow of (usually) square or (rarely) rounded cross section was undertaken by Vida Starè. Amber-coated fibulae are frequent in tumuli at Vinji vrh and in the Hallstatt cemetery. As we pointed out, amber-coated fibulae have been dated to the late Ha C and the beginning of Ha D, i.e. to the developed 7th and the beginning of the 6th century BC.³¹² In the last classification, the fibulae are classified into two types according to the bow outline, where the Donja Dolina fibulae belong to type B with a square outline bow, which is distributed in northern Italy, the Soča valley, the Dolenjska region, and the Hallstatt cemetery, all the way to Donja Dolina.³¹³

Thus, the amber-coated bow fibulae from grave M. Petrović Jr. 3 can be considered as an import from the area of Dolenjska, together with the boat-shaped fibula from the same grave, where they were a characteristic item of female costume in subphase Stična 2, i.e. in the late 7th and the beginning of the 6th century BC.

3.11. Borajna-Type Fibulae

One of the distinctive forms of bronze fibulae in the Donja Dolina cemetery consists of the Borajna-type fibulae (Tab. 4). They are small single-loop bow fibulae with a ribbed bow and a narrow and long asymmetrical triangular foot without a knob at the end. Such a fibula was found

³⁰⁹ TERŽAN 1974, 43. – TERŽAN 1990, 149.

³¹⁰ GABROVEC 1987, 49–50 and Pl. V/2. – TERŽAN 1987b, 40. – TERŽAN 1990, 103, 149. – DULAR 2003, 130 and Figs. 73/1; 75/5–7. – GABROVEC 2010, 52 and Pl. 18/20–21, 24. – TECCO-HVALA 2012, 226, 230, 268, 348 and Fig. 86/1.

³¹¹ VINSKI-GASPARINI 1987, 208 and Pl. XX/2.

³¹² STARÈ 1978, 64–76 and Pl. 1/1, 3–4, 6–8, Map 2–3.

³¹³ GLUNZ 1997, 71–72 and Pl. 26/9–15, Map 12.

together with several types of temple rings in grave M. Petrović Jr. 6 (Fig. 4/7). There is a ring-like thickening on each side of the bow and two ring-like thickenings in the middle of the bow.³¹⁴ Another Borajna-type fibula has been found in grave N. Šokić II 2. The fibula has a ribbed bow with one transverse ring-like thickening in the middle and at the ends of the bow. The narrow triangular foot is decorated with oblique grooves.³¹⁵ Fibulae of this type have been found in several other graves – burials of both women and men – with two graves standing out: the richly furnished female grave N. Šokić I 1 and the warrior grave M. Petrović Jr. 39.³¹⁶

These fibulae have been dated to phase 2b and are called the Glasinac knob fibulae.³¹⁷ They appeared at Glasinac at the beginning of phase IVc-2, but there remains the possibility that they already appeared at the end of the previous phase IVc-1. It is a heterogeneous group of fibulae, with noticeable differences in bow shape and decoration.³¹⁸ Borajna-type fibulae are defined by Teržan, who identifies them as a Balkans concept of ribbed-bow fibulae that appeared at Glasinac and are characterized by a taller foot than the ribbed-bow fibulae appearing in the eastern Alpine area. Actually, both types appear in the Donja Dolina cemetery within the same graves (graves M. Petrović Jr. 39 and I. Stipančević 8), although the Borajna-type fibulae are probably older. Borajna-type fibulae are distributed from Glasinac and western Serbia to Donja Dolina and dated to the late 7th continuing into the 6th century BC. There are changes in the design of the foot, which eventually gets a knob, already turning into the Potpećine type at the beginning of the 6th century BC.³¹⁹ Borajna-type fibulae are described by Vasić within the heterogeneous group of bow fibulae with ring-like thickenings in the middle and at the bow ends, and with transverse grooves. The foot is triangular or trapezoidal and can be decorated with lines. Since it is often not known how the foot ends, or whether it has a knob at the end, using a different classification into variants on the basis of the number of thickenings in the middle of the bow has

been proposed. In the graves, these fibulae usually appear in pairs, but they can also be single in combination with other types. Richer graves can even have several pairs of these fibulae. They are considered to be a characteristic form of the Glasinac IVc-2 phase; their appearance is dated to the first half of the 6th century BC and partly continues into the 5th century BC. They have been found in the greatest numbers at Glasinac and in southwest Serbia, where they were produced, but finds thereof have been recorded from northern Albania and Herzegovina to eastern Serbia, Sylvania, and Donja Dolina.³²⁰ We already indicated the contacts between Donja Dolina and the eastern Carpathian Basin on the basis of certain forms of belts and fibulae; in that respect, there is an interesting find of a small single-loop fibula with a triangular foot and rhombic cross section to the bow with ribbed ends that can be included in the Borajna type. The fibula comes from an unknown site in Banat ('Moldova Veche') and has been dated to the 6th and 5th centuries BC.³²¹

Thus, small bronze single-loop fibulae of the Borajna type in the cemetery of Donja Dolina point to direct contacts with the area of Glasinac, which has an important role in the development of fibulae with a triangular or trapezoidal foot, where local and foreign elements are combined into original forms. These fibulae were a characteristic item of female costume, but also of male costume. In Donja Dolina they have been found in graves that can be dated to the late 7th and the first half of the 6th century BC. Their appearance in Donja Dolina, where they have been found in graves with forms that are characteristic for the southeastern Alps and the western Carpathian Basin (i.e. boat-shaped fibulae, ribbed-bow fibulae) allows for a correlation between the chronological phases in these areas.³²²

3.12. Fibulae with a Ring at the Top of the Bow

One of the distinctive forms of bronze fibulae that appears in the Donja Dolina cemetery with temple rings of types A and B (Tab. 4) in several graves consists of small single-loop bow fibulae with a ring at the top of the bow and a narrow and long triangular foot that can also have a ring at the end. The bow is usually smooth in the middle part where the ring is. The ring can have small hoops with hanging trapezoidal pendants (Figs. 4/6, 7/12).³²³ A fibula of this kind has

³¹⁴ TRUHELKA 1904, 91 and Pl. XLIII/15.

³¹⁵ TRUHELKA 1904, 132 and Pl. LXXVII/7. – According to Andrijana Pravidur, this fibula is not in the inventory of grave N. Šokić II 2.

³¹⁶ Grave M. Petrović Jr. 39: TRUHELKA 1904, 100 and Pl. L/9. – Grave N. Šokić I 1: TRUHELKA 1904, 111 and Pl. LVIII/13. – Grave I. Stipančević 8: TRUHELKA 1904, 129 and Pl. LXXV/4, 11. – One of the fibulae from the last grave is identified by GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 197 and Fig. 184/4 as the Potpećine type, but its other characteristics match the other fibula from the grave, which has been defined as the Borajna type.

³¹⁷ ČOVIĆ 1987a, 246, 250 and Pl. XXVII/2. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 197 and Fig. 184/1–2.

³¹⁸ ČOVIĆ 1987b, 618–619 and Pl. LXII/21–22, 30.

³¹⁹ TERŽAN 1974, 41–45 and n. 47, Fig. 6. – TERŽAN 1987a, 17, 19 and Fig. 11.

³²⁰ VASIĆ 1977, 24 and Pls. 27/16; 30/1–2. – VASIĆ 1999, 92–93 and Pls. 45–47/691–772; for their distribution: Pl. 64B. – Within this separate type, there are fibulae of the Borajna and the Potpećine types after the classification of Teržan.

³²¹ BADER 1983, 105 and Pl. 34/308.

³²² TERŽAN 1987a, 19.

³²³ Grave M. Petrović Jr. 6: TRUHELKA 1904, 91 and Pl. XLIII/13. – Grave M. Petrović Sen. 4: TRUHELKA 1904, 122. – Grave M. Petrović Sen. 9: TRUHELKA 1904, 124 and Pl. LXXI/3.

been found in another grave with another kind of temple ring.³²⁴ These fibulae are classified by Truhelka as the Velem-Szentvid-type fibulae and they are dated to phase 2b,³²⁵ or classified into the horizon with belt sets, Borajna-type fibulae, and dated to Ha D1.³²⁶ It has been noticed that these fibulae appear in the graves of richly equipped women from the beginning of the 6th century BC and announce the Velem-Szentvid-type fibulae from the developed 6th century BC.³²⁷ The younger fibulae of the Velem-Szentvid type, when compared to the mentioned ones from Donja Dolina, aside from some common characteristics such as the finely ribbed bow and the long triangular foot, have more rings at the top of the bow as a distinctive feature. The rings have small hoops with hanging pendants. The fibulae of this kind are distributed primarily at the sites in western Hungary, with the settlement and cemetery of Sopron-Krautacker as a prominent site, and dated to Ha D2–D3.³²⁸ Thus, fibulae with a ring at the top of the bow indicate contacts with the western Carpathian Basin.

3.13. Torcs

One of the distinctive items of ring jewellery in the cemetery, frequently found with temple rings of types A and B (Tab. 5), consists of torcs, which are most often found singly in a grave; however, there are graves with several of them. Depending on the shape of the body, there are several basic types, the most prolific being twisted torcs with rhombic cross-section terminals which are smooth or decorated with groups of oblique grooves and which are bent into the hole (Figs. 2/5, 3/2, 4/10, 5/1, 7/7). Only one torc from grave M. Petrović Sen. 6 has a twisted body and a hammered smooth part that is also bent into the hole at the end. They are most often made of iron, but there are bronze ones too.³²⁹

324 Grave N. Šokić II 5: TRUHELKA 1904, 134 and Pl. LXXVII/26.

325 ČOVIĆ 1987a, 248 and Pl. XXVII/1.

326 TERŽAN 1974, 43 and Fig. 6. – With few parallels at sites in the western Carpathian Basin and the southeastern Alps.

327 GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 196.

328 JEREM 1981, 204–206 and Pls. I/1, 16; II/1. – FEKETE 1986, 261 and Figs. 9/11; 10/1–3. – TERŽAN 1998, 520. – KOVAČEVIĆ 2007, 98–100 and Figs. 2–3.

329 Grave N. Čegrlja 3: TRUHELKA 1904, 85 and Pl. XL/5. – Grave M. Petrović Jr. 3: TRUHELKA 1904, 90 and Pl. XLII/15. – Grave M. Petrović Jr. 6: TRUHELKA 1904, 91 and Pl. XLIII/12. – Grave 1 from the garden of N. Šokić: TRUHELKA 1904, 84 and Fig. 65. – Grave S. Jakarić 14: TRUHELKA 1904, 108. – Grave M. Petrović 2: TRUHELKA 1904, 118. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b, 128 and Fig. 158/1. – Grave M. Petrović 3: TRUHELKA 1904, 119. – ČOVIĆ 1987a, 246 and Pl. XXV/14. – Grave M. Petrović 8: TRUHELKA 1904, 120. – MARIĆ 1964, Pl. X/14. – Grave M. Petrović Sen. 4: TRUHELKA 1904, 122 and Pl. LXVIII/13. – Grave M. Petrović Sen. 6: TRUHELKA 1904, 123 and Pl. LXIX/8, 13, 15. – Grave M. Petrović Sen. 9: TRUHELKA 1904, 124 and Pl. LXX/19. – Grave M. Petrović Sen. 10: TRUHELKA 1904, 125 and Pl. LXXII/6.

Twisted and knotted torcs have been found in the graves from the oldest burial phases of Donja Dolina, dated to Ha C1–C2.³³⁰ Twisted, knotted or smooth torcs are dated to phases 2a and 2b by Čović, who points out that the torcs with knots and bronze beads on the body are somewhat older, while those with a twisted body have a longer duration, stretching into the 6th century BC.³³¹ Twisted torcs appear at Glasinac during phase IVa; it is believed that they are inherited from the previous phase IIIc. They no longer appear in phase IVb.³³² Twisted torcs with bent terminals also appear in the older phase of the Urnfield Culture in the southern Carpathian Basin and persist into the younger phase; torcs with terminals of rhombic cross section do not have a narrow time frame. They persist in the Donja Dolina cemetery until the late 6th century BC.³³³ Thus, the existence of twisted torcs with holes is recorded from the beginning of the Urnfield Culture, with the smooth part of rounded cross section documented since Ha B.³³⁴ A detailed classification of torcs was made by Vasić, who describes numerous finds from Donja Dolina, where almost all the torcs with a twisted body and a hole at the end belong to the variant characterized by a smooth part of round or rhombic cross section, which is characteristic for younger finds; the smooth part is sometimes decorated with oblique transverse grooves. The twisted torcs are dated to the Late Bronze Age until the beginning of the Early Iron Age, while they appear in Donja Dolina in the graves dated from the second half of the 7th to the second half of the 6th century BC.³³⁵

The next group consists of torcs with the body segmented by beads. Grave M. Petrović Sen. 6 contained a small bronze torc with knots and a smooth upper part that is bent into the hole.³³⁶ One of the oldest graves, cremation grave S. Jakarić 14, also contained a bronze torc with beads; it seems that its smooth terminals were damaged and repaired by joining with rivets and bent into the hole (Fig. 8/1).³³⁷

330 TERŽAN 1974, 43 and Fig. 7.

331 ČOVIĆ 1987a, 241–242, 246 and Fig. 15/10, Pl. XXIV/20.

332 ČOVIĆ 1987b, 585 and Fig. 33/1. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 213.

333 GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 213–215 and Fig. 211. – Also, there is the appearance of a torc with thick grooves over the whole body from grave I. Stipančević 8 (GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, Fig. 212/3), which appear starting from the younger Urnfield Culture. There are twisted torcs with smooth terminals with no curved ends in graves N. Šokić I 1 and I. Stipančević 16 (GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, Fig. 213/2); the torc from the latter grave actually has broken terminals so it is not known how they ended. These latter date from the late 7th and 6th centuries BC.

334 METZNER-NEBELSICK 2002, 445.

335 VASIĆ 2010, 34, 36, 38, 40–42 and Pls. 30–31. – Only the twisted torcs from grave M. Petrović Sen. 6 (TRUHELKA 1904, 123 and Pl. LXIX/13) belong to the variant without a smooth part before the hole.

336 TRUHELKA 1904, 123 and Pl. LXIX/8.

337 TRUHELKA 1904, 108 and Pl. LVI/5.

We should also mention the iron torc with broken terminals and strung bronze beads on the body, from grave M. Petrović 2,³³⁸ dated to phase 2a (Fig. 5/2).³³⁹ On the other hand, Gavranović dates both graves with knotted torcs to the horizon of the late 8th and the early 7th century BC, while, on the basis of the find of a fibula with the foot in the shape of a Boeotian shield, he dates the torc with bronze beads from grave M. Petrović 2 to the second half of the 7th century BC and considers it a local form.³⁴⁰ Torcs with spherical expansions and terminals bent into the hole appear during Ha C as a characteristic item of female jewellery, primarily in the southeastern Alpine area, the western Carpathian Basin, and Tyrol.³⁴¹ In Dolenjska region, they reach the Stična phase.³⁴² Carola Metzner-Nebelsick also considers them an eastern Alpine jewellery form of the Early Iron Age and concludes that the twisted torcs with tapering terminals display a Balkan influence.³⁴³

Thus, different forms of torcs from the Donja Dolina cemetery show that it is a prolonged, distinctive, and favourite form of female ring jewellery, which appears in the early phase of the Early Iron Age and remains in use until the second half of the 6th century BC. Precisely because of the long duration of certain forms, e.g. torcs or bracelets with overlapping terminals, the Donja Dolina cemetery is important for the research of ring jewellery in the Early Iron Age.

3.14. Bracelets with Stamp-Shaped Terminals

One of the distinctive items of ring jewellery that appears together with temple rings of types A and B (Tab. 5) consists of massive bronze bracelets of round or oval cross section with expanding or stamp-shaped overlapping terminals that almost always come in pairs. A bracelet with gently expanding terminals has been found in grave S. Jakarić 14 (Fig. 8/9),³⁴⁴ while grave N. Šokić II 4 contained two bracelets of this shape (Fig. 9/1).³⁴⁵ On the other hand, grave N. Čegrlja 3 (Fig. 2/7)³⁴⁶ and grave M. Petrović Jr. 3 (Fig. 3/5)³⁴⁷ each contained a pair of bracelets ending in

stamp-shaped expanding terminals and having the body decorated with groups of narrow transverse grooves. Pairs of such bracelets have also been found in graves N. Šokić I 1 and 8,³⁴⁸ while one is a stray find.³⁴⁹

Massive bronze bracelets with overlapping terminals, like the one from grave S. Jakarić 14, appear in the Glasinac IVa phase and continue into the younger phases, when their different variants become the standard form of the bracelet.³⁵⁰ Bracelets with stamp-shaped terminals are dated to Ha C2 by Teržan, who believes that they originate from Glasinac,³⁵¹ while Čović dates them to phases 2a and 2b.³⁵² In the same way, they are dated to the contemporary horizon 2 by Vasić, who points out that they are often richly decorated by punching and incising. They are known from inhumation graves at Hrtkovci in Sarmia, from graves in Grivac, Novo Selo-Dub, and from destroyed graves at Vrtište.³⁵³ The bracelets from the inhumation grave at Hrtkovci have a transverse rib at the joint with the stamp-shaped terminals, while the body at the terminals is decorated with narrow transverse grooves that flank series of dots in the central part.³⁵⁴ There is also a find at Dvorovi near Bijeljina: a pair of decorated bracelets that do not expand at the overlapping terminals.³⁵⁵ At Glasinac, bronze bracelets with overlapping terminals, usually decorated with incised and punctured motifs, are an important form of phase IVb, when they come in several different variants, with the remark that they continue from the previous phase, IVa. They continue during phase IVc-1 too, when thicker bracelets appear along with the more gracious ones from the previous phase. Massive bracelets with overlapping terminals appear at that time too, preceding the very massive ones from the next phase, IVc-2, when they do not appear so frequently anymore; the heavy and massive bracelets are found in princely graves.³⁵⁶ Gavranović points out that the development of massive bronze bracelets of rounded cross section

338 TRUHELKA 1904, 118. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b, 128 and Fig. 158/2.

339 ČOVIĆ 1987a, 240–241.

340 GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 215–216 and Fig. 215.

341 TERŽAN 1990, 99 and Map 11. – VASIĆ 2010, 44 and Pl. 34/225. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 215. – EGG, KRAMER 2016, 37–38 and Map 21.

342 GABROVEC 1987, 52 and Pl. IV/2, Fig. 3/14. – DULAR 2003, 118 and Figs. 69B/12–13; 70A/1.

343 METZNER-NEBELSICK 2002, 445–446 and Fig. 193. – According to Č. Truhelka, the mentioned torcs have broken terminals.

344 TRUHELKA 1904, 108 and Pl. LV/2.

345 TRUHELKA 1904, 133 and Pl. LXXVII/10.

346 TRUHELKA 1904, 85 and Pl. XL/7.

347 TRUHELKA 1904, 90 and Pl. XLII/17–18.

348 TRUHELKA 1904, 111, 113 and Pls. LVIII/17, 19; LX/25.

349 MARIĆ 1964, Pl. VI/17. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b, 80 and Fig. 102/3.

350 ČOVIĆ 1987b, 583–584, 586 and Pl. LX/5, 11.

351 TERŽAN 1974, 43 and Fig. 7.

352 ČOVIĆ 1987a, 246.

353 VASIĆ 1977, 18–19, 21, 33 and Pls. 21/17–18; 22A/3–4; 22B/2; 23/5–6; 26/22–23; 28/5–6. – ZOTOVIĆ 1985, 75 and Pl. XXII/12–13. – VASIĆ 1987b, 544. – VASIĆ 1987c, 655, 661 and Fig. 37/14, Pls. LXVI–II/18–19; LXIX/4. – KAPURAN, BLAGOJEVIĆ, BIŽJAK 2015, Fig. 8/3.

354 VINSKI, VINSKI-GASPARINI 1962, 270–271, 278 and Pl. VI/73–74. – DIZDAR 2020, 193 and Fig. 3. – Also from Erdut, there is a fragment of a bracelet with stamp-shaped terminals and decorated body: VINSKI, VINSKI-GASPARINI 1962, 270 and Pl. IX/98.

355 MARIĆ 1960, 49–50 and Pl. I/1–2.

356 ČOVIĆ 1987b, 586, 611, 621 and Figs. 35/2–3; 36/15, Pl. LXI/15, 18.

can be followed from the older phase of the Urnfield Culture into the 6th century BC. The bracelets in the Jablanica cemetery have been dated to the 8th century BC and continue into the 7th century BC, while those from Donja Dolina have been dated to the late 8th and the early 7th centuries BC and represent a local form in terms of decoration. In the 7th century BC, at Glasinac and in western Serbia, bracelets with stamp-shaped terminals appear along with the older form of bracelets. The youngest bracelets are the oversized ones, like the find from Arareva gromila, which continue into the second half of the 6th century BC and are still decorated in the older way, with series of impressed dots and transverse grooves.³⁵⁷ A detailed classification of bronze bracelets was made by Gergova. Bracelets with gently expanding terminals, which may overlap, touch, or be slightly apart, have different body cross sections, and most of them are undecorated. Bracelets from graves S. Jakarić 14 and N. Šokić II 4 are most similar to those from Krävenik and Debnevo, which range from the first decades of the 7th to the middle of the 6th century BC. Other bracelets from Donja Dolina have parallels in the bracelets with stamp-shaped terminals that overlap, rarely touching, and the terminals are usually decorated with groups of transverse lines. Having a round or D cross section, they are dated from the second half of the 7th to the first half of the 6th century BC. The last variant of the bracelet with stamp-shaped terminals are those that have conical expanded terminals which are separated from the body by a small rib. The overlapping terminals are decorated with transverse grooves, while the middle part is decorated with dots. This is probably the same kind of bracelet as those from grave N. Šokić I 8 and from Hrtkovci. They have also been dated to the second half of the 7th and the first half of the 6th century BC.³⁵⁸ Bracelets with stamp-shaped terminals, like open-work belts, are distributed from Macedonia to northern Serbia and northwest Bulgaria.³⁵⁹

Thus, massive bronze bracelets with overlapping stamp-shaped terminals, like open-work belts, indicate direct contacts of Donja Dolina with the areas of northern and eastern Serbia and even further to northwest Bulgaria. They are a characteristic item of female jewellery and have been found in graves that can be dated to the second half of the 7th and the beginning of the 6th century BC.

3.15. Spiral Bracelets

The distinctive ring jewellery in Donja Dolina that appears together with temple rings of types A and B, but not combined with bracelets with stamp-shaped terminals (Tab. 5), consists of bronze spiral bracelets that always come in pairs and are worn on the forearms. They have a large number of coils and are made of bronze wire of rectangular cross section. Such bracelets have been found in grave M. Petrović Jr. 6 (Fig. 4/8),³⁶⁰ grave 1 in the garden of N. Šokić,³⁶¹ and grave M. Petrović Sen. 9 (Fig. 7/14),³⁶² and there is also a chance find in the cemetery.³⁶³ Spiral bracelets consisting of four coils have been found in grave M. Petrović Sen. 6.³⁶⁴ Also mentioned were bracelets made with fewer coils found in grave M. Petrović 3.³⁶⁵

The spiral bracelets in the Donja Dolina cemetery are dated by Teržan to Ha D1, when they appear together with Borajna-type fibulae, fibulae with a ring at the top of the bow, and ribbed-bow fibulae,³⁶⁶ but they first appeared in female graves during the 8th century BC.³⁶⁷ For Čović, this is a new form of bracelet, consisting of 17 to 20 coils, from phase 2b.³⁶⁸ At Glasinac, spiral bracelets with a small number of coils appear in phase IVa from the 8th century BC, with the remark that they are also characteristic for the previous phase, IIIc, and disappear in phase IVb. On the other hand, spiral bracelets consisting of a large number of coils appear in phase IVb, when bracelets consisting of a narrow strip of bronze tin or wire are also found. It is a simple type of jewellery with a long duration, where those consisting of bronze wire of rounded cross section come in two variants during phase IVc-1: with a smaller or larger number of coils. Their duration is further documented during phase IVc-2.³⁶⁹ The spiral bracelets of bronze wire of round, triangular, or strip cross section are dated by Gavranović from the younger phase of the Urnfield Culture to the Late Hallstatt, representing a characteristic item of female jewellery over a long period, with the cross section being chronologically irrelevant. At the beginning of the Early Iron Age they had fewer coils (four to eight), while those with more coils from Donja Dolina have been dated by means of fibulae to the late

357 GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 210–211 and Figs. 206–207.

358 GERGOVA 1987, 70–73 and Pls. 33–35. – HRISTOV 2004, 92, 98 and Fig. 61.

359 KILIAN 1973, 432. – KILIAN 1975, 62, 108 and Fig. 4/1, Pl. 84/2. – PARZINGER 1992, 234 and Fig. 12/2.

360 TRUHELKA 1904, 91 and Pl. XLIII/16–17.

361 TRUHELKA 1904, 84 and Fig. 65.

362 TRUHELKA 1904, 125 and Pl. LXXI/6–7.

363 TRUHELKA 1904, 146 and Fig. 92. – MARIĆ 1964, Pl. X/7.

364 TRUHELKA 1904, 123 and Pl. LXIX/6–7.

365 TRUHELKA 1904, 119.

366 TERŽAN 1974, 43 and Fig. 7.

367 TERŽAN 1987a, 12 and Figs. 5/6–7; 6/6–7.

368 ČOVIĆ 1987a, 246, 250 and Fig. 15/6.

369 ČOVIĆ 1987b, 582, 585, 598, 611, 621 and Pl. LX/7.

7th and the early 6th century BC.³⁷⁰ Their dating to horizon 2 is indicated by the pair of spiral bracelets found in the inhumation grave from Hrtkovci together with open-work belts and bracelets with stamp-shaped terminals;³⁷¹ more rarely, their appearance has also been dated to horizon 3 on the basis of the finds from grave 6 of tumulus III in Pilatovići or from Kremna.³⁷² In Bela Krajina there are spiral bracelets made of bronze and iron, dated to subphase Stična 1.³⁷³

Thus, bronze spiral bracelets with a smaller or larger number of coils represent a characteristic item of female ring jewellery; in Donja Dolina, they have been found in graves that can be dated from the middle of the 7th to the beginning of the 6th century BC.

3.16. Pendants

Some characteristic forms of pendants were also found with temple rings of type A (Tab. 2). The richly furnished grave 3 from the Budești-Finațe cemetery included three bronze pendants with an open-work cross motif in the middle, without a ring from which to be hung, drawing parallels with Donja Dolina.³⁷⁴ Also, grave 2 in the Teiuș-Cetățuia cemetery included a wheel-shaped pendant with four crossbars that get further apart towards the ring.³⁷⁵ A parallel for this type of wheel-shaped pendant with four crossbars is known from Glasinac, from the princely grave 1 of tumulus II at Ilijak, which seems to contain finds originating from several grave assemblages. Another pendant has been found at Gosinja planina, in tumulus XXXV, but outside the grave.³⁷⁶

Parallels for the described pendants have been found in inhumation grave M. Petrović Sen. 10, where there were two pendants on the chest of the woman: one open-work pendant with a double motif of the cross and four triangular parts with a crossbar in the middle, and one wheel-shaped

pendant with eight crossbars.³⁷⁷ Considering the find of a double-loop fibula with a ribbed bow and triangular foot, grave 10 has been dated to the oldest burial horizon in Donja Dolina.³⁷⁸ It can be mentioned that this grave from Donja Dolina also included a *Kannenverschluss* pendant.³⁷⁹ The pendant is believed to be an import from the Macedonian-Greek world of the first half of the 7th century BC and belongs to type C, which is mostly distributed in Thessaly, the Peloponnese, and Greek Macedonia.³⁸⁰

As we already pointed out, the open-work pendants from the graves in Budești-Finațe and Donja Dolina do not have a ring for hanging, which is considered to be an older typological characteristic. Their parallel is a much simpler pendant from tumulus III at the Ceparı-Toplița site, where an adult was buried with potsherds and a bronze saltaleone.³⁸¹ A pendant of this kind, only with a triangular ring at the top, originates from the Kisravazd hoard in western Hungary. Around the lower part of the pendant, there is a ring with two hammered trapezoidal pendants. Different variants of boat-shaped fibulae have been used to date the hoard to Ha C2/D1, or the end of the 7th and the beginning of the 6th century BC.³⁸² A contemporary find is Vaskerestes – it is a hoard or destroyed grave –, where there was also an open-work pendant which also had a triangular ring at the top.³⁸³ Katalin Jankovits mentions the finds of wheel-shaped pendants with V-shaped open-work decoration and a triangular or bow-shaped hanging ring from the sites in western Hungary, which she dates to Ha C. She also mentions the find of a pendant in the Celldömölk-Ság-Berg settlement from the younger phase of the Urnfield Culture.³⁸⁴ These decorative pendants were found by Teržan at sites in Italy from the late 8th and the early 7th century BC, dating the mentioned finds from western Hungary to the early Ha D.³⁸⁵ These pendants are also mentioned in the analysis of the Late Hallstatt princely grave under a tumulus from Rovná in southern Bohemia, with numerous prestigious

370 GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 207–208 and Figs. 200–202.

371 VINSKI, VINSKI-GASPARINI 1962, 271, 278 and Pl. VI/72. – VASIĆ 1977, 18 and Pl. 22A/2. – DIZDAR 2020, 193 and Fig. 3.

372 VASIĆ 1977, 24 and Pls. 27/19, 21; 30/7–8. – ZOTOVIĆ 1985, Pls. XXV/10–11; XXIII/7. – With fibulae of the Potpećine type: VASIĆ 1987b, 544. – KAPURAN, BLAGOJEVIĆ, BIZJAK 2015, 67 and Fig. 8/3, Pl. 15/15.

373 STARÈ 1978, 68–69. – ĐULAR 2003, 118 and Figs. 69B/14–17; 70A/3–4.

374 MARINESCU 1984, 48 and Fig. 3/7. – VULPE 1990, 98, 128 and Pl. 42B. – The grave also contained a bronze pendant with two bird protomes and six rings from which trapezoidal pendants hang.

375 VASILIEV 1970, 41–42 and Fig. 1/1. – VASILIEV, BADEA, MAN 1973, 28, 31 and Fig. 4/1. – VULPE 1990, Pl. 46C. – The grave also contained a circular pendant decorated with a hammered motif of concentric circles.

376 BENAC, ČOVIĆ 1957, 12, 23 and Pls. XX/13; XXXXVII/29.

377 TRUHELKA 1904, 125 and Pl. LXXII/20–21. – Type D1a and D1b temple rings were found in the grave.

378 TERŽAN 1974, 43 and Fig. 7. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 233, 265. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2016, 132 and Fig. 3 dates the grave to the early 7th century BC.

379 TRUHELKA 1904, 125 and Pl. LXXII/12.

380 TERŽAN 1974, 43. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 238. – For the pendant: KILIAN 1975, 108, 114–115 and Pls. 29–30; 96/1. – KILIAN-DIRLMEIER 1979, 206–208 and Pl. 107.

381 MARINESCU 1984, 79–80. – POPESCU, VULPE 1982, 87 and Fig. 4B/b.

382 FEKETE 1973, 345, 350 and Pl. XLVI/30.

383 MOZSOLICS 1942, 160 and Pl. XV/26.

384 JANKOVITS 2017, 192–193 and Pls. 70/2500–2502; 111A.

385 TERŽAN 1990, 183.

finds. The grave contained at least seven specimens of decorative spherical open-work bronze fittings, with the motifs of crosses and triangles, and a central hemispherical iron head, which are part of the decoration of a four-wheel wagon. In the Early Iron Age, similar spherical rings with an open-work cross decoration were a part of the cover of wagons distributed north and northwest of the Alps.³⁸⁶

4. Conclusion

The tradition of wearing bronze temple rings in the southern Carpathian Basin has been documented since the younger phase of the Urnfield Culture and continued during the Early Iron Age, with a noticeable change in forms, but also in the manner in which they were worn. As a result of the social and cultural reconfiguration in the observed area, which is clearly visible in the female costume and jewellery, and which started at the end of the first half of the 7th century BC, new forms of temple rings appeared, which are now most clearly testified to by the finds from the Donja Dolina cemetery, with the documented contexts subjected to a complex archaeological analysis intended to define the basic forms and their chronological features. The questions focused on following the changes in the fashion of wearing head/hair jewellery, which followed the examination of the age profile of the wearers and their social position. On the other hand, the Dalj group cemeteries in the Danube area, especially during the youngest phases encompassing the initial phases of the Early Iron Age and its conclusion at the end of the 7th and the beginning of the 6th century BC, included numerous cremation graves with finds of small spiral bronze ringlets as the local hair decoration. In the graves, mostly of adult women, there were often several ringlets, and the manner of their wearing is indicated by the finds from inhumation grave 91 in Sotin, which show that they were probably worn on a band in the hair.

In the oldest burial phases in Donja Dolina, starting at the end of the first half of the 7th century BC, in the graves of adult women furnished with costume or jewellery items completely different forms of temple rings are found. The finds of particular importance are those from inhumation graves – not only temple rings, but also other forms of costume and jewellery that enable the analyses of female bodily ornamentation indicating that they were gender- and often age-characteristic items. Certain distinct types would be characteristic only for the initial phase of the cemetery, while others would continue, with certain changes in form, until the end of the Early Iron Age. Along with the difference in form, there is also a clear difference in dimensions

between the finds from Donja Dolina and the contemporary finds from the Dalj group cemeteries. Also, it must be pointed out that the youngest graves of the Dalj group with the finds of temple rings chronologically match the oldest graves from Donja Dolina.

In Donja Dolina, supplemented by the finds from other sites and based on the differences in the design of the terminals of temple rings, four basic types are distinguished, with two of them classified further into variants according to the way of shaping the body (Fig. 1). On this occasion, two forms of temple rings have been analysed: type A – the Ciurbrud type – with two variants, consisting of smooth temple rings with conical thickenings at the terminals, and type B – the Donja Dolina type – consisting of temple rings with flat or conical terminals decorated with transverse grooves. Temple rings of these two types appear only in the oldest burial horizons in Donja Dolina, which have been distinguished as phases 2a and 2b after Čović, or as the first three phases in the classification of Teržan.³⁸⁷ Within the same graves, they are accompanied by some other forms (type C1, type D1 with variants, type D2), but they continue in even greater numbers in the younger burial phases, which will be the subject of a future analysis. Type B temple rings have not been found in any other sites except Donja Dolina, so it can be assumed that this was a local form of temple ring, which went out of use after three or four generations. Different insights were documented by examining type A temple rings, which have characteristic conical thickenings at the terminals. This is a frequent form in the graves in Donja Dolina (Tab. 1). Still, the highest number of finds of this form of temple rings has been recorded in the inhumation graves of the Ciurbrud group in Transylvania and in the neighbouring cemeteries in northeast Hungary (Fig. 16), where they appear in the oldest graves of the Vekerzug group (Tab. 3). Could it indicate selective acceptance of that particular form in Donja Dolina? Furthermore, there is a noticeable difference in the manner of wearing temple rings in Donja Dolina as opposed to the cemeteries of the Ciurbrud group. In fact, in Donja Dolina there are most often several type A temple rings on each side of the head (Fig. 2), often in combination with other forms (types B and C1), while the finds from the inhumation graves of the Ciurbrud group show that there was always a single temple ring on each side of the head. On the other hand, there is a documented similarity in their dimensions and the manner of wearing them, meaning that they were probably worn

386 CHYTRÁČEK et al. 2018, 304, 306–307 and Figs. 8A–B, 9–13, 17.

387 TERŽAN 1974, 43–45 and Fig. 7. – ČOVIĆ 1987a, 238–251. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011a, 263–276. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2011b, 128–139. – GAVRANOVIĆ 2016, 130–133.

hanging from a band of organic material on the head, or on a cap or headscarf, maybe in braided hair. This is clearly different from the manner of wearing ringlets in the cemeteries of the Dalj group, which were probably also worn on a band in the hair, but around the entire head. It is particularly interesting that type A temple rings appeared at the same time in very distant areas such as Donja Dolina and the Transylvanian sites, where the finds from Donja Dolina should probably be considered as a cultural transfer that appears because of the realized contacts; we should not completely rule out the possibility of individual mobility of women who could have brought such temple rings to Donja Dolina. Temple rings with conical terminals were then adopted and integrated into the dominant local visual expression without changing the basic form. Interestingly, to date no such temple rings have been found in the areas between Donja Dolina and Transylvania and northeast Hungary.

The analysis of the items of costume and jewellery from female graves in Donja Dolina where temple rings of types A and B have been found and which belong to the oldest burial phases (Tabs. 1, 3) shows the complex network of contacts with the communities from both neighbouring and remote areas – from the western Balkans with Glasinac in the south, across the western Pannonian and southeastern Alpine areas in the west, to the northern areas of the central Balkans lying along the Danube in the east. Precisely in the initial phase of the Donja Dolina cemetery, many forms of female costume and jewellery are the same as those from the sites in northeastern Serbia, northwestern Bulgaria, and southwestern Romania, with noticeable differences in the structure of items of costume and jewellery, indicating that their choice was selective. These are open-work belts, double-loop fibulae with a triangular foot, fibulae of the Marvinici-Gogošu type, particular double-loop fibulae with the foot in the shape of a Boeotian shield and a decorated bow, and massive bracelets with stamp-shaped terminals. These are frequent forms in Donja Dolina, probably indicating a strong eastern influence in the formative phase of the Donja Dolina cemetery or the existence of supra-regional female costume and jewellery from the middle of the 7th century to the end of the first quarter of the 6th century BC. We should certainly include the contemporary and distinct influences from Glasinac in the south, which can also be seen in specific items of female costume.

Thus, in the Donja Dolina cemetery, the same grave assemblages often combine a local form made in an original and innovative way (types B and C1) with a form (type A) that probably represents the influence of Transylvania and northeast Hungary. However, type A temple rings are still the only forms in the Donja Dolina cemetery that can have

such an origin, while there are no known temple rings from the north Bulgarian sites, even though they share a common design characteristic – the existence of conical expansions at the terminals – while the form of the body is different. After their adoption, type A temple rings were probably also produced in Donja Dolina, similarly to other costume and jewellery items which originated elsewhere, but there was no change or adaptation in the original form. The cemetery in Donja Dolina is special because of the integration of different elements and their transformation into a characteristic outside expression that is currently best seen in the graves of women. It turns women into a distinct gender group, and their costumes and jewellery are the best evidence about a complex cultural landscape. Whatever the way in which the outside elements reached Donja Dolina – probably through cultural transfers and the individual mobility of women – hybrid combinations of costume and jewellery appeared which became a visually distinctive code of the community, but also an important part of the visual identity of women. Moreover, the graves with variant A1 of temple rings in Donja Dolina have a structure of other finds that clearly differs from the graves of the Ciumbrud group, where there is a noticeable lower number of other items of costume and jewellery (Tab. 2). Inhumation graves of adult women have no belts, and fibulae are rare, just like other items of ring jewellery. Precisely in this part, the cemetery in Donja Dolina shows similarities with the sites in northeastern Serbia, northwestern Bulgaria, and southwestern Romania on the one hand, while certain forms of costume (i.e. belt sets with buckles and buttons) are clearly related to Glasinac on the other. Contacts with the west are primarily documented by different forms of boat-shaped fibulae, but they would become more intense in the future phases of Donja Dolina. Finally, what makes the Donja Dolina cemetery unique is the adoption of many forms from different areas, along with the creation of their own forms, which results in unique hybrid combinations of costume and jewellery that were probably affected by personal choice too. This is why the cemetery in Donja Dolina is also exceptionally important for the chronological studies of the Early Iron Age in the southern Carpathian Basin.

On the other hand, the grave assemblages from Donja Dolina testify about the social position of the buried women with the finds of temple rings in the oldest phases of the cemetery dated from the middle of the 7th to the end of the first quarter of the 6th century BC, i.e. it would encompass three to four generations.³⁸⁸ It is about richly decorated deceased

³⁸⁸ On the interesting idea that the richly furnished female graves in Donja Dolina are older than the men's graves equipped with weapons and dated to the late 7th century BC: GAVRANOVIĆ 2016, 133, 139.

adult women, rarely young, equipped with numerous items of costume and jewellery indicating the wealth and prosperity of the community, but also of specific families that could prepare such a last farewell to their deceased. This points to the participation of the local elite in various communication spheres, meaning that the upper social layer became a suitable transmitter of ideas, lifestyle, and even the objects themselves, like temple rings with conical terminals. Moreover, the wearing of several pairs of temple rings of types A and B, and bracelets with stamp-shaped terminals, may indicate their status in the family, meaning that they could have been married women, since temple rings are most often found in the graves of adult women in the Donja Dolina cemetery, but also in the Ciunbrud group cemeteries. This is confirmed by the results of anthropological analyses for particular inhumation graves of the Ciunbrud group. These graves also provide an idealized image of the deceased and show their social position, probably as wives and mothers, or as women of reproductive age. Child graves containing temple rings are rare, but sometimes they are richly furnished, as in the case of grave 3 from the Budești-Fînațe cemetery where a girl aged 9 to 10 was buried; her status was probably a reflection of the position of her family.

The analysis of temple rings of types A and B from the Donja Dolina cemetery, along with the data collected through the research on the contemporary cemeteries of the Ciunbrud group, has shown that their wearing is not only a category that could be socially defined, but that it also carries a certain gender and age meaning. Also, there are noticeable differences between the distinctive forms from Donja Dolina and all the other neighbouring areas that influenced other elements of costume and jewellery in many ways. We must particularly point out the temple rings with conical terminals which are unknown anywhere else, except for the Ciunbrud group and particular cemeteries of the Vekerzug group (Fig. 16). Considering this continuity of wearing temple rings in Donja Dolina during the Early Iron Age, when some new forms appeared while the old ones disappeared, the next analysis will focus precisely on such forms, which will testify about whether there was a change in the significance of temple rings for female bodily ornamentation, but also for the identity, social status, and the age of the deceased who used to wear them.³⁸⁹

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